

# Lockyer's Middle School

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## Headteacher Update

Good afternoon and welcome to our end of term Newsletter packed full of information and activities our children and young people have been involved in this Spring Term.

### Behaviour and Attitudes

At Lockyer's we are incredibly proud of the pro-social behaviour of our children. Good behaviour in school is central to a good education. Children can learn and flourish at Lockyer's in our calm, orderly, safe and supportive environment. Being taught how to behave well and appropriately within the context they are in is vital for all pupils to succeed personally. All children and young people must learn how to act responsibly in the circumstances they find themselves in if they are to succeed on a personal level. We have high standards for the behaviour and conduct of our students, and we adhere to our 'Behaviour Blueprint' which is understood by our staff and pupils, and applied consistently and fairly. Our Blueprint can be found in our [Behaviour Guidance](#) document on our website. Report cards and other targeted interventions are sometimes used to help students improve behaviour. All students receive support to help them meet behaviour standards, and where necessary, reasonable adjustments are made for individual students.

The start of the day is important to ensuring your children have a positive day as it sets the tone. Please therefore support your child in ensuring that they arrive fully adhering to our [uniform guidance](#) to ensure they can start the day unchallenged - the start of the settling process happens whilst still at home. Please check that your child has the correct clothing and footwear whilst also adhering to our policy regarding makeup and jewellery.

As part of our behaviour expectations, being ready for learning is key. This includes having correct equipment. Starting after Easter, Mrs Ogilvie will be running a stationery shop for students to purchase the required items needed in lessons. The shop will be run on a Wednesday lunchtime from 1:10pm - 1:30pm in the library. The poster below gives an idea of everything students need. We are not running this to make a profit but to make it easier for pupils to replace their stationery. It would be very much appreciated if pupils could bring coins rather than large notes.

Today, Lockyer's Middle School has gifted your child an Easter Egg. We hope they enjoy their chocolatey treat.

I wish you all a happy and safe Easter holiday and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 15th April.

Best wishes,

*A. Dufek*

- Headteacher



## What's been happening at Lockyer's?

### Year 5



It was our annual Year 5 trips to Paultons Park this week. The two groups had a brilliant time, taking part in a learning workshop all about forces and getting to play on miniature rollercoasters. They obviously very much enjoyed exploring the park, going on lots of rides and having such a great day out.

### Year 6



On Monday 4th March, we were extremely lucky to welcome one of our Ukrainian families into school, to celebrate Ukrainian Day. The children learnt about Ukrainian culture, the most beautiful places to visit in Ukraine and even got to enjoy their classmate and family sing a traditional Ukrainian song. The whole class loved making and eating chocolate potatoes. Click [here](#) for the recipe.

### Year 7



In PSHCE our Year 7s are starting to think about careers and future pathways. As part of this, we were fortunate enough to welcome Mrs Vickers and Mrs Ogilvie in to class, to talk about their very differing career pathways.

**If you would like to come in to school to discuss your career, both past and present, please contact the School Office.**

### Year 8



Our Year 8 students have been learning about the devastating effects of heathland fires..

We welcomed the The Urban Heath Partnership in to school to deliver the sessions, which involved students re-enacting a crown court trial.

The idea was to show students that not only do arson attacks destroy wildlife and adjoining property, they also put others' lives at risk and can result in an arsonist having a criminal record that will stay with them for life.

Arson attacks on heathland are a major problem in Dorset, often in the summer months. With the wind behind them, flames can move quicker than an Olympic sprinter and are very difficult to extinguish. The ferocity of heath fires is such that firefighters can only try and tackle the blaze for 30 minutes at a time.

We are very grateful to the urban Heaths Partnership for coming to talk about this very important local and national issue.

**We look forward to sharing more activities from our Year Groups in our Summer Term.**



## Great Lockyer's Bake Off - The Final



The second year of our Bake Off competition took place on Thursday 21st March, with our 8 finalists arriving all keen with their crates of equipment and ingredients (thanks to their parents for the high level of organisation this must have entailed!).

The theme this year was animals and we had an incredibly diverse array of them!

The day progressed well, with Mrs Shivas and Mrs Williams on hand to supervise. We had several visitors throughout the day, mostly people hoping for a sneak preview and samples!

The cakes were baked and decorated to a fantastic standard; our pupils are so creative and well organised - they were a credit to themselves, their families and the school.

In the afternoon, the judges arrived to undertake the unenviable task of sampling each of the eight cakes. Many thanks to Ms. Locke (Deputy Head), Mr Wilson (Site Manager), Mrs Smith (Head of food at Corfe Hills School), Mrs Kearn (friend of Mrs Shivas) and Ben Lynch (Our very lucky Work Experience student!) for fulfilling this tricky and selfless task!

**After a lot of deliberating, Ms Locke was incredibly happy to announce that the winner this year is Sam B in Year 8!**

**Our runner-up - Amelie C, Year 7**

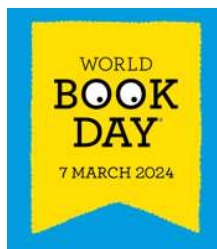
**Our 6 finalists - Freya S, Freya B, Freya P-W, Alexandra P, Jasmine J Poppy M.**

Thank you also to the parents, grandparents and other supporters who came to eat cake, drink tea and watch the prize giving ceremony.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Friends of Lockyer's (Hobbycraft vouchers), Salamander in Wimborne (a Kitchen Aid baking set) and Waitrose (sweet treats) for helping with prizes.



