

Lockyer's Middle School

Student Newsletter: Fourth Edition

We have welcomed back a significant proportion of our Year 6s this week, as well as an increased number of Key Worker children. They have adapted well to the many measures we have put in place to safeguard our school community.

Those of you working from home continue to impress with your continued hard work and resilience.

Lots of children in school are learning British Sign Language (BSL). For the next newsletter, can you learn to sign your name? You could send in pictures of your hands signing your name on the Student Newsletter Google Classroom page.

Returning
Students

Students
Working
from Home

Joke Corner

What's the difference between a cat and a comma?

A cat has claws at the end of its paws;

A comma is a pause at the end of a clause.

What did the left eye say to the right eye?

Between you and me, something smells.

What do you call a fake noodle?

An impasta

Jacob (Year 6)



Ice Cream Poem

Ice cream in a bowl

Ice cream in a cone

Ice cream any way you want

As long as it's my own

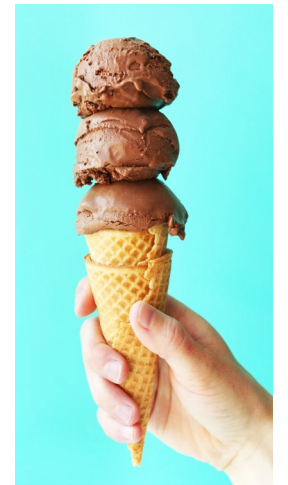
Ice cream can be sticky

Ice cream can be sweet

Ice cream is delicious

Ice cream is my treat.

Jenson (Year 6)

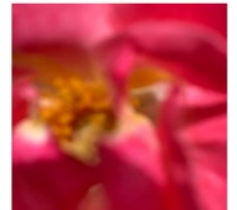


Art

We've been sent even more brilliant art this week, both from in-school students and those of you at home. Here is a selection from across the year groups.



By Honor, Meghan, Alfie, Olivia and Lucas (Year 6), Freddie, Hannah, Emily and Will (Year 5), Harley (Year 8)



PIC-COLLAGE

Remote Interview with Mrs Seddon

Your fourth choice for our teacher interview feature is Year 5's newest teacher, Mrs Seddon. Read on to find out all about what everyone's favourite singing teacher has been getting up to during the partial school closure and subsequent re-opening.

How are you finding school now that more students have returned?

I am really enjoying school! It is lovely to have more children in the classrooms and see some of the teachers that I have not seen in weeks! It is a much louder environment now there are more of us, but it is nice to see pupils working at desks and playing in the playground after so long!

Are you glad to be back in school every day?

Yes I am! It is lovely to be back at school and teaching the Google Classroom lessons. I have missed teaching in front of a class so it is nice to get back to it. I am missing my Year 5 class, but am very much enjoying teaching Year 6, a year group I have not taught before. Challenge accepted!

Do you miss anything about working from home?

My Puppies! I did very much enjoy having a cuddle with my dogs whilst I was planning or helping the pupils with Google Classroom. They were very comforting and kept me warm! I miss seeing their faces!

Do you have any interesting hobbies?

Singing, of course! I have also started painting in my free time, something I am not very good at, but enjoy very much. I find it very calming and therapeutic. My other hobbies include listening to music, walking, and learning basic Korean for my holiday next year. (Hopefully!)

What activities have you been doing for your daily exercise?

I go for a long walk everyday with my dogs. I usually walk around the village I live in which takes an hour and is about 2.5 miles. Sometimes when the weather is nice, I like to play badminton in the garden.

What is the best book you have read during lockdown?

I am currently reading Mythos, by Stephen Fry. It is a retelling of a number of Ancient Greek myths selected by the author. Each myth is written like a short story and I find it very exciting and very funny. I am fascinated by Ancient Greece mythology so I am glued to every page.

What is your favourite subject to teach? Why?

Hmm, hard question. I like to teach all the subjects, but I think my favourite is History. I love learning about other cultures and time periods and understanding how civilisations have adapted and changed through different historic events. My particular favourite is Ancient Greece!

How are you keeping in touch with people who you cannot see at the moment?

I write letters or have video calls. I try to virtually see my mum and dad at least once a week for a catch up, and regularly talk or write letters with my other family members. Sometimes I have online quizzes with my friends or attempt to watch a movie together; it never really works! I miss them all very much!

What will be the first thing you do when life goes back to normal?

