

Lydgate Junior School

NEWSLETTER

July 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

16 July	Sports Day Y6 in the morning & Y3 in the afternoon.
19 July	Sport Day Y4 in the morning & Y5 in the afternoon.
20 ^d July, 3.15 p.m.	School closes for the summer holiday
21 July	INSET day, school is closed to pupils
FRIDAY 3 September	School opens to pupils for the autumn term
13 – 24 September	Y6 Bikeability Weeks

End of term highlights

This week Year 3 took part in a singing festival organised by Sheffield Music Hub. The children worked hard to learn the songs and on the day, they sang their little hearts out and did Lydgate Junior School proud. Schools sang separately, with The Sheffield Music Hub engineering the recordings to make a huge choir.

Unfortunately we could not have a live audience however the video recording will be able available on the Sheffield Music Hub's You Tube channel, their website for parents to watch in September.

Pupils in Year 4 visited Scarborough. They learned about the town's history, coastline and castle.....and enjoyed a paddle and an ice cream.

Year 5 have been learning about life cycles, and were lucky enough to see six of the incubated eggs hatch. Nugget, Cluckson, Hope, Poggers, Bubbles and Sunflower were named by class votes. [They really are sweet.](#)

Around 110 pupils from Year 6 went to Edale for their annual residential trip, and experienced activities such as abseiling, high ropes, hiking, weaselling and a treasure hunt. Thank you to all our families who contributed to the Edale Sponsored Walk, which raised an amazing £1,763.097. More than 100 pupils, currently in Year 5, have also signed up to go in July 2022.

We say goodbye and send our best wishes to our Year 6 pupils, as they prepare to move to secondary schools in Sheffield and beyond; we send our very best wishes to you all, and to your families.

Change to School Holiday due to the Platinum Jubilee

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952 at 25 years old.

To celebrate there will be an extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June, to provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone.

This extended bank holiday already falls within our school half term holiday (30 May- 3 June 2022) so we (Lydgate Junior and Lydgate Infant Schools) will be extending the half term holiday to accommodate this extra bank holiday. We will therefore have the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday on Monday 6 June and move our scheduled INSET staff training day to Tuesday 7 June. Children will therefore break for the half term holiday on Friday 27 May and return to school on Wednesday 8 June 2021. Please see our updated calendar for [2021-22 here](#).

Rights Respecting Schools – Silver Accreditation

We gained the Silver Award- Rights Aware in June this year and are thrilled to have received such positive feedback. Here are just a few quotes from the report:

Children have an awareness that not everyone can access their rights. Examples provided include, “a lack of access to clean water in deserts,” “poverty means some people don’t have enough food or a safe place to live,” “if we are not being respected” and “if we drop litter then we don’t have a clean environment.”

Health and wellbeing is a key priority at Lydgate. A member of staff described how “the CRC is a brilliant tool to discuss any topic and support social and emotional wellbeing.” Children also explained how they have been learning about the brain to help understand feelings.

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Please find a copy of the full report on our [school website](#).

We are now working towards GOLD. The Bears of Sheffield fundraiser and the work towards becoming a 'Plastic Clever' school are just two of the initiatives towards this goal.

Bears of Sheffield

For our local charity fundraiser we took part in the Children’s Hospital Bears of Sheffield project. We had many brilliant swishing entries with Hollie F’s (5N/C) being the winning design, brought to life on our very own Lydgate Junior bear sculpture. We have had lots of fun fundraising over the past 2 weeks and taking part in the bear fundraising day on Thursday 15th July. Thank you to everyone for taking part in our bear themed activities and joining in with the ‘bear break’. We are yet to count how much we raised but we know it has been a huge success!



Beat the Street



Thank you to everyone for participating in Beat the Street. We have a total of 689 players, which is fantastic, and currently lie in 3rd place across the city in our total points gained. Many of our classes have been out on little local walks to tally up the points as part of our daily mile. The competition carries on until 28th July so there is still time to collect points if you can

Staff News

We have four members of staff leaving Lydgate Junior School this summer. Miss Mahon who supported our Y3 pupils, and teachers, and Miss Hallaj, Mrs Ibrahim and Miss May who all leave their role as Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants to further their careers. We wish them all well.

