



LIFTON COMMUNITY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

07.03.25 We have had a busy couple of weeks at Lifton after our half term break. We have welcome lots of visitors into school, and we have been out and about. It has been great to see how kind and friendly our children are when working with other adults. We are very proud of how they live our Lifton values. We have started practicing our Easter songs for our service in the last week of term. We hope you can join us. It has been lovely to see the sun this week. The children have enjoyed being out at break and lunchtimes playing together without coats, hats and gloves!

Bike/Balance Ability: we were lucky to have staff from the Plymouth School Sports Partnership (PSSP) in school over the past two weeks working with Reception, Year 1 and Year 5 children. The children worked hard on their riding skills and how to stay safe. They all had lots of fun. It was amazing to see how all the children improved over three days. Well done to them all!



Year 5 visit to Ambrosia: year 5 were invited to Ambrosia last week to be involved in a Dragons Den competition. They had to work in teams to research, plan and design a new custard or rice pudding. They had great fun testing (eating!) all the products and coming up with new flavour combinations. They had to present their ideas to staff from the company, luckily, they were very kind! The winning team (pictured below) got vouchers and a big round of applause.



Anne Parsons (author) visit: Anne Parsons came to visit us for the day last week as part of our World Book Day celebrations. Anne visited each class and worked with the children. She talked to all children about being an author and shared her books about her dog Archie. She also joined us for an assembly. We learnt a lot about being an author. We were also lucky to get a copy of her book for our library. I wonder who will be first to read it?



Attendance: Our current overall school attendance for the past two weeks is **94.9%**. We are getting there! We of course aim for all of our children to be in school every day and achieve 100% attendance. For example, 90% attendance means that your child will have lost 8 days of learning since September. As part of our Celebration Assembly, we will be introducing attendance awards for children with 100% attendance. We look forward to handing out lots of awards. Thank you for your continued support with ensuring your children are in school. Class attendance for the past two weeks is below. The **winners are Badgers on 96%**, well done Badgers!

Owls	Hedgehogs	Otters	Badgers	Foxes
88%	95%	95%	95%	94%



Year 6 winners to Wain Homes: three of our year children had the pleasure of visiting Wain Homes last week. Their writing about the show home at Oak Dene had won a competition and they were invited to the show home to collect their prizes and present a video sharing the show home to new buyers. They were all amazing and naturals in front of the camera. Well done to Sophie and Thomas as runners up and Ben who won the overall prize.

World Book Day: the children had a lovely day yesterday celebrating reading and all things books. It was lovely to see all the children (and grown-ups!) bringing in their favourite characters accessory. Some were very tough to work out, but we had great fun trying. Thank you to all the children for taking part.



Reminders of upcoming events:

04.02.25 Children's Mental Health Week
05.02.25 Curriculum Open afternoon 2.45pm
11.02.25 Safer Internet Day
14.02.25 Last day of half term
14.02.25 FOLs School Disco 500pm – 600pm
24.02.25 Return to school
26.02.25 Year 6 visit to Ambrosia
28.02.25 Ann Parsons Author visit at school
06.03.25 World Book Day
w/b 10.03.25 Science Week
21.03.25 Red Nose Day
w/b 24.03.25 Spirituality Week
01.04.25 Easter Service at St Mary's Church

Have a restful weekend, thank you for your continued support.

Warmest wishes, *Mrs Brimacombe*

CLASS NEWS

Wrens and Wagtails have been enjoying the sunshine this week. We have been building dens and lots of obstacle courses outside in the garden. We have also enjoyed pancake day where we made pancakes and got to try different toppings. We have been focusing our learning around the book 'Room on the Broom' and we enjoyed making potions and colouring mixing in the test tubes.

Owls have been very busy over the last couple of weeks. Last week we in Design and Technology we were looking at the structure and different types of a bridges. It was great to see all children using their problem solving skills to practically create thier own bridges using a varity of materials. This week all children have really enjoyed balanceability. It has been lovely to see children's confidence grow throughout the week.

Hedgehogs have been busy exploring structures and how bridges are made. They have had the opportunity to create their own bridges too. Hedgehogs have also been working hard in maths and practicing their times tables.

Otters have started learning about the Romans in History. We have enjoyed learning about the Legend of Romulus and Remus and how Rome was built. In our outdoor lessons, we have learnt how the Romans built roads and we loved building (and digging!) our own Roman roads.

Badgers have in been learning a traditional South African song called Shosholoza. It was a song traditionally sung by the workers in the mines to keep their spirits up and to help them keep a rhythm when they were digging. It is now considered to be an anthem in South Africa, to represent hope, unity and resilience.

Foxes have been working hard in RHE and learning about each other and friendships. They have also busy working hard on their reading through exploring texts in Whole Class Reading lessons. They have had great fun in PE learning how to play hockey.