So many things! But the very first thing would be to book a ferry ticket for France and spend some time with my Dad. We usually visit him 4 times a year, and I have not seen him since Christmas, so I would love to spend time with him at his house in Normandy.



Fantastic Food

We love hearing about your taste bud-tickling kitchen creations. Here are some more recipes and pictures sent in by Lockyer's students. If you have a go at these yourself, remember you need adult supervision when using sharp utensils and the oven!

Super Fruit Salad

Ingredients (for 4 people)

- 8 cherries
- 2 bananas
- 3 rings of pineapple
- 1 punnet of blueberries

- 1: chop blueberries in half or keep them whole.
- 2: chop 2 bananas.
- 3: Chop 3 rings of pineapple.
- 4: Chop 8 cherries (they have stones so be careful)
- 5: put fruit in bowl and mix
- 6: Enjoy!

Edward (Year 5)



Flapjack Recipe (Can also be made Gluten-Free)

Ingredients

- 250g Jumbo Porridge Oats (or Gluten-Free Porridge Oats)
- 125g Butter
- 125g Light Brown Sugar
- 2-3 tsp Golden Syrup

Method

1. Heat the oven to 200°C (180° C Fan) or Gas Mark 6.
2. Put the oats, butter, sugar and syrup in a food processor and pulse until mixed - be careful not to over mix, otherwise they'll lose their texture.
3. Lightly grease a 20cm² baking tin with butter and spoon in the mixture. Press into the corners with a spoon.
4. Bake for around 15 minute until golden brown.

Archie (Year 5)



Chew-tastic Chocolate Chip Cookies

You will need:

- 100g of granulated sugar
- 165g of light brown sugar
- 115g of melted butter (unsalted)
- 155g of all-purpose flour
- Half a tsp of baking soda
- 1 tsp of vanilla extract
- 1 tsp salt

110g of milk chocolate chunks (or choc chips)

110g of dark chocolate chunks (or choc chips)

To make :

Step 1 - Preheat the oven to 180 degrees Celsius (350 degrees Fahrenheit) and line a baking tray with parchment.

Step 2 - In a large bowl, whisk together the sugars, salt and butter until a paste forms with no lumps.

Step 3 - Whisk in the egg and vanilla, beating until light ribbons fall off the whisk.

Step 4 - Sift in the flour and baking soda, then fold the mixture with a spatula. (be careful not to overmix)

Step 5 - Fold in the chocolate chunks (or chips) and then chill the dough for 30 - 60 minutes.

Step 6 - Shape little bits of dough into balls and place on the parchment paper. (make sure there is enough room for the cookies to spread when they bake)

Step 7 - Bake the cookies for 12 - 15 minutes or until they have started to brown around the edges.

Step 8 - Let the cookies cool for 5 - 10 minutes before taking them off the baking tray to enjoy.

Step 9 - Keep them in a small tub not in the fridge and they should keep for about 1-2 weeks.

Meghan (Year 6)

Top Tip :

If you want, you can use 220g of white chocolate chunks (or chips) instead. If you do, use 165g of dark brown sugar instead of light.



Word search by Will (Year 6)

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WASH
SOAP
PANDEMIC
LOCKDOWN
TOILET PAPER
CLEAN
MASK
SPREAD
VIRUS
HAND SANITIZER

Brain Teasers!

Can you compete these puzzles, games and quizzes created by students at Lockyer's?

