

# Student Newsletter

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Happy New Year and welcome to the latest edition of Lockyer's Middle School's student newsletter. With the school building closed for some students once again, the school community is more important than ever. With that in mind, the student newsletter is a place for you to share your ideas, thoughts and aspirations. In this edition, we reflect on the previous year, look forward to the new one and share our thoughts about online learning.

Additionally, you get to read some of the entries to the first Lockyer's Middle School Micro-Fiction, 250 word short story contest. Why not have a go yourself next time?

## New Year's Resolutions

I think that something that I have wanted to do for a while which I might attempt this year is starting to play some of the cello pieces in this old cello book which I inherited.  
Abigail C (Year 7)

I have only made one New Year's Resolution. It is to go at least for 1 exercise a day because of the Lockdown.  
Edward G (Year 7)

## Looking forward to 2021

We asked what you were looking forward to most in 2021. Here's what you had to say.

Hopefully everything going back to normal!  
Daniel G (Year 8)

I am looking forward to being able to go into people's gardens again as the vaccinations start being used  
Abigail C (Year 7)

I'm looking forward to Corona Virus to go since they have got a vaccine now so we can have a normal life back.  
Edward G (Year 7)

I am looking forward to seeing friends and family after lockdown is over.  
Joseph (Year 8)



My new years resolution is to accept it if I am in the wrong  
Jacob C (Year 7)

I have to do more to help in the house.  
Joseph (Year 8)

I am going to do more for charity.  
Thea H (Year 5)



## Reflections on 2020

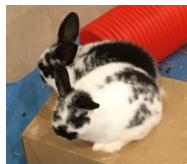
Twenty-twenty will be looked back upon as one of the strangest years in global history. But despite the hardships and obvious negatives, it is important to look for the positives as well. To this end, we asked you to look back and see if there were any positives for you in the strangeness that was 2020.

My favourite memory of 2020 is swimming in the paddling pool in the Summer!

Esther P (Year 7)

My favourite part of 2020 was definitely Christmas because I got to see family, the festivity and the lights on the tree.

Isabella W (Year 5)

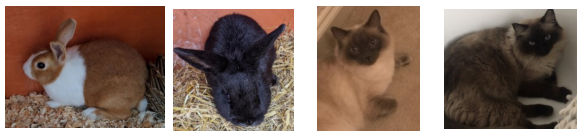


The best part of 2020 was getting my rabbits!

Olivia T (Year 7)

During 2020 I got rabbits and cats! These were a surprise!

Poppi S (Year 7)



A surprising positive of lockdown was that I could bake a lot more with my mum and play outside in the garden with my brother.

Roseanna W (Year 7)

I enjoyed going out for exercise and landed my first whip on my scooter

Sam LB (Year 8)

My family had dinner together instead of just me and my brother then my parents.

Thea H (Year 5)

Christmas!

Joseph F (Year 8)

My nanny got a heated pool built into her garden so we spent lots of time in it. I started to get more interested in swimming too and took up an interest in the different types.

Abigail C (Year 7)



I took up two new hobbies: skateboarding and scooting!

Alice C (Year 7)

I got to spend more time with my family. The company my Dad works for is now encouraging the workers to stay at home. So this means more time with Dad!

Charles (Year 5)

Going down a black slope on my snowboard when I went on holiday in February.

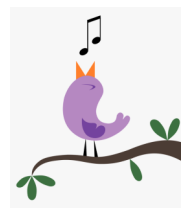
Edward G (Year 7)

I remember going out kayaking. It was awesome! We even saw baby swans! We also got to see my brother fall out his kayak and get drenched.

Elena (Year 7)

I could keep in contact with family and friends with technology and the pollution levels dropped!! Also I could hear and see new birds which hadn't been seen in hundreds of years!

Jessica R (Year 8)



I started to meditate quite a lot and started making rings! It is relaxing and something to do for fun off your phone!

Molly H (Year 8)

## Locker's in Lockdown 2.0

We wanted to find out how your learning experience during the current partial school closure differed from last time. Here's what you had to say.

### What is different about school during this lockdown?

Luckily we can see our classmates and we have so much more than we did in the first! I also think it is more sophisticated to what we originally had.

Thomas S (Year 5)

We have live lessons and a timetable.

Roseanna W (Year 7)

We were doing live lessons where we all join from our homes.

Poppi S (Year 7)

We have live lessons which are better because if you are stuck then you can ask you questions and you have the lessons explained to you.

Sophie I (Year 6)



Google Classroom

### What is the best thing about your remote learning?

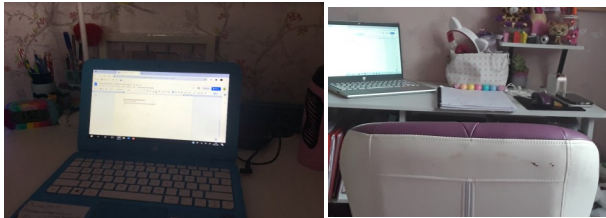
We can have food whenever we want to.  
Roseanna W (Year 7)

The best thing about remote learning is that we can still see people on the screen.  
Olivia T (Year 7)

The best thing about remote learning is that I get to see my friends.  
Esther P (Year 7)

That I could have my rabbit on my lap when I do it and wear anything in my wardrobe.  
Abigail C (Year 7)

### What does your Home Learning workstation look like?



### What is your favourite lesson to take part in online?

My favourite lesson is English because our book is Who Let the Gods Out.