## World Book Day 2024



We had the most wonderful World Book Day with activities in the library, a book hunt and a very successful book swap. We loved hearing so many great conversations about the books pupils have read and what they are excited to read next. Congratulations to the winners of the book hunt:

Year 5: Thomas 5IS & Ramona 5IS & Patrick 5IS

Year 6: Drew 6EC, George 6EC, Enzo 6EC, Oliver B 6EC, Oliver M 6EC

Year 7: Oscar 7AB & Jacob 7AB

Year 8: Joseph 8RE & Harry 8RE





## Read for Good - Readathon

Our Readathon was a fantastic success with our Readathon sponsorship money totalling £1,272.60. We exceed both our original and higher target of 50,000 minutes read. We totalled 61,965 minutes read. We are extremely proud of all of our students for their effort to read and raise money.

Class winners: 5IS, 6JB, 7AN and 8SL. Well done!

Individual Readathon rewards went to:

Year 5: Henry 5IS & Oscar 5EM

Year 6: Dougie 6JB & Drew 6EC

Year 7: Toby 7AN & Henry 7JM

Year 8: Millie 8RE & Isla 8SL



A big thank you to Miss Nash and the English department for organising such a wonderful day. We love having a reason to celebrate our love of reading at Lockyer's!

## Tumbling Competition



On Friday 22nd March, fifteen Year 6 children represented Lockyer's in the East Dorset Schools' Gymnastics Tumbling Competition. For many of these children it was the first time they had experienced a competitive event. I was incredibly proud of their courage and determination throughout the event and all pupils involved were a real credit to our school and themselves. A big thank you to our Year 7 Gym coaches for their support leading up to and whilst at the event.

## Student Reporter - Amelie - Year 7



*"From September until February half term, I made a soft toy in textiles lessons – a fox!*

*The skills I have learnt are; sewing on buttons, lots of new stitches, pinning and tacking and how to work the sewing machine. We started off with templates and were allowed to bring in our own fabric if we wanted to – I chose a colourful rainbows and clouds themed fleece.*

*The choices of the animals were fox, a dog or a penguin. We could see from the display how they would (hopefully) turn out.*

*Because I finished early, I was able to make some accessories, so you can see from my photo that I made a bag and scarf.*

*I very much enjoyed the project as I love being creative and making things. My parents are amazed and proud when I took Mr Fox home."*



## Upcoming events



### Corfe Mullen Carnival Procession

We are very pleased to say that we shall be entering our very own Lockyer's Middle School float in this year's Corfe Mullen Carnival.

More information on helping to make decorations and taking part will be coming out after the Easter break.

### Friends of Lockyer's

We look forward to more Friends of Lockyer's events coming up in the Summer Term. We will also have another meeting to discuss future fundraising. Watch this space...

## Kit Shop



After Easter, we will be starting up a Kit Shop on Wednesday lunchtimes in the School Library. This will be a place that children are able to purchase their essential school items. There will be a nominal charge for each item. A price list will come out at the beginning of term.

**PLEASE NOTE: YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BUY FROM OUR KIT SHOP. WE ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO HAVE EVERYTHING THEY NEED WHEN THEY ARRIVE AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY.**

Children should take ownership of their belongings. We ask that you regularly check to ensure that they have everything they need for every school day.

## Personal Labelling

Please could we once again stress the importance of labelling every item of clothing, lunchboxes, water bottles and any other items that are potentially going to get lost. The amount of unlabelled lost property in school is extremely high and it is important that children take responsibility for their belongings.

## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 15th April**

**Monday May 6th**

**Monday May 13th - Friday May 17th**

**Monday May 27th - Friday May 31st**

**Monday 3rd June**

**Tuesday 4th June**

**Tuesday 4th June**

**Wednesday 5th June**

**Friday 7th June**

**Saturday 8th June**

**Friday 14th June**

**Friday 28th June**

**Wednesday 3rd July**

**Monday 8th - Friday 12th July**

**Thursday 18th and Friday 19th July**

**Tuesday 23rd July**

### - Back to School

- May Bank Holiday
- Yr 6 SATs Week
- Half Term Break
- Pupils return to school
- Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
- Year 7 Weald and Downland Museum Trip
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- Year 5 Dorset Heath Partnerships - Heath Visit
- Corfe Mullen Carnival
- School Photographer - Year Leavers Photos
- Transfer Day
- Sports Day
- Year 6 Okehampton Residential Trips
- Enrichment Days
- Last Day of Term



## School Dinners - Cut-Off Dates



### Deadline to place order

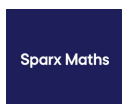
Sunday 31st March 2024  
Sunday 7th April 2024  
Sunday 14th April 2024  
Sunday 21st April 2024  
Sunday 28th April 2024  
Sunday 5th May 2024

Click [here](#) for the Spring/Summer Menu

### For Week Commencing

Monday 15th April 2024  
Monday 22nd April 2024  
Monday 29th April 2024  
Monday 6th May 2024  
Monday 13th May 2024  
Monday 20th May 2024

## Achievement Badges



All children at Lockyer's Middle School can work towards becoming a Maths Master, Millionaire Reader and Tassomai Titan (*Key Stage 3 pupils only*).

- To be a **Maths Master** you need to have answered 700 questions correctly on the Sparx Maths platform.
- **"Read through the Rainbow"** and collect certificates for every 3 successful book quizzes.
- To be a **Millionaire Reader** you need to have collected a million words from successfully completed quizzes.
- To be a **Tassomai Titan** you need to have answered 5,000 questions correctly.

**How many badges can you collect this academic year?**

## Extra-Curricular Achievements



Thank you so much to everyone who has sent in their extra-curricular achievements. It has been a wonderful half term, celebrating the out-of-school achievements of our pupils.

Well done to Liam, Emilia, Hattie, Izzy, Evie, Evie and Dylan, Olivia and Mollie on your fantastic accomplishments. We love celebrating these in school and with our Lockyer's Community