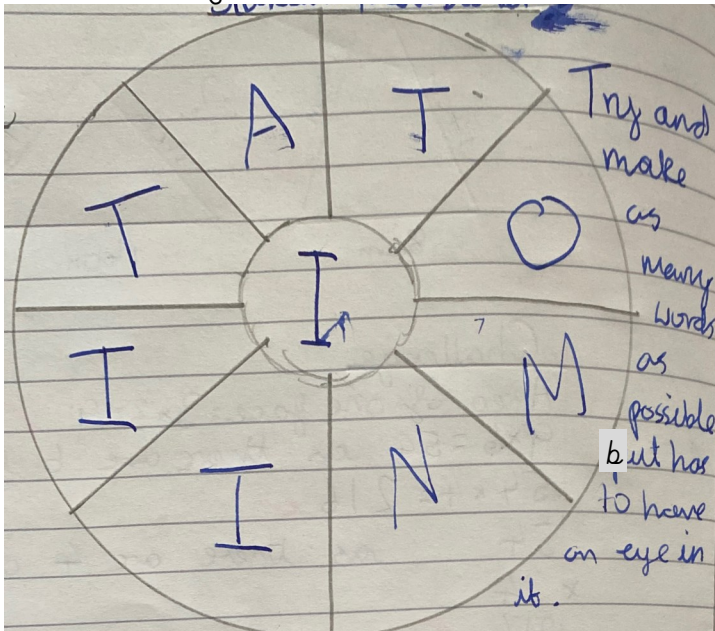
Harry Potter Quiz

1. Name all the houses.
2. What spell makes objects come to you?
3. Name the three main house elves.
4. What patronus does Luna Lovegood have?
5. Name all of Voldemort's horcruxes.
6. What do you call an object that takes you to a different place?
7. In the Chamber of secrets what is the password to Dumbledore's office?

Answers to these questions can be found on the last page of the newsletter!

Honor (Year 6)

Word Wheel by Luca (Year 6)



Can you find the the mistake?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Olivia (Year 7)

Life in School

We thought you'd like to hear from some of our in-school students and staff about what they've been getting up to since returning to school. Year Six students have joined our Key Worker children who have been in attendance since lockdown began.

On Monday we learnt basic sign language signs for our topic of 'new skills'. We learnt the alphabet in sign and a few basic greetings. Then we watched some videos to learn the hand movements and looked at some sheets. Through the week we used the hand movements to greet and say farewell to people.

William (Year 5)

Our Daily Routine

We arrive at school at 8:40, line up on some 2 metre painted lines and wait until we are let in. We go to classroom (not your normal classroom), put our bag by the desk and wait until asked to go and wash our hands. Next, we do the daily mile or P.E with Joe Wicks. When we come back inside, we do maths work on Google Classroom. If we finish maths early, we do the additional learning until break. After break we do English and then lunch. After Lunch we would do some activities like Sketch Up or who can make their paper airplane the fly furthest away. After that we wash our hands and read, then go home!

Frank (Year 5)

Being back at school is good. While I do miss all of my friends, I do have Meghan. The routine is a bit different; there are no bells, so when you have finished your work you just go on to the next subject. We do have fun, but I am looking forward to school being normal again.

Honor (Year 6)

The life in school is amazing at the moment but is way different to normal school. The best thing about lockdown school is Google Classroom where you can do everything online without using your book! And the worst thing about lockdown school is not having all your friends in school with you.

Freddie (Year 5)

On Monday we learnt some sign language. We learnt the alphabet, our names and some greetings. It is very useful for when or if you meet a person with a hearing impairment; you can use sign language to communicate to them. We watched a couple of videos to learn sign language. We also looked at a sheet with the alphabet on it. It was really fun and it is easy to learn.

Mia (Year 5)

It was fantastic to be able to welcome children from Year 6 back to school alongside those from Key Worker families from Monday 8th June. The children have quickly settled into new routines and are enjoying the opportunity to learn alongside their peers once again. Our first week was a real success as we all learn together and we look forward to being able to welcome more children back to school when this is permitted. The many children who continue to learn from home are doing an excellent job completing lessons on Google Classroom. You can all be very proud of your perseverance and hard work with this.

Mr Legge (Head teacher)

Two Metres!

Although we are in school again,
We can't stand too close to our friends,
But we're never left in any doubt,
When we go too close, we hear a shout!

"Two metres please! Keep your distance!"
You'd be surprised by their persistence,
Seventy three thousand times a day,
That's what we hear the teachers say.

On the playground, in the classroom,
Standing outside of the bathroom,
In the hall and by the gate,
If we're on time or if we're late.

"Two metres!" they say on repeat,
While we work and while we eat,
"Leave a circle of free space!"
A high pitch cry or thundering bass.

There are lines spray-painted on the floors,
There are signs on windows and on doors,
We wash our hands twelve times a day,
And listen to the teachers say.

"Two metres! You are far too close!"
That's the words we hear the most,
"Two metres!" I hear it in my dreams,
It's the new school motto, or so it seems.

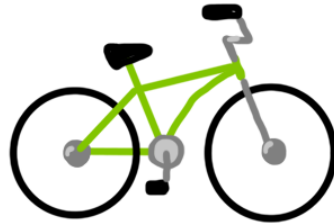
Mr Dyer (Teacher)

What are you getting up to at home?

