



# Lingey House Primary and Nursery School



## Newsletter 11 – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

### Author Visit – David Almond

This week, Years 5 & 6 had a very special visitor:  
**Author - David Almond.**

Since studying Skellig in September, many of the children in upper KS2 have been inspired by his work and have gone on to read many more of his books or buy their own copies of Skellig to enjoy again.

David spoke to the children all about the power of the human imagination, the writing process, his inspirations for his stories, his career and his childhood in Felling. He shared his notebooks, telling us that he uses these as part of his journey to creating a new story, "They are not perfect, but it's boring being perfect!"



The children had some fantastic questions and were genuinely amazed to meet someone whom stories they have enjoyed so much.

David said, "I had a grand time this morning in your school. What a lovely place it is. The children were great - attentive, cheerful and responsive and they had so many interesting and intelligent questions. Thanks to all for making me feel so welcome."

David left our school with a box full of duck eggs, a Lingey duck and a parting challenge: A school with ducks in - you tell the story....

Any children willing to take on the challenge to write a story about a school with ducks in, Mrs Lillie would be very interested to read them.



## Attendance Update

At Lingey House, we are now sending attendance letters electronically through our software, A\* Attendance. To ensure you receive these important letters, can we please request all parents do the following:

1. **Update Contact Information:** ensure that any contacts with Parental Responsibility have an email address listed in your Arbor record. You can update this information through the Arbor App or Parent Portal, or by contacting the school office.
2. **Whitelist the Email Address:** add the following email address to your contact list: [noreply@astarattendance.com](mailto:noreply@astarattendance.com).

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Please note that these attendance letters can be used as evidence if required in Magistrates' Court. Additionally, our attendance monitoring software will confirm when the emails have been opened.

*If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to contact the school office.*

**Article 28: We all have the right to a good quality education.**

## Pantomime Permission



### **Amazing news!**

After numerous fundraising events, the PTA have managed to raise enough money to secure tickets and travel for all of our children in Year 1 – 6 to go to see Snow White at the Tyne Theatre and Opera House! We are very excited to be able to offer our children this opportunity and it's thanks to the generosity of our parents at our fundraising events!

### **Parental consent is now live on Arbor.**

Please sign up asap or our office staff will have to contact you...

oh no they won't.... Oh yes, they will!

## Nursery Stay & Play



## Writing Display Winners

Following the amazing effort and work that has gone into our writing displays, Year 4 was voted as the winner. Mrs Wilkinson has been incredibly generous and given the Year 4 classes a sum of money for a treat to say well done. The class ambassadors completed a survey and the children have voted for a **pyjama and treat movie** then to **donate the remaining money to charity!**

How brilliant is that? What respectful and thoughtful children we have here at Lingey House.



Year 4 will be having their pyjama day on **Friday 13th December** and children are welcome to wear pyjamas to school this day or their usual uniform if they would prefer. Please make sure you wrap up if the weather is still cold wearing sturdy slippers or trainers!

**Article 12 – We all have the right to say what we think. Adults should listen and take us seriously.**

## School Dinner Money

If your child is in **Y3 - Y6** and has a school meal, Gateshead Council require the payment for those to be made in advance via Arbor the cost per day is **£2.70 (13.50 per week)**.

Payments are expected in advance for all school meals. Payment should be made on Arbor prior to Monday morning for any meals required during the week. Payments can be made weekly, monthly or termly as preferred by the parent.

If you think that you may be entitled to free school meals, please complete an application [via this link](#).

*If you cannot access your Arbor account, please contact the school office.*

**Article 24: We all have the right to information which keeps us safe and healthy.**

## Christmas Jumpers

All children in school (Nursery to Year 6) are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper on the days below. Please don't feel like you need to go out and buy something special, a bit of tinsel or some baubles can make fabulous Christmas jumpers!

**Wednesday 11th December**

**Thursday 12th December**

Nursery class can wear their jumpers to the Stay & Play event on **Tuesday 10th December**

Reception classes are to wear their jumpers on **Wednesday 11th December** for their Nativity.

Some KS1 children may be asked to wear a Christmas jumper for their performance but individual messages will be sent home for this.



## 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.**

# Christmas Performances

Our school nativities are listed in the dates for the diary section below,

## **Christmas Events Tickets**

Tickets for our **Reception & KS1 Christmas Performances** will be available from the school office from **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**



**Due to limited space in the hall, each child can have 2 tickets in total.**

This can be two tickets for the same performance, or one ticket for the morning and one ticket for the afternoon performance.

## Asda Rewards

Asda have launched the Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools scheme, if you already have the app, please can you link it to Lingey House Primary, please can you ask family and friends to do so, as this will benefit our students greatly.

**you scan, WE DONATE ££s TO SCHOOLS.**

**Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools**

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- 1**  
**Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app**  
Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.
- 2**  
**Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com**  
Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.
- 3**  
**Asda does the rest**  
The money raised will be donated through Parentlink to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

**Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.**  
Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.

Download on the **App Store** | GET IT ON **Google Play**

**This offer will finish on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

## OPAL

### The story of Max (An Opal tale)



This is Max.

