



# Lower Park School's Weekly Update

*News from school on Friday 8th October 2021*

**Another snapshot of a week at Lower Park School!**

## **Learning at Lower Park this week**

With the absence of year six, our children in year five have undertaken a mini project based around Lewis Carroll's, 'Alice in Wonderland,' this week. It has proved popular and the artwork produced was particularly good. They have also had fun learning about the respiratory system, in science, by measuring their own lung capacity using a 2l plastic bottle, some plastic tubing, a measuring cylinder and a bucket.

For our children in lower key stage two. The focus in science this week has been on skeletons of all types. They have enjoyed learning about endoskeletons, exoskeletons and hydrostatic skeletons. Ask them about it!

Children in key stage one are enjoying their DT project for this half term where they will be making their own moving picture. Last week, they researched the different moving parts you can find in children's books before investigating ways they could make a slider to move a character. This week, the children have been investigating how to make a lever mechanism that would help Jack climb the beanstalk. To mark national poetry day each class has used their daily story times to share, rehearse and perform a selection of poems which was great fun!

Our youngest children, in Reception, have sequenced pictures to create a timeline to show how a human grows and changes, discussing how they have changed from a baby to now. They have talked about gaining new skills with the passage of time: sitting-up, walking, talking, running, starting school. The children have also been recognising, continuing and building simple patterns, discovering that patterns can be created using various shapes, colours, sizes, actions and sounds.

## **Kingswood for Year Six**

What a fantastic time our year six pupils had at Kingswood, this week. More than any other year, parents, children and teachers alike were all delighted that the first of their two residential visits could take place. Although the weather was mixed, the children enjoyed a huge range of activities. The staff were particularly proud of the way the children conducted themselves throughout- true ambassadors for Lower Park School.

## **Year One Parent Lunches**

It was with much delight that we were able to welcome year one and their parents for lunch, this week. It was wonderful to watch parents share this time with their children as they missed the opportunity last year. Mrs Laffey's cooking was delicious and everyone appreciated the occasion, although there was some debate between children and parents about who was picking up the bill!

## **Message from Mrs Laffey**

On the news, last night, there was piece about food shortages impacting school dinners. Mrs Laffey is keen to assure parents that we are experiencing minimal problems at the present time so it isn't interrupting meals as yet. The only issue experienced so far has been a shortage of the very popular bagel at break time. Please be reassured that school are able to feed the children but it may be, on a rare occasion, something different to what they were expecting; it will always be something similar.

Snack continues to be popular with the children and I'm sure as the colder months are approaching some lovely warm toast will be even more appreciated

## **Parents' Evenings**

Our intention is to run parents' evening face to face and appointments and these can be booked through School Spider. The appointment system will go live at 6.30pm on Monday 11th October. Please contact your class teacher via Dojo if you prefer a zoom meeting, as staff are more than happy to facilitate this during the evening.

## **Informal PTA drop in**

Our PTA would love parents to meet with them for a coffee on the morning of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October. All are very welcome and our new Chair of the PTA, Kim Gibb, would warmly welcome parents to drop in and enjoy a chat with a brew and biscuits with some of the PTA to find out what they do, how you can get involved to support school.

## **Reception Intake Evening**

It is with much pleasure that we welcomed our Reception parents into school on Thursday evening. It has become a much looked forward to annual event where parents witness video footage of their children's first few weeks at Lower Park. We hope parents found the presentation on the new EYFS curriculum, Phonics and Maths informative.

## **Dogs**

Please can we politely remind you that dogs are not permitted onto school property unless they are assistance dogs.

## Next week at Lower Park - 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021

	PE days	
Monday	* Miss Booth *Mrs Hughes *Mrs Marshall *Mrs Wilkinson *Mr Cunha	<b>PTA Meeting in school: 9.15am-10.15am</b> *Club – KS2 before school tennis club- 8am start *Club- ASM multi-sports club for Reception children finishing at 4.20pm
Tuesday	* Miss Booth *Mrs Mellor *Miss Cork *Mr Cunha *Mr Stewart	*Club- ASM multi-sports club for Year 1 and 2 children finishing at 4.20pm
Wednesday	*Mrs Patton *Miss Cork *Mr Stewart *Mrs Potts *Mrs Chadwick	*Club-KS2 choir – 8.10am start *Club- ASM multi-sports club for children in years 3-6 finishing at 4.20pm
Thursday	*Mrs O'Hara *Mrs Langdon *Mrs Mellor *Mrs Day *Mrs Chadwick	<b>Poynton High School in to talk to Year Six</b> * Year Four rockstars at 8.30 am (please come in via reception) *Club – KS1 before school tennis club- 8am start *Club-Neil Mather's First 11 Football club finishing at 4.15pm *Club-KS2 Drama finishing at 4.15pm
Friday		



Please remember to download the School Spider app which has all up to date information on about events happening in school together with galleries of moments captured in school.

### Planning ahead:

**Please remember that these events are coming up within this half term.**

\* From 7<sup>th</sup> October, Poynton High School's virtual open evening is live:

<https://www.phs.cheshire.sch.uk/virtualopenevening>

\* 9.00-10.00 PTA drop in

\* 18<sup>th</sup> October: Firefighter visit for Key Stage One

\* 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October: Parents' evenings

\* 22<sup>nd</sup> October: School photos and close for half term at 3.15pm