I'm proud of cycling 10 miles. On this cycle my dad and brother came along. We cycled along the Castleman Trailway and up to Upton Country Park. At Upton Country Park we stopped to have a snack. After we had a snack we set off again but this time we cut through Upton Country Park and left. Then we were cycling on the road.

After a long cycle on the same road we finally reach the end of the road. We turned the corner and cycled across a lift up bridge. Once we had crossed the bridge we had to cycle past Holes Bay in order to get home. We cycled past McDonald's and all the way home.

Sophia (Year 6)



I really like these giant pine cones that we found last year, they remind me of Christmas time where you get to spend time with your family. I used these pine cones to create an image for my art work. I like the textures and colours of each cone, every one is different but they all get treated the same, like humans should.

Alfie (Year 6)



I made a superhero out of old socks after watching an Art programme on TV.

Thomas (Year 5)

I am really proud of the top that I recycled. It was a black top with the white writing and I turned it into this. Proud of my first attempt. I have been looking through the cupboards to see what else I can do it to.

Harrison (Year 6)



You've got to hand it to him...

During lockdown, my mum and I decided to try and make a plant pot out of cement, but discovered it was the wrong type. As a result, we instead filled a glove with the mortar and hoped for the best. It was only later that we discover it had not quite gone to plan

Ben (Year 7)

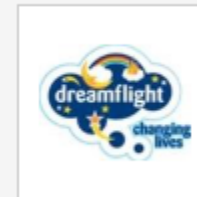




I shaved all of my hair off to raise money for Dreamflight because they change lives with the trip of a lifetime.
Jae (Year 7)



£560
 raised of £350 target
 by 38 supporters



Dreamflight

Charity Registration No. 1117303

Dreamflight's aim is to take children with a serious illness or disability to Orlando for the holiday of a lifetime visiting the theme parks. To bring some fun and joy to these children whose illnesses cause pain, distress and disruption to their lives.

Magic Folk Collection by Enid Blyton

Lately I have been reading the magic folk collection by Enid Blyton. It has magical stories (three in one) and Blyton uses lots of new words, which I have to look up to, see what they mean! This story is bursting with imagination. The book includes three titles: A Book of Pixie Stories, The Book of Fairies and The Book of Brownies

I would rate it five stars.

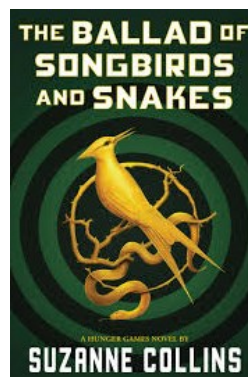
Elena (Year 6)



The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes by Suzanne Collins

The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes is a prequel to The Hunger Games. It looks at the life of Coriolanus Snow and the Tenth Hunger Games. It is an interesting insight into how the Capitol's president became the evil man he is in the later novels. I would really recommend this book if you liked The Hunger Games.

Matthew (Year 6)



Solution

Can you find the
the mistake?

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Animal Crossing: New Horizons

This is a great game with a brilliant theme, you can enjoy: talking to animal neighbours and crafting new things for your house and tools. It's amazing because you can travel and meet friends. My favourite thing about this game is that you can get new clothes and dress up.



I rate this game 5 out of 5.

Hannah (Year 6)

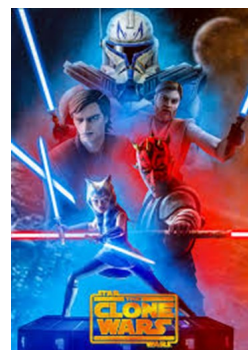


Star Wars: The Clone Wars

This is an amazing animated series created by George Lucas. The final season is now available and is a must watch for all fans. I would recommend you first watch the Phantom Menace, Attack of the Clones and then Clone Wars the movie as it introduces three of the main characters.

I rate this a 10/10 but I am a massive Star Wars fan!

Jacob (Year 6)



Harry Potter Quiz Answers

1. Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw and Hufflepuff
2. The Summoning Charm (Accio)
3. Dobby, Winky, Kreacher and Hokey
4. A Hare
5. **Spoiler Alert!** Do not read unless you have finished reading the final book. Tom Riddle's diary. Marvolo Gaunt's ring. Salazar Slytherin's locket. Helga Hufflepuff's cup. Rowena Ravenclaw's diadem. Nagini, the snake. Harry Potter himself.
6. Portkey
7. Sherbet Lemon.