Max, was bored on a playtime.

He didn't know what to do... He felt like he had done everything that was on offer.

So, Max would wander around outside.

Aimlessly and alone...

Max still wanted to play with his friends, but didn't know how to start a game.

How can you possibly start a game with your friends, if you don't know what you want to do?!

#### **Max had an idea.**

He set up a Hairdressers.

Where **everyone** was welcome.

Now everyone wants to play with Max.

Max is no longer bored,

Max is now too busy to be bored,

But now Max is happy and so is everyone else!

Amazing job Max!

You deserve that Golden welly.



# Ducks 2024 – 2025

## 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:

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



## 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

# Gateshead Autism Hubs

An email with full details regarding the services and offerings of the Gateshead Autism Hubs has been sent to all parents. The email includes a comprehensive leaflet outlining the support available to families.

## What are Autism Hubs?

Gateshead Autism Hubs offer parents and carers of autistic children and young people (0-25 years) information, advice and support on a range of challenges that can impact autistic young people and their families. The Hubs provide multi-agency drop-in sessions, parent support groups, and training for parents, carers, and professionals.

The Hubs can also offer information and signposting on related co-occurring conditions, such as: FASD, ADHD, Sensory Differences, Social and Communication Differences, Mental Health, and Learning Disabilities. Gateshead Autism Hubs are free to access for parents and carers. An autism diagnosis is not required to access support.



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## Do you want to talk about your child's mental health?

Come along and meet us at one of our free drop-in sessions to:

- talk about your child (4-18) and their needs
- get advice and guidance
- receive tips and resources

We talk about different topics each month, but feel free to talk to us about any concerns, such as:

- Worries and anxiety
- Low mood
- Support with sleep
- Phobias
- Behaviour
- Confidence
- Anger
- Stress

We are a team of friendly therapists working with children aged 5-18, and their families.

Our drop-in sessions are all over Gateshead to find out when our next session is visit our website:

[www.stsftmentalhealth.nhs.uk](http://www.stsftmentalhealth.nhs.uk) or scan the QR code using the camera on your mobile phone.



## Sleep Drop Ins

Is your child or someone you work with (aged 5 – 18 years) struggling with sleep? Why not drop in and meet children's therapists to discuss what you can do to support? Learn more about strategies to support with phobias.

**Free resources to take home.**

Venue: The Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead NE8 3BA  
Date: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: Professionals - 10:00 - 11:00 Parents/Carers –11:00 – 12:00

Venue: Blaydon Primary Care Centre, Blaydon-on-Tyne NE21 5LS  
Date: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: Professionals – 14:30 - 15:30 Parents/Carers – 15.30 – 16.30

Venue: Wrekenton Family Hub, Gateshead, NE9 7JR  
Date: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: Professionals – 9:30 – 10:30 Parents/Carers – 10:30 – 11:30

Venue: Christ Church Felling, Gateshead NE10 0HQ  
Date: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: Professionals – 10:00 – 11:00 Parents/Carers – 11:00 – 12:00

Venue: Winlaton Centre, Winlaton, Blaydon NE21 6BY  
Date: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: Professionals – 9:30 – 10:30 Parents/Carers – 10:30 – 11:30

Venue: The Drop In, Dunston, Gateshead NE8 2QX  
Date: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: Professionals – 09:00 – 10:00 Parents/Carers – 10:00 – 11:00



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Date: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: Professionals - 14:30 - 15:30 Parents/Carers –15:30 – 16:30

Venue: Whickham Library, 9 Front St, NE16 4DN  
Date: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: Professionals – 14:30 – 15:30 Parents/Carers – 15:30 – 16:30

# POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

Are you ever worried about your child's behaviour and aren't sure how best to help?

Do you want to better understand their needs and support them through those tricky times?

These workshops help parents think about strategies and to come up with a plan that focuses on a good life for your child and your family.

## GATESHEAD

Thursday 5th & Friday 13th December  
10am - 2pm  
Deckham Family Hub, Elgin Centre, Elgin Road,  
Gateshead NE9 5PA

I wish it was available to all parents.

I loved hearing other people's stories about their own families!

I felt valued and supported.



If someone in your family is under 18, and is autistic, has a learning disability or is waiting for a diagnosis of autism or a learning disability, please come along.

Please get in touch with **Jillian** or **Jen** at **Skills for People**.  
Tel: 0191 281 8737 or e-mail: [information@skillsforpeople.org.uk](mailto:information@skillsforpeople.org.uk)



Health Education England



Positive Behavioural Support



NHS North East and North Cumbria

## After School Clubs

We are excited to offer a wide range of after-school clubs. Places are limited, please only sign up to one place per child. Places are available to book via Arbor.

