

LIME ACADEMY WATERGALL NEWS

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of our first half term of this academic year. We have had a very busy but successful half term with children in all years working hard.

This week Year 1 shared their learning with us in their Year Group Assembly on Wednesday where they told us about their recent trip to the bakery at Sainsburys. They also sang Autumnal songs and shared their work on Room on the Broom from earlier in the term. Well done Year 1.

Children from Year 5 and Year 3 have participated in Bikeability this week. The Year 5 children achieved both Bikeability Level 1 and Level 2 and this morning they received their certificates and handbooks in assembly. The certificates had some personal feedback for each child and we are proud of the effort they put into the course. This morning, some children in Year 3 took part in Bikeability Level 1 and also worked well for the coaches. Year 3 will receive their certificates in our first achievement assembly after half term.

Nineteen children across the school participated in the Summer Reading Challenge at the library over the summer holidays. They have all been presented with their certificate from the library this morning and we have also given each one of them an amazon gift voucher, a bar of chocolate and a school certificate to reward them for their commitment to reading. Well done to each and every one of them. If you are interested in supporting your child in participating in the Summer Reading Challenge next Summer, please speak to us or your local library.

All of the staff would like to wish you all a relaxing half term and look forward to hearing about the children's adventures when we return to school on Monday 28 October.

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EVENTS AND VISITS

21-25 Oct	Half term holidays
29 Oct	Parents Evening
5 Nov	Flu vaccinations in school
5 Nov	Year 5 Parent and pupil residential meeting 3.20 (residential booked for Sept 2020)
7 Nov	Year 4 Rock and Roll Day at Cresset
13 Nov	Year 2 Sharing Assembly 2.45pm
15 Nov	Children in Need details TBC
19 Nov	EYFS Parent workshop 2 9am
26 Nov	Year 5 Space Centre trip
29 Nov	Tallington Farm Visit—School council
10 Dec	Pantomime in school
11 Dec	Christingle—Year 1
12 Dec	Christingle Year 2
16 Dec	Christmas dinner day and Christmas jumper day
17 Dec	Class Christmas parties
18 Dec	Last day of term 1.30pm finish

QKA After School Clubs

We have sent out some information regarding 2 after school clubs that are being run at Queen Katharine Academy for primary aged children. The clubs start at 3.30. If you have signed your child up and will struggle to get them there on time due to our school day finishing at 3.15, please come to speak to the School Office.

Book Fair

We are very excited to announce that we will be having a book fair in the run up to Christmas. The fair will be open after school to parents and careers and children from 13 to 19 November. The children will be given a chance to explore the book fair and read a book with a teacher as a class. Parents will also have a chance to visit without children before the end of the day if you are in the market for some surprise gifts for your children. This is an excellent opportunity for children to get excited about reading books but also helps the school to raise money for brand new books for your children in school. We hope to see you there! Please see below for detailed times when you can visit the book fair:

Thursday 14 November	3.15-3.45	Parents and children
Friday 15 November	2.45-3.00	Parents only
Monday 18 November	3.15-3.45	Parents and children
Tuesday 19 November	3.15-3.45	Parents and children

ATTENDANCE Week commencing 14/10/2019

For the academic year our attendance target is 97%. As a school we monitor attendance daily to ensure that pupils in school and making the most of the learning opportunities on offer and make expected progress during the year.

Green: above national average 97%

Amber: national average 96%

Red: below average 95% or below

Whole school attendance: 94.05%					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.23%	94.55%	97.18%	92.13%	93.33%	95.30%

Parents Evening

80% of parents have now booked an appointment to see their child's class teacher on parents evening—thank you to those families. If you have not yet booked an appointment please do so ASAP. If you need any help with Parentmail please speak to the school office.

During parents evening there will be the opportunity to sample some of the school dinners from our new lunch menu launched this term.

Diary Dates

Please ensure that you keep up to date with diary dates throughout the year. These are published in the weekly newsletter for the coming term. A list of all of the diary dates we have so far for the year can be found on the school website. <http://limeacademywatergall.london/useful-information/diary-dates/>

Open Days

We are holding 2 open days for children who are due to start school in September 2020. These will be held on 14 November at 1.30 and 19 November at 9.00am. Parents and their children are welcome to come along.

Reading Challenge

We are running our reading challenges again this academic year and today we have launched reading challenge 1. We hope that you will support your child/ren with completing this and handing it back into school by Thursday 31st October. Each child who enters will receive a certificate, bookmark & prize each time. If a child enters all 3 reading challenges across the year then they will be entered into the summer term prize draw to win an Amazon Kindle Fire Tablet & Amazon gift vouchers. Pupils will bring home hard copies of the letters today. The letters have also been sent out on Parentmail.

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to the 19 children who entered the Peterborough Libraries 'Space Chase' Summer Reading Challenge. We were excited to receive your certificates in school this week and today in assembly, we presented these along with a £5 gift voucher and bar of chocolate. Great work!



Parent Survey

We would appreciate all Parents/Carers completing an updated Parent Survey and this has been launched on Google Forms again, following the successful trial last academic year. Please access this through <https://forms.gle/qNJyKtDwRV5EcNUS7> or by scanning the QR code with your mobile phone or tablet. If you require a printed version of this parent survey, please visit the school office. The survey will close at 5pm on Thursday 31st October.



Children in Need

The School Council are thinking of ways to raise money for Children in Need. One of their ideas is to have a Pyjama Day, more details will follow after half term.

Voice in a Million

Children were sent home with photo consent forms yesterday. If you have not already completed and returned this, please complete and return on Monday 28 October. We still have parent seats available for the coach journey. If you would like to book one of the seats please complete the booking using Parentmail.