

Student Newsletter

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Welcome to our December Student Newsletter!

It's Christmas at Lockyer's Middle School! Despite the strangeness of life, we have pulled together as a community to ensure another productive term of learning. As a ribbon on top of all the fun we've had at school, here's your Student Newsletter!

Reflections on 2020

With the country in lockdown, lots of things changed for everyone. For me, the most different experience was being home schooled as it was strange not seeing my friends all the time. Obviously for all of us lockdown was tough, but for me personally, I found it an interesting time and one that will stay with me forever.

Early every morning our schoolwork would be set for us to carry out during the day. The lesson I missed the most was P.E. even though I did try and do P.E. with Joe as much as I could. Without having full access to all the equipment and resources, I found woodwork challenging at times but researching helped me a lot.

Lockdown for us all will be something we will never forget for so many reasons, like having to wear face masks in all public places and indoors. After all of this and the virus is still happening, but hopefully the vaccine can make things normal again or as close to normal as we can get.

By Jessica R (Year 8)

2020 by Will DM (Year 8)

*We all thought this year would be nice and cheerful,
Though it has ended up so dull and grey,
It was all going to be nice and peaceful,
There has never been anything good to say.*

*School is better than home learning though,
Glad Google Classroom was long ago,
My friends are good to see,
When I'm with them I feel carefree.*

*Hoping to see the rainbow through the cloud,
Then we can all shout out loud,
We might go back to the norm,
Then we know we've weathered the storm,*



In the next instalment...

Our Year 8 pupils will spend some time next term researching different careers available to them when they conclude their education.

They will be given a space in the next newsletter in which to share their findings, including the subjects they would need to study and experience they would need to attain.

Merry Christmas Lockyer's!



This year's Christmas is going to be very different, because of the notorious COVID-19 that has changed all of our lives significantly. However, there are other way that we can spend time with family. Many people will surely be either video calling or having social-distanced gatherings over the course of the winter holidays and into the New Year. It may not be the same as it was, but if this is kept up, we may be able to meet with our family members once more.

Ruby U (Year 8)

We hope you have a wonderful, safe Christmas with your loved ones and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Cracking Christmas Jokes!

Why was the snowman rummaging through the carrots?

...Because he was picking his nose!

What do you give a skeleton for Christmas?

...A mobile bone!

Why are snowmen so popular?

...Because they're always so cool!

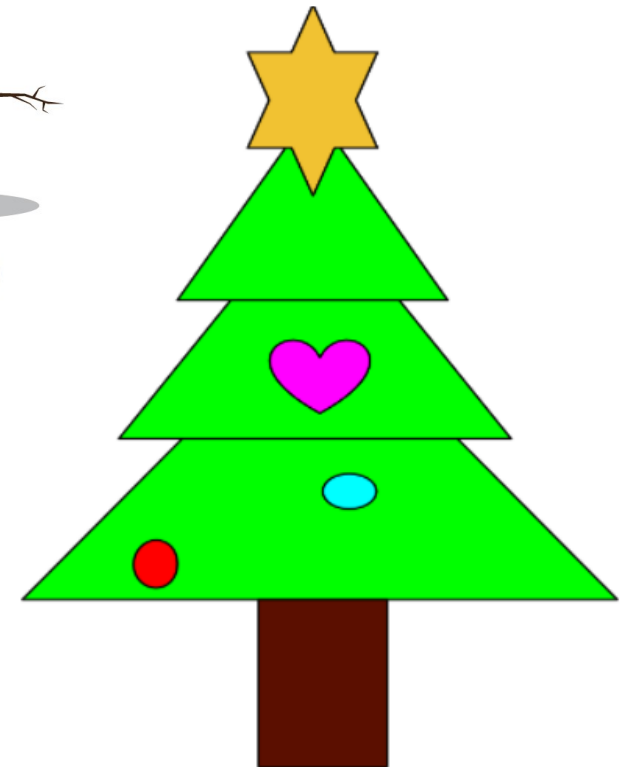
Charles Williams (Year 5)

My family put up Christmas lights outside and our tree. I'm looking forward to Christmas, opening presents and finally seeing my family.

