



# Lower Park School's Weekly Update

News from school on Friday 15th October 2021

## Learning at Lower Park this week

It's has all been a little gruesome in year five and six as the children have been making their own blood out of water, cheerios, sequins, marshmallows and food colouring! They have also have been asking questions about Anglo Saxon settlements and thinking about how they can use their answers to recreate their own versions. In PE, they have had been keeping fit and refining the skills involved in basketball. It is great to see them enjoying the sunshine in their team kits, this week.

Lower key stage two have been comparing the lives of Spartans and Athenian using a range of research methods including books and children friendly search engines. Stephen Wiltshire has also provided the inspiration for some terrific art work, which recreated images of Parthenon. The enthusiasm and excitement of the children as they had to work from memory was wonderful to watch.

Children in key stage one have been venturing back in time as they begin their history topic for this term. They found out about what life was like in London in 1666 before using the app, 'clips' to record their new knowledge. They are all very excited about our surprise visitor next week as well as their trip to Weaver Hall in November. In PSHE, the children have been introduced to the 'Go Giver' characters. These characters appear in each unit of work in PSHE and are used to support the children in considering and expressing their opinions as well as helping them to identify their own feelings.

In Reception, the children have been making picture frames and decorating them using forest treasure! We have also enjoyed making sound stories with musical instruments to fit with the story 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'.

## Keeping Safe

Across all year groups, the children have watched NSPCC assemblies this week. The messaging from these is very clear: Speak out, Stay safe. The children responded brilliantly to these and it helped reinforce who they could go to if they needed to talk to someone.

As I'm sure you are aware, keeping children safe as they grow up in today's complex world of the internet can be challenging. With this in mind, we would like to draw your attention to a guide to parental controls for devices, which has been also been attached; it details how you can set up parental controls to provide your child with a safer online environment. It can also be tricky to know what is suitable for your child to watch on the range of platforms that available. The following website allows you to find out about the content of films and programmes to help you judge whether they are suitable before your child watches them: [www.imbd.com](http://www.imbd.com)

Further helpful websites include: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

## Photographs

The school photographer is in on Friday and is happy to do any sibling shots – for children not at our school-from 8.15am. If all your children already attend Lower Park, the photographer will ensure that sibling groups are photographed together as well as individual shots.

## Parents' Evening

Hopefully, everyone has had a chance to book an appointment to see class teachers for our parents' evenings, next week. Staff are looking forward to talking to you about your children and how they have settled into their new classes and routines. For those who haven't been before, please do head to your child's classroom to look at their books before heading back to the hall to meet the teachers.

This year, the governors are also available for you to meet. Our new Headteacher, Mrs Lomas, will also be there and would love for you to introduce yourselves informally on the night.

## PTA

The first PTA meeting of the year happened last night and they are raring to go with events, once more. Film night, Wreath Night and our traditional Autumn Spring clean are some events lined up already. More details to follow!

## Pokemon cards

Whilst we appreciate that collecting pokemon cards is very popular with some children, we are now politely requesting that these cards are no longer brought in to school. Each day, staff have been having to spend time sorting out various issues and this is now beginning to impact on teaching time as some children are upset. If we do see children with these cards in school, their class teacher will keep hold of them until the end of the day. We appreciate your support in this matter.

## Mrs Laffey's Dinner Menu

The lunch menu is about to change! The new menu will be available on School Spider from Wednesday, this week. Apple crumble and custard makes a very welcome return!

## Next week at Lower Park – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021

	PE days	
Monday	* Miss Booth * Mrs Hughes * Mrs Marshall * Mrs Wilkinson * Mrs Mellor	* 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 * Mr Cunha * Miss Cork * Mr Stewart	<b>Parents' evening</b> * 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	<b>Parents' evening</b> <b>KS1 Firefighter visit</b> * 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 * Mr Cunha * Mrs Day * Mrs Chadwick	* Club – KS1 before school tennis club- 8am start * Club-Neil Mathers- First 11 Football club finishing at 4.15pm * Club-KS2 Drama finishing at 4.30pm
Friday		* Y5/6 Football Tournament at MCFC * Individual Photograph Day * Year Five Brass



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.**

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

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

