



# LITTLETOWN PRIMARY ACADEMY AND NURSERY

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

PRINCIPAL: MR DAVID PERKINS

Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

In assembly this afternoon I shared with the children that we have received the news that Littletown is now awarded the Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award. This is testimony to all the hard work of the children and particularly, Mrs Luxton and Mrs Arni who have led this through the school. Although focussing on the United Nations Rights of the Child articles as a framework and the hard work of our rights ambassadors, the assessment celebrated many facets of the school ranging from curriculum, assemblies, values, pupil voice, OPAL, behaviour approaches, inclusion and many others. I am really proud of the school for this accomplishment and we now begin working towards the rarely obtained Gold standard.

Earlier on today, we welcomed PCSO England and PC Dell, Youth Engagement Officer to speak to Year 5 and 6 children about all the things they need to be mindful of in their conduct as they grow older. This was very useful and we were all impressed with the maturity shown by the children.

Also this week, on Monday, Reception children enjoyed visiting the Space Dome. On Wednesday we had visitors from Axminster Primary School who were really impressed with the OPAL lunchtime they observed.

Next week, on Tuesday, Year 4 have outdoor classroom and Year 5 and Year 2 have a visit from the Fire safety education team. On Thursday some of our Year 5 and 6 children represent the school in the annual Exeter City football tournament and some KS2 children take part in a bowling workshop at Honiton Bowling club. On Friday, Year 3 visit Kent's Cavern and some Year 5 and 6 take part in boys Futsal at Honiton Leisure Centre. We also welcome visits from Ruth Miskin Training and Cornerstone English Hub as we continue to develop Read Write Inc in the school.

Finally, I look forward to seeing lots of the children at the school discos this evening. My thanks again to the PTFA for putting these on for the children.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins  
Principal

## **Children's news**

**Nursery** - In Nursery we are making gruffalo crumble and exploring ice!

**Reception** - This week, Reception went in the space dome and it was amazing.

**Year 1** - This week, Year 1 learnt about deciduous trees and have been learning using number lines!

**Year 2** - In Year 2 we did a secret garden dance in PE and in Maths we are learning about equals.

**Year 3:** This week, Year 3 have been learning about Mary Anning in Geography.

**Year 4:** We have been learning all about Pompeii in Literacy.

**Year 5:** In Year 5 we are doing OAA in P.E and we are doing bus stop division in Maths.

**Year 6:** In Year 6 this week we designed our floor books for Frozen Kingdom and we have also been carving animals in soap using skills the Inuits used.

Please see a message from Izzy and Niamh at the end of this newsletter who asked me if they could write some words about staff for the newsletter.

## **Staff news**

### **Goodbye Mr Priddle**

Next Friday we will say farewell and good luck to Mr Priddle as he leaves us to take up a different role. Mr Priddle has been with us at Littletown since the beginning of his career. I am sure you will join me in thanking him for all his hard work for Littletown children and wish him all the best for the future. Year 3 parents and carers have been emailed about the staffing in the year group.

### **Thank you Kirsty**

Although not technically a Littletown staff member, Kirsty in the kitchen has been integral to the school over the last few years. Since we began our catering contract with Fresha, Kirsty has been the main person ordering, preparing, cooking and serving school dinners at Littletown including packed lunches for remote learners every single day during Covid-19 lockdowns. We are sad that she is leaving Fresha and us on Wednesday 31st January to further her career. I'm sure you will join me in thanking her and wishing her all the best for the future.

### **Cold weather**

It won't surprise you to know that in the exceptionally cold weather we are ensuring that children do not go outside without their coats or take them off. Please support this message at home so we can keep all the children warm.

### **OPAL**

Having spoken to the children in a whole school assembly they would really like some more trikes, scooters, balance bikes and giant jenga blocks to play on, any donations of these would be very gratefully received and can be left in the entrance labelled OPAL.

### Littletown Nursery Open Morning

Is your child due to turn 3 before the 1st of September 2024? We are holding our Nursery Open Morning on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024, from 10am-12pm. We would love to welcome you to our Nursery to show you our wonderful environment, to enable you to meet our staff and to let you discover what we can offer your child and family. Our Nursery is open from 7.50am-6pm and offers the Government 30 hour extended entitlement. We look forward to welcoming you!

### Week Beginning 22nd January 2024 events

Monday 22nd January	Tuesday 23rd January	Wednesday 24th January	Thursday 25th January	Friday 26th January
	Y4 outdoor classroom	Nursery outdoor classroom	Exeter City football tournament	Y3 Kent's Cavern trip
	Y2 and Y5 fire safety education team		Bowling workshop at HBC	Y5/6 boy Futsal Honiton Leisure Centre

### Message from Izzy and Niamh

I am Izzy fox and I am Niamh and today we are talking about how little we appreciate some teachers such as the PTFA, kitchen staff, dinner ladies and more.

So let's start with the PTFA they organise so much for us as a school like the fetes, panto, help with OPAL and more. We feel they don't get mentioned enough so thank you PTFA!

The next people we want to mention are the kitchen staff Kirsty, Cathy and Caroline as without them we as a school would have no food at lunch time. They are the ones who keep us healthy and give us the energy we need for the rest of the day.

Next the dinner ladies as they have to deal with us kids every day even the troublemakers and the ones who don't listen. Now Mr Jeffery, the caretaker. He does lots for the school and he makes things for OPAL and most importantly he keeps us safe.

Also, Mrs Davis for organising OPAL. We have so much more at lunch play now and finally, Mr Perkins our Headteacher. He keeps us safe and lets us have fun so thank you to all the staff we have mentioned and more!

### Community news

#### Family screening at the Beehive

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 4pm.

THE INSEPERABLES (U)

Based on an original idea by the Oscar-nominated writers of "Toy Story", THE INSEPARABLES follows the misadventures of Don, a runaway puppet with a boundless imagination and, DJ Doggy Dog, an abandoned stuffed animal toy in need of a friend, as they cross paths in Central Park and pair up against all odds for an epic adventure of friendship in New York City.

Tickets: Adult £8, Under 16's £7

Head to the website to book: [beehivehoniton.co.uk](http://beehivehoniton.co.uk) or call the box office 01404 384050.

All tickets include a £1 booking fee

Accessible seating can be booked via the box office on 01404 384050

The bar will be open 1 hour before the start of the film