Edward G (Year 7)



And a Happy New Year!



Digital Art by Ezra D (Year 6)



Why are Christmas trees bad at sewing?

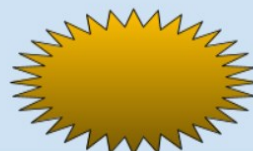
Because they always drop their needles!

Where did Mr and Mrs snowman have their first date?

At the snowball!

What do you call a singing Elf?

A wrapper!



Ask a Teacher!

In this regular feature, you have the chance to ask your teachers questions. Submit your questions for the next edition on the Student Newsletter Google Classroom.

What is your favourite subject to teach? Eliza L (Year 5)

Mr King - "My favourite subject is Physical Education because I love being on the move and it has a positive impact on both my physical and mental wellbeing."

Mrs Bryant - "Definitely history. I love exploring all of the artefacts we have in school and have really enjoyed the topics we've studied in Year 6, the ancient Maya and the Shang Dynasty."

Miss Seddon - "My favourite subject to teach is history because I enjoy learning and teaching about the past."

Mrs Evans - "I enjoy teaching science because there's always something new to learn and I love the practical lessons!"

Mr West - "Computing: I enjoy watching the children find ways to solve complex problems, especially when they've used ideas I hadn't thought of! It is also great fun to teach children about the world around them and how it works - it can really open their eyes and stop taking everyday technologies for granted."

Mr Dyer - "Without a doubt, English. I love reading, so English is a dream! From novels to poetry, plays to student work, I can't get enough of it!"

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What is your favourite subject at Lockyer's?

"My favourite subject at school is history. In this dark time, the lessons haven't changed much, which is good. In history, we're learning about the English Civil War which is an important event in our history. It's good learning about the past because we can see how life has changed over time."

In my favourite lesson, we have a great textbook with interesting historical sources. In our last lesson, we watched two film interpretations of Charles I going up to be executed and the crowd's reaction.

Will DM (Year 8)

"I really enjoy computing because of the highly interactive nature of the subject. We do coding, make games and use binary too."

I also enjoy English lessons as it's both essential and fun. We are currently creating our own folktale after studying a variety of tales from the oral tradition."

Adam R (Year 7)

"Cooking because you learn to create all different kinds of food and it's really fun. Plus, your work is really yummy!"

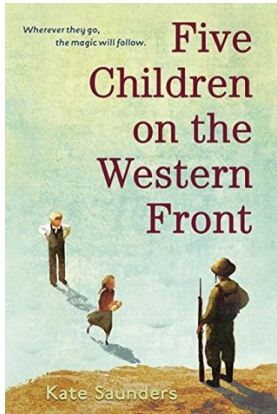
Bill (Year 7)

Ask a Student!

... and some of you will be asked questions too!

Reviews

Find out what your peers have been reading, watching and playing! If you have read a good book or have a suggestion for your peers, why not submit it for the next Student Newsletter, which will be published in the Spring Term?



Five Children on the Western Front
By Kate Saunders.
BL: 5.4

It carries on from 5 Children and It, but the children have grown up a lot. The story is set in World War 1 and the Psammead has returned.

My favourite character is Anthea because she is kind and becomes a nurse to help the soldiers. Anthea is one of the older sisters.

I think it is an adventure story and I would give it five stars.

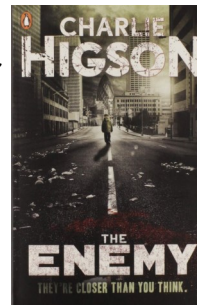
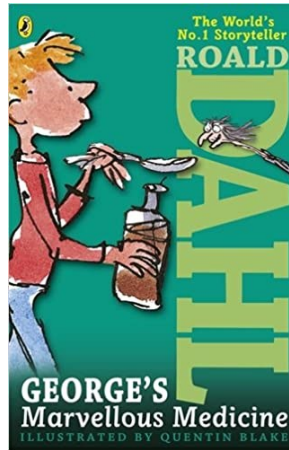


George's Marvellous Medicine
By Roald Dahl

BL: 4.0

Like most of Roald Dahl's books, *George's Marvellous Medicine* is both entertaining and creative. I would recommend this book to children like me: as well as having good fun reading it, it also shows why you shouldn't mess with medicine.