We have two new Teaching Assistants joining us in the Autumn term, Ms Kaur and Mr Daw. Both have previous experience with working with children in primary schools. I am sure they will be an asset to the school and bring with them the enthusiasm and professionalism required.

FOLA News

During the last FOLA meeting, approval was agreed for the following change of committee member roles:

- Chair - Rebecca Fielding
- Treasurer - Sarah Edgar
- Secretary – Paul Griffiths

FOLA has a core group of 12 members, who are committed to supporting the outdoor play improvements through fundraising. We are hoping to return to some face-to-face fundraising events if circumstances allow.

Governor News

At the recent Full Governing Body Meeting Mrs M Neill stepped down from the role of Chairperson of the Lydgate Junior School Governing Body. She will remain a governor, working alongside other governors to support the school, its parents, pupils and staff. We thank her for her support and hard work over the many years she was Chairperson. Mr Simon Hamilton was nominated and duly elected Chairperson

During the meeting, the following policies were approved. For further information, please click on the individual policies below.

[PE & Sport Premium Policy](#)

[Relationships & Health Education Policy](#)

[Home School Communication Policy](#)

Home Learning – Resources available

Over the Summer holiday, resources will still be available for those families who would like to use them to support their children. We do not require pupils to access work over the holiday, however, the resources are [here](#) if parents would like to. During lockdown periods, our [school website](#) hosts year group resources along with an overview of the curriculum learning for the term.

Well done to...

- Oliver B from Y4CW and Jessica B from Y3RH have both taken music exams recently. Oliver took Grade 5 Piano and Jessica Grade 3 Piano. Both passed their exams with Merit, which is fantastic news to share.
- Sophie H (6S/P) took her Grade 2 Violin exam and passed with Merit.
- Imogen H (6R/J) recently took her Grade 2 violin exam and achieved distinction.
- Amelia B (4JD) who has achieved her green belt in Silat (Martial Arts).
- Libby D (4JD) who has achieved her green belt in Taekwondo.
- Crosspool Juniors Under 9's (red) girls' team who reached the semi-finals in June. They have worked very hard this year and have given 100% effort in every game.
- Crosspool Junior Under 9's (green) boys' team. The team came third in the division and Seb E-J (4JD) got the manager's Player of the Year Award.
- Phoebe C (4JD) who was awarded the Crosspool Juniors Under 10's girls manager's Player of the Year.

- Our Fencers who have passed their British Fencing - Foil - Grade 1 achievement examination: Aurelia R Y3D/dB, Elliot G Y3RH, George K Y3AW, Harry E Y3RH, Jackson A Y3AW, Qinyi Y3D/dB, Saif M Y3RH, Samuel B Y3RH, Beatrice T Y3RH, Emily C Y3D/dB.

Thank you!

Over the past year we have all (parents, pupils and staff) worked hard to stay safe, fit and healthy to keep our children in school to benefit from a whole school education.

I would like to thank all our pupils who have managed incredibly well during these unprecedented times. Their dedication, resilience and smiles have been a credit to themselves, staff and you as parents.

Finally, I would like to thank all our parents for their patience and support. We have had very few positive Covid-19 cases and therefore few occasions when we have had to send bubbles home to isolate. Government guidance has confirmed that schools will not need to isolate bubbles if positive cases are reported next term. However, guidance is ever changing, so please keep tuned for September. We will send out our plans around daily organisation, shortly.

We wish everyone a very happy and healthy summer break.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Friday 3rd September**, for the beginning of the autumn term.

On that first day back, pp-+ils in Y4, Y5 and Y6 should enter by the top gate on Manchester Road and go to the top yard ready to be met by their teachers.

Our new Y3 children should enter the school via the Tapton Field Gate to the hall where their teachers will be waiting for them.

Yours sincerely



Headteacher