

## LIFTON COMMUNITY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

**27.09.24** We have had a busy week at Lifton. We had our first Celebration Assembly. It was lovely to see all the award winners receive their certificates. Well done to them all. Jane our Forest School leader has been busy again this week, the children really enjoy their time outside – even in the rain! It was lovely to see lots of babies and toddlers in school enjoying their time with toys and each other. The children have been working hard across the school on their learning behaviours and it has been a pleasure to see the children working calmly and doing well. Keep it up Lifton!

## A brighter future together



**Census Menu Winner:** Well done to Ellie in Hedgehogs for her winning menu. As a school winner Ellie will receive a Riverford Recipe Box voucher to buy her own box of lovely organic produce. Well done Ellie. We thought you menu sounded scrummy!

Thank you to all the children at Lifton who entered their menus, it was very hard to choose!

St Mark's CofE Academy one of our sister schools won the overall prize of a trip to Riverford Farm (menu below).

**Census Menu Day 03.10.24:** Lifton still have a chance to win though. There is £1500 or share of for the school with the highest attendance on Census Day. Schools are not funded by the number

of children registered, they are funded based on number in school on census day. The census will count how many children had a school meal. We will provide all children with a free school meal (they can still bring their packed lunches if they would like to) but it would be lovely for them to try the winning menu. Please can you order the school lunch by 02.10.24, you will not be charged. Thank you for helping us secure funding for our school.



**Lifton's Golden Rules:** The children have worked together as classes to decide on what is important to them at Lifton. They talked lots about being kind and friendly to each other which was lovely. They really value their friendships. They also discussed respect and what this looks like in school. We have had an assembly to share our new Lifton Golden Rules, and all the children agreed these were good choices based on their class choices. All of us at Lifton are using these Golden Rules to encourage us to be the best we can be. You will see our Golden Rules being used across the school.



**Coffee and a catch up:** Our next coffee and catch up will be Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 230pm. We will keep the dates and times varied to give everyone opportunity to come. We look forward to seeing you.



Celebration Award Winners (23.09.24): Well done to everyone!

Values Champion: Sam, Hedgehogs Respect Champion: Lowenna, Foxes

**Courtesy Awards:** 

Robins Ellis

Pinemartens Sammy Hedgehogs Luna Badgers Ethan Foxes Thomas M

Headteacher's Awards: Katie, Badgers and Lara, Pinemartens

## Diary dates:

26.09.24 2.45pm Celebration Assembly

03.10.24 Census Day – Free School Meal for all children

09.10.24 9.30am Harvest Festival at Lifton St Mary's Church

11.10.24 3.30pm FOLs AGM

17.10.24 2.30pm Coffee and a Catch up

18.10.24 5.00pm School Disco

23.10.24 Whole school visit to RHS Rosemoor

25.10.24 Non Uniform day (last day of half term)



Have a restful weekend, we look forward to seeing you all next week. Warmest wishes, **Mrs Brimacombe** 

## **CLASS NEWS**

**Wrens and Wagtails** have had a wonderful week building houses. We made a big house for lots of us to play in. We have been using our fine motor skills by drawing lines and circles in the shaving foam. We have also been practising our counting 1-5.

**Robins** this week in their PE lessons Robins have been about what happens to their bodies when we exercise. The children were able to share what they knew. We discussed that our bodies get hotter, we feel thirsty and need to stay hydrated too. Some of the children were able to explain how our heart beats faster and bumps blood around the body. Next week we will be talking about what we do to stay healthy.

**Pinemartins** have been learning about the human body. We are now learning about our senses and we enjoyed our experiment to find out about the sense of taste. With our blindfolds on, we tasted lemons, soy sauce, rocket and honey (plus more!) to decide if they were sweet, salty, sour or bitter. As you can see from our faces, we learnt that lemons have a very sour taste!

**Hedgehogs** have enjoyed their science this week. They have been studying animals and their habitats. The children made their own habitats and ideinftied how their animal has adapted to them.

**Otters** this week the children have enjoyed carrying out experiments and making predictions in science. They showed excellent observational skills. In maths, we are continuing to learn all about number and place value and adding and taking away 1, 10, 100 and even 1000 more. The children are excited to begin their own The Library Lion stories next week and I cannot wait to see what types of creatures pop up in different places!

**Badgers** this week Badgers have been learning about lines of latitude and longitude and how they can help us locate different places on Earth by giving us coordinates. We have learnt about two special lines called the Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn. The children used atlases to locate countries that are found on these lines.

**Foxes** had a great time at Junior Life Skills where we learnt all about keeping ourselves safe as we grow up and gain more independence. We worked with the Police, the Fire Service, the RNLI and the National Grid amongst others. Ask us what we learnt!