Thea H (Year 5)

My favourite lesson to take part in online is English because it's easier to write things on word or google documents instead of paper and is now a live lesson so we don't have to do it by ourselves.

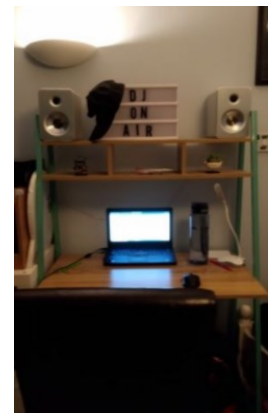
Roseanna W (Year 7)

Everything is online. Some lessons are live and others are recorded. I like the recorded Art lessons best.

Esther (Year 7)

I got to drink tea on the sofa whilst doing work!

Isabella W (Year 5)



I like being at home and it is more quiet than if I was at school.  
Edward G (Year 7)

I get to see my friends on live lessons and I can see all my lovely teachers  
Elena H (Year 7)

Well last lockdown wasn't too different from a long summer holiday with lots of homework. But this lockdown has lasted what feels like a century and we have been using google meet video calls to help some students get into a real routine,  
Gracie J (Year 8)

You don't have to get up so early and get dressed and jump in the car!  
Poppy B (Year 5)

# Lockyer's Spring 1 Micro-Fiction Competition

the word "dismay" and the action of "finding something". We had lots of excellent entries from which three winners have been selected by a range of teachers. Congratulations to Charles, Arthur and Abigail! Everyone who took part will receive an accolade in E-Praise for their efforts.

The first ever Lockyer's Microfiction competition has its first winners! The challenge set was to write a 250 word story, containing

## Year 5 Winner

### The Adventure of Longstaff the Wizard

By Charles W

Once upon a time there was a wizard called Longstaff. Longstaff was a forgetful wizard, and no witch had ever loved him. Longstaff really wanted to marry, and every day he got more forgetful. Would Longstaff marry?

One sunny day, Longstaff was running along the pavement of Fundon, a huge wizarding settlement, when he saw a poster. It read 'Please save the Princess Witch from the Ice Dragon. Successful rescue will be rewarded with her hand in marriage.' Longstaff grinned cheekily. This was his last chance to marry. So he ran home, packed his things, hopped on his donkey, Jeffrey, and set off on his journey.

One day later, he found a beautiful princess, with metal chains on her hands, in the centre of a stone circle. Great, he thought and sped off towards her. Now, Longstaff was in such a rush that day he saw the poster that he forgot the part saying 'Ice Dragon.' So when a dragon popped out of the ground, he was shocked. 'Goodness me!' he exclaimed in dismay.

Longstaff was awful at spells. So when he pulled out his wand and tried 'Expertos-Tricito!' nothing happened. He tried again. Nothing. The monster was closing in on him. One last time, with all his might, he shouted 'Expertos-Tricito!' Suddenly, the monster disappeared. 'Yes!' he shouted, 'I did it!'

'Um, what about me?' asked the princess. 'I nearly forgot you,' he chuckled and took the Princess back home to get married and they lived happily ever after.

## Year 6 Winner

### Jerry and the Dream

By Arthur C

Once there was a boy named Jerry who had sandy brown hair and bright blue eyes that twinkled when he was doing something mischievous or when he was frightened.

One day Jerry went out for a walk in the woods by himself because he was feeling brave. He touched a knot on a tree to stop himself falling over a root sticking out of the ground. Suddenly a whole opened up beneath him and swallowed him up. He was in dismay as he fell, quickly he was sure he would be killed as soon as he hit the floor.

But that feeling never came for he landed on a mattress that had been put there and started sliding down a tunnel that led to a huge cave. I must be miles underground, he thought, worriedly.

As he took in his surroundings he noticed an abandoned mine cart on tracks and an operator next to it. If he could just get it to work... He set off to find a large rock to hold the lever down and found an excellent one that would do its job well.

As he lay down the rock on the lever handle he sprinted to the cart and jumped in. Laying on his belly he lifted his head up and it was exhilarating seeing the boulders whizz past him but ahead the track was blocked by... soil. And he burst through.

## Year 7 Winner

### Thaddea Brown and the hunt for the rumble -

By Abigail C

Once upon a time, the magical village of Blitterberry was thriving, filled with fairies, elves, dwarves and every other mythical creature you could possibly imagine. The only way in or out was by catching The Train of Unexpected Journeys. Our story begins with a girl called Thaddea Brown, she had never known what it was like outside the orphanage back in London; it was all she had since her parents died.

One cold, December morning, Thaddea was sat, gazing longingly out of the window at the fast-falling snow when it began the rumbling. She stood up, staring around at her dusty belongings, rattling on their shelves. As she was walking down the spiral staircase, she noticed Daisy, their maid, who was a short, plump woman with a very French accent, "Hello Miss Brown." She said, "What are you in such a hurry for?"

Thaddea looked at her curiously, could she not feel the rumbling? "Never mind." She said and pushed past the surprised maid, hurrying, once again, down the stairs. She landed at the bottom and skidded into the hall. The shaking grew and grew until she could barely stand. To her utter dismay, no one else she asked knew of any such rumbling, so she was left alone to battle to the front door. Yanking it open, she gasped. There in the snow stood The Train of Unexpected Journeys, bustling with magical creatures, hurrying to get aboard. Thaddea knew that, from then on, everything was going to get much better.