



Lingey House Primary and Nursery School



Newsletter 14 – 13th December 2024

I can't believe we are here at the final newsletter of 2024 - where has this year gone! It has been an extremely busy time in school over the past few weeks and as always, we have fully embraced the festive season.

We have taken all children in Years 1-6 (approx 360 children) to the pantomime and this has been fully funded by our PTA. A huge thank you to our PTA and staff for this but a particular mention to Kayleigh Watson who has spent hours fundraising and organising to make this possible for our children.

Our KS2 Carol Services, Reception & KS1 Nativities and Nursery stay and plays have been amazing. All of our children have performed beautifully and we are very proud of them all. It has been wonderful to see so many family members attending these events. A special mention to our Choir and to all of our fabulous staff and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to ensure that these events have been a huge success. We look forward to our Christmas parties next week.

With the end of term, also comes the end to Christine Martin's employment at Lingey House. Retiring at Christmas, she is one of the longest-serving members of staff at Lingey House and will be a huge miss to our whole school community. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her a long and happy retirement filled with lots of fun and adventure! I'm sure Christine will continue to play an important role in school and we will welcome her back with open arms whenever she wants to visit. Once a Lingey duck, always a Lingey duck!

Keep an eye out in the new year as our after-school clubs for the Spring Term will be released when we return to school.

We hope you all have a magical Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you when school reopens on Tuesday, 7th January 2025.

Best wishes,

Chloe Wilkinson
(Headteacher)

Farewell from Mrs Martin

Just a few words to say that it's been an absolute honour and pleasure to spend many years with past and present children, including yourselves (as I have taught most of you too)! They are the reason I get up in a morning and come to work.

They bring immense joy and always make me smile. I am so proud of each and every one of them. I would just like to say thank you so much for letting me be a huge part of their lives. In this job it's lovely to get to know you all individually as at Lingey House we are all one big, happy family.



Lingey House is an amazing place for your children to be as the staff are brilliant and always have your children's best interests at heart - everyone is so committed in making sure your little ones thrive. There is so much more that happens before and after a school day that provides our children more opportunities and everyone gives 110%. I am so proud to have been a part of this community.

I am going to end by saying...

I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous 2025.

**Once a Lingey Duck always a Lingey Duck
Mrs Martin**



Coffee Morning

Hannah, our Family Support Worker is continuing our coffee mornings. These take place every week, on a **Thursday** morning from **9 – 10am** in the Lodge. Please come along, everyone is welcome!

Article 5: We have the right to be given guidance by our parents and family.

Article 26: We have the right to help from the government if we are in need.



Reception Nativity

Huge well done to our Reception children who performed their nativity on Wednesday.

We are so proud of you all! 🌟



KS1 Nativity

Year 1 & 2 absolutely loved performing our show 'The Nativity' this week. Thank you so much for coming to watch our show! We wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year!



Y4 Fun Day

Year 4 have had a wonderful treat day today! We had a toast and hot chocolate breakfast, played games, done quizzes and enjoyed a movie afternoon with pizza and chocolate! We are so lucky. Thank you Mrs Wilkinson for the treat!



Pantomime Visit

On Tuesday, Years 1-6 attended the Tyne Theatre and Opera House Pantomime. The children were lucky enough to enjoy a fantastic performance of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. A fantastic time was had by all who attended and a couple of our children even made it up onto the Tyne Theatre Stage. Our PTA have been busy and fundraising efforts are underway to hopefully secure a future visit to the theatre for our children!



PTA Raffle Winners

Please collect raffle prizes from the school office.

