



## LIFTON COMMUNITY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

**11.10.24** Another week has flown by at Lifton! The children have been working hard on their writing this week with lots of classes developing their writing stamina. It has been lovely to read some of their stories. Our upper KS2 children took part in our first sports tournament (football) they played brilliantly despite the heavy downpours! We visited St Mary Church for our Harvest celebrations, which the children enjoyed. Well done to all the children for singing so well and our year 6 children for reading their poems so well too. Mr Bush our PE coach has been working with all of the children on teamwork through a wide range of games.

### *A brighter future together*

**Harvest:** It was lovely to see so many of you in church this week. Thank you for coming to support us. We hope you enjoyed the service. It was lovely to see and hear the children sing so beautifully. Cauliflowers fluffy is definitely a favourite! Thank you for your donations to Launceston Food Bank, we received lots of items and we know that the food bank will be very grateful.

**Children's Choir:** The North Tamar Junior Choir are looking for more singers to join them. It is a new music group for children aged 8 years and over. The sessions take place on a Friday evening at St Mary Church, Lifton 4.30pm – 6.00pm. If you would like further details please contact: [liftonpriest@yahoo.com](mailto:liftonpriest@yahoo.com)

**Thank you to FOLs:** a big thank you to FOLs for organising and providing new hi-vis waistcoats for all of the children and the adults. These will help keep us all safe on our travels. Thank you to our Lifton family for supporting FOLs and helping raise money for our school and children.

**Football Fantastic!:** a huge well done to our football team. They took part in a small schools tournament at Gulworthy Primary Academy. The team were: George, Noah, Maia, Ben, Phoebe, Arthur, Reuben, Noah and Freddie. They played 4 games and won all 4. They entered the final in high spirits but were narrowly defeated by penalties. Goal of the tournament had to go to Phoebe for a super shot and a special mention to Ben who got very muddy and wet during his superb saves in goal. We are super proud of them all 😊



### **Would you like to find out more about how your child learns to read?**

Please come along to our sessions for Reception and Year 1

Reception parents' session in Robins: 16.10.24 8.45am

Year 1 parents' session in Pine martens: 22.10.24 2.50pm

**Are you entitled to Free School Meals (FSM):** All children in KS1 are eligible for free school meals (up to and including year 2). You can also apply for income related free school meals if you are receiving at least one of the following:

- Universal Credit (you're eligible after you've got your first payment)
- Child Tax Credit
- The 'guaranteed element' of Pension Credit
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Income Support
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on

To check your eligibility, please apply via the [Citizen Portal](#) or simply call 0345 155 1019 with your National Insurance number. In addition to receiving income related FSM, you will also receive support during the school holidays (£15 per child per week) and access to the Devon Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) which provides free activities and food for children in various locations throughout the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays. For more information please visit: [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) programme – Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

**Celebration Award Winners (07.10.24):** Well done to everyone!

**Values Champion:** Eden, Foxes

**Respect Champion:** Amelia, Hedgehogs

**Courtesy Awards:**

Robins Isabelle

Pinemartens Nelle

Hedgehogs Poppy

Otters Teddy

Badgers Paige

Foxes Noah

**Headteacher's Awards:** Harry and Finley, Robins

**Diary dates:**

15.10.24 9.00am Open Morning

16.10.24 8.45am Reading with Robins

17.10.24 2.45pm Coffee and a Catch up

18.10.24 5.00pm School Disco

w/b 21.10.24 Parent Consultation meetings

23.10.24 Whole school visit to RHS Rosemoor

25.10.24 Non Uniform day (wizards and witches day)

Have a lovely weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

Warmest wishes, *Mrs Brimacombe*

## CLASS NEWS

**Wrens and Wagtails** have been exploring lots of autumnal things. We have been looking at the conkers and chestnuts. We have also been on lots of senses walks around the school looking at what different things feel like.

**Robins** have been very busy this week. They have been continuing to learn sounds and using Fred Talk to help them blend sounds together. Over the last couple of weeks, we have been talking about our five senses. On Wednesday we went on a sense's walk and thought about what different objects felt like to touch. The children came up with some fantastic vocabulary e.g. bump, soft, hard, smooth, cold.

**Pinemartins** have been continuing to learn addition and subtraction facts. We have learnt about number bonds and fact families. The children have worked really hard to write number sentences and know the different ways that we can make numbers. Well done Pine Martens!

**Hedgehogs** have been learning about melody and notation in music this week. We have been using the xylophones to follow notation to create a melody together. They have enjoyed learning to play the xylophone.

**Otters** have been working on their well being and using different mindfulness techniques to help them relax. They have also been building their team work skills in PE and enjoying working with Mr Bush to do this.

**Badgers** have been busy with their Art and enjoying their painting. They have been working hard in science and exploring all things related to forces. They have had fun working out the forces changing on a swinging pendulum.

**Foxes** have been creating our final charcoal artwork, replicating some of Valarie Davide's most famous pieces. We focussed on applying the different mark making skills we have learnt