By Hedi H (Year 7)

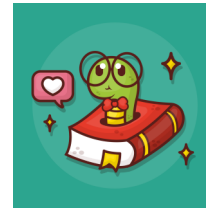


The Enemy
Anthony Horowitz

BL: 5.6

The Enemy is the first instalment in a thrilling series written by Charlie Higson, and his fast-paced, well-written novel will captivate you until the very last word. It follows the lives of different groups of children across London after a sickness overtakes the minds of every adult over fifteen; a sickness that turns some of the most dependable individuals in your life into voracious cannibals. The surviving children must learn to fend for themselves in a world where one false move could result in a horrifying death. Working together, they must decide who the real enemy is.

Eden D (Year 8)



Harley Merlin
By Bella Forrest

This book is recommended for children 13+

Harley Merlin is about a young adult, Harley Merlin, who was born with powers, but lost her parents at birth. She was raised by normal people, and never learned how to use her powers properly. However, that all changed when a gargoyle, which is invisible to the non-magical eye, was spotted by Harley. A mysterious figure turned up at the scene to stop the gargoyle, and he invited Harley to a Coven.

By Ruby U (Year 8)



Warning: *The Enemy* is seriously scary—Ms Locke couldn't even finish it! Not recommended for younger readers



Events at Lockyer's

This has been a busy half term, full of exciting events. You can find out all about them here and hear from some of the students involved.

Children in Need

As a school, we raised £1,461, exceeding our target by nearly £500. We donated money to attend school in non-uniform and set up a Just Giving page for other donations.

"On Children in Need Day, I did a ramble with my class. We learned that some people have to walk really far for clean water. I felt lucky that I don't have to walk that far." **Eliza L** (Year 5)

"We had a great time! We all played games of dodgeball, reflected shapes in Maths, wrote a diary as if we needed help from BBC Children In Need in English and did a long walk around the field as if we were in Africa having to carry water back from the river. I learnt BBC had made up Children In Need. I felt sorry for the people in Africa having to walk for miles just to get not even clean water." **Edward G** (Year 7)

"I learned just how incredibly far children and adults need to travel everyday-barefoot- to collect water for their whole family. That's a huge responsibility, as you could get the water from a contaminated area, spill it or not get enough. While these people make these treacherous journeys, the odds are completely stacked against them, with weather conditions being either very hot or very cold and dangerous animals that could attack you with ease.

I felt very bad for these poor people but also quite inspired by their incredible will power. I would argue that they are some of the most resilient young people on Earth today! I hope everyone felt this way on Children in Need and they found out some crucial information about how drastically different life can be in any part of the world."

India W (Year 8)



Remembrance Day

As a school we commemorate Remembrance Day by not doing our daily reading and spending time reading different letters from soldiers to friends and family in World War I. I didn't really learn that much because most of the stuff mentioned, I already knew. I felt a bit sad for the soldiers that died when we were doing our 2 minutes silence.

Edward (Year 7)

Lockdown 2.0

There are several differences with this lockdown and last lockdown. In this lockdown, I go to school and I didn't do that last lockdown. What I miss about last lockdown is going out for walks with my family. Another difference is that you can meet up with one other person (keeping a distance of 2 metres) whereas in the last lockdown we couldn't see anyone. In the last lockdown, we got daily updates about what the government was going to do. We still do get updates but not as regular as we did before. My last difference is that in this lockdown I can go to school; I couldn't before I had to do google classroom.

Will DM (Year 8)

Some of our lessons were taught online when we were isolating.

Adam R (Year 7)