Prize	Name	Reg
1 st Prize – Christmas Fruit Cake	Amber	Y2A
2 nd Prize – Christmas Hamper	William G	Y1A
3 rd Prize – Rum	Archie- Lee GG	Y2A
4 th Prize – Pink Fizz	Isla D	Y1A
5 th Prize – Pink Fizz	Isaac L	YRB
6 th Prize – Mulled Wine	Frankie S	YRA
7 th Prize – Rose Wine	Francesca McL	Y1B
8 th Prize – Rose Fruit Wine	Joshua L	Y2A
9 th Prize – White Wine	Frankie S	YRA

Change to PE Days



Changes to PE days for Spring Term 1 are below:

- Year 1 - Monday & Wednesday
- Year 2 - Monday & Thursday
- Year 3A - Monday(Swimming) & Thursday
- Year 3B - Tuesday(Swimming) & Thursday
- Year 4 - Tuesday & Friday
- Year 5 - Tuesday & Friday
- Year 6 - Monday & Wednesday

Christmas Tree Festival

Lingey House is sponsoring a Christmas Tree as part of the Christmas Tree Festival organised by St Andrews.

Our theme just had to be Ducks (what else would we be?) Each class are making duck themed decorations over the next week which will then be on display in St Andrews Christmas Services.

We cannot wait to see what the children create, from little ducklings to fully grown Lingey Ducks.

Article 30 We all have the right to use our own language, culture and religion.



Early Years Outdoors

This term, EYFS have been trying hard to develop the outdoor area to keep the children excited and develop their learning!

It is looking great; however, we are on the hunt for a few items to help us get to our vision! If anyone has any of the following items, please could they be dropped into the EYFS outdoor area, or via the school office.



Thanks in advance. 😊

Loose Parts and Equipment Wish List for Early Years

Tyres – tractor, go-cart, bikes, scooter, pram, steering wheels. Car parts	Diggers, cars, and trucks Wheelbarrows (adult or child), small shopping trolleys	Natural items – stones, tree stumps, logs, large branches, small twigs, seashells, beach rocks, driftwood,
Old decking, long pieces of wood, log	Small world animals – dinosaurs etc	Hay bales Bark
Bread crates, vegetable crates, old shopping baskets	Small world people of all sizes – preferably wooden or plastic	Large and small troughs
Guttering and piping	Spades, forks, trowels for digging	Old street signs, road signs and traffic cones
Cable reels of all sizes and materials	Large plant pots	Fancy dress costumes, hats, bags, scarves, jewellery, shoes
Tarpaulin, tent pegs, mesh, ropes, tent clips, tents for den building	Large trees that have been planted	Buckets Trugs and flexi tubs
Pallets	Netting and landscape netting	Bamboo
Buckets, tubs, laundry baskets	Willow for weaving	Fabric – curtains, sheets
Kitchen ware – pots, pans, utensils, cake tins, foil tins, tins of different sizes	Jugs, colanders, funnels, cylinders, pipettes	Tape measures, builders' tools (plastic) Pulleys
Plastic boxes for storage. Wooden boxes for storage	Clipboards Pencil pots Large paint brushes, window washers, sponges, brushes, hand brushes	Stage Musical instruments

Ducks 2024 – 2025

A big thank you to Embells and JR Holland for all of their food donations this term.
Also a huge thank you to all of the families in school for their weekly food donations.

What do ducks like to eat?

Please do not feed them – oranges, mushrooms, avocados, bread, crackers, cereals	
Sweetcorn and peas (frozen or tinned)	Tomatoes
Lettuce (bag or a ball of lettuce)	Oats
Tinned potatoes, not Potato skins	Veg – beans, cucumber, broccoli, spinach, kale
Hard boiled eggs with shells	Seeds – squash, pumpkins, tomatoes, melons, mangos, pomegranates, wild bird seed
Greens, herbs and weeds – cut grass from the garden, fresh herbs like oregano, basil, mint, calendula, parsley	Fruits – strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, watermelon, melon, pears, peaches, banana (they like frozen berries too)

Parental Consent

A new consent has been created on Arbor; please can all parents/carers give consent via the Arbor App/Parent Portal Website if they are wanting to **allow their children to go into the Quack Shack to feed the ducks**. Children will not be allowed in the Quack Shack going forward without consent.

Early Years - Children in Nursery and Reception are welcome to bring in food from home to feed the ducks on their set days and we will prepare this in class.

Rest of the School – During OPAL each day, children will be allowed to feed the ducks at lunchtime with Miss Brown and Mr Burrell. If you are wanting to feed the ducks, please bring food into school and keep this with you in your class until lunch time. Please remember duck food needs to be chopped up into small pieces before feeding them 😊

Any donations of food that your child is not wanting to feed to the ducks, please drop these at the school office and they will hand them down to Early Years or OPAL.

Feeding		
Monday	Toddlers	Nursery 30hours
Tuesday	Rec A	
Wednesday	Nursery 15 hours PM	
Thursday	Nursery 15 hours AM	
Friday	Rec B	

Our school are trying to develop the Quack Shack to make it the best we possibly can for the ducks to live but also, to make it as sustainable as possible.

If anyone would like to donate anything towards our ducks, we are looking for the following items:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hay bail for bedding or bags of animal bedding • Herbs to plant in pots (living herbs or seeds) Rosemary, peppermint, chives & coriander. • Old bags of compost, grow bags and topsoil • Egg boxes (to allow us to collect the eggs and sell them) • Clover and grass seed Wild bird seed & duck food • A-frames made from wood for the ducks to hide in or tunnels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large troughs & large plant pots • Fruit and vegetable seeds • Large rocks, stones and rockery (no building materials) • Stackers boxes and large bins to store food • Pond plants to help clear the water • Pond filter • Pea gravel and stones • Hanging baskets that are empty • Hanging plants for ducks to hide in
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Let's Celebrate!

Attendance

Each week, the class with the best attendance will have an extra **10 minutes of playtime**.

If any class has **100%** attendance, they will have an ice cream/hot chocolate playtime!

Class	This week's attendance	Class	This week's attendance
YRA	100%	Y3B	97.67%
YRB	94.55%	Y4A	99.33%
Y1A	94.55%	Y4B	97.93%
Y1B	92.76%	Y5A	95.33%
Y2A	97.04%	Y5B	98.67%
Y2B	94.44%	Y6A	96.67%
Y3A	93.33%	Y6B	97.32%
Whole School Attendance:		95.66%	

This week's Superstars



I would like to say a huge well done to all this week's superstars watch out for their special certificate given out in Assembly! Our superstars for this week are as follows

Year Group	
Reception	Myla W & Harley K
Y1	Carter K & Thomas B
Y2	Ida R & Evelyn S
Y3	Esmae M & Owen W
Y4	Logan M & Penelope W
Y5	Ethyn N & Theo J
Y6	Lennon A & Kenver H

Dates for the Diary



We are delighted to announce details of our Christmas Events with you...



Date/time	Event	Who's involved
Monday 16th December	Nursery Christmas Party Day Nursery PM children are invited at 9.30am Children to come to school dressed in party clothes for a day of fun	Nursery Children
Monday 16th December	Reception Christmas Party Day Children to come to school dressed in party clothes for a day of fun	Reception Children
Tuesday 17th December	Nursery PJ Day	
Tuesday 17th December	Y5/Y6 Christmas Party Day Children to come to school dressed in party clothes for a day of fun	Y5/Y6 Children
Wednesday 18th December	Y3/Y4 Christmas Party Day Children to come to school dressed in party clothes for a day of fun	Y3/Y4 Children
Thursday 19th December	Y1/Y2 Christmas Party Day Children to come to school dressed in party clothes for a day of fun	Y1/Y2 Children
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term	Whole School
Spring Term		
Tuesday 7th January 2025	School Re-Opens	Whole School

Out of School Achievements

Please email Out of School Achievements to office@lingeypouse.org

A Huge Well Done to... Hallie, Sapphire, Amber and Mya!

Hallie, Sapphire, Amber and Mya took part in their Christmas dance show on Friday, they were all amazing and received a trophy from their exam where they all got great marks. Well done girls!

Well done, Hallie, Sapphire, Amber and Mya.