**After school clubs will run 11<sup>th</sup> November – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**

Day	Club	Year	Ran by	Places
Monday	No Clubs			
Tuesday	Games	Y1	Mrs Adams- Ratheram & Mrs Brunnock	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Coding	Y4	Mrs Lillie	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Breakfast Cheerleading	Y3/Y4	Coach	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Sewing	Y6	Mrs Iley & Mrs McMenemy	Places available – please book via Arbor
Wednesday	Basketball	Y5/Y6	Mr Burrell	FULL
Thursday	Christmas Crafts	Y1	Mrs Cook & Miss Attwood	FULL
	Film	Y2	Miss Langman	FULL
	Christmas Crafts – Blue Peter	Y4	Mrs Dellow	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Wellbeing	Y3	Mrs Masson & Mrs Burrell	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Singing	Y3/Y4 Y5/Y6	Mrs Goulty-Brown & Mrs McCallum	FULL
	Dance	Y5/Y6	Miss Mather & Mrs Goundry	FULL
Friday	No Clubs			

**If you do not have an Arbor account, please contact the school office.**

**Article 15: You have the right to be with friends and joining clubs**



# 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	95.24%	Y3B	<b>98.67%</b>
YRB	95.43%	Y4A	97.33%
Y1A	88.3%	Y4B	96.55%
Y1B	89.66%	Y5A	94.67%
Y2A	97.41%	Y5B	95.67%
Y2B	90.74%	Y6A	91.85%
Y3A	93.33%	Y6B	89.67%
Whole School Attendance:		<b>93.72%</b>	

## This week's Superstars

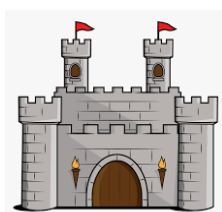


I would like to say a huge well done to all this week's superstars watch out for their special certificate given out in Assembly! Our superstars for this week are as follows

Year Group	
Reception	Faye I & Bella G
Y1	Jenna D & Maisy W
Y2	Lyla-Blu W & Radan L
Y3	Harry B & Holly D
Y4	Myla L & Oliver T
Y5	Edward G & Charlie G
Y6	Matty W & Ayla C

## This week's House Tokens

This week's winner's are **BAMBURGH** AND **ALNWICK!**



<b>Bamburgh</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Hylton</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Warkworth</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Lumley</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Dunstanburgh</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Alnwick</b>	<b>90</b>

## Times Table Rockstars



Biggest Earner	Class
Isaac D	Y4A
Jack S	Y6A
Shay C	Y4B
Biggest Increase in Speed	
Ella M	Y4B
Myla L	Y4A
Ross S	Y3B
Minutes Played	
Isaac D	Y4A
Olivia M	Y6B
Jack S	Y6A
Golden Guitar Winner – Y4A	

## Dates for the Diary



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



<u>Date/time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Who's involved</u>
Tuesday 10th December	Nursery Christmas Stay & Play 9am - 11am <b>Children to wear Christmas Jumpers</b>	Nursery AM Children & Parents
Tuesday 10th December	Nursery Christmas Stay & Play 1pm - 3pm <b>Children to wear Christmas Jumpers</b>	Nursery 30H & Nursery PM Children & Parents
Tuesday 10th December	Pantomime Visit	Y1 - Y6
Wednesday 11th December	Flu Immunisations	YR - Y6
Wednesday 11th December	Reception Nativity 2pm <b>Children to wear Christmas Jumpers</b> <b>2 Tickets Per Child for the Performance</b>	YR Children & Parents
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas Dinner <b>Christmas Jumper Optional</b>	Whole School
Thursday 12th December	Carol Service Y4/Y6 9:30 – 10:15am	Y4/Y6 Children & Parents & Choir
	Carol Service Y3/Y5 10:30 – 11:15am	Y3/Y5 Children & Parents & Choir
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
Thursday 12th December	KS1 Christmas Performance 1.45pm <b>2 tickets per child for EITHER the morning or the afternoon performance</b>	KS1 Children & Parents
Friday 13th December	KS1 Christmas Performance 9am <b>2 tickets per child for EITHER the morning or the afternoon performance</b>	KS1 Children & Parents
Friday 13th December	Pyjama & Treat Day	Year 4 Children
Monday 16th December	Nursery Christmas Party Day Nursery PM children are invited at 9.30am <b>Children to come to school dressed in party clothes for a day of fun</b>	Nursery Children
Monday 16th December	Reception Christmas Party Day <b>Children to come to school dressed in party clothes for a day of fun</b>	Reception Children
Tuesday 17th December	Y5/Y6 Christmas Party Day <b>Children to come to school dressed in party clothes for a day of fun</b>	Y5/Y6 Children
Wednesday 18th December	Y3/Y4 Christmas Party Day <b>Children to come to school dressed in party clothes for a day of fun</b>	Y3/Y4 Children
Thursday 19th December	Y1/Y2 Christmas Party Day <b>Children to come to school dressed in party clothes for a day of fun</b>	Y1/Y2 Children
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term	Whole School
<b>Spring Term</b>		
Tuesday 7th January 2025	School Re-Opens	Whole School

# *Out of School* Achievements

Please email Out of School Achievements to [office@lingeypouse.org](mailto:office@lingeypouse.org)

## **A Huge Well Done to... Thomas !**

Thomas completed his stage 2 swimming and got his puffin badge.

**Well done, Thomas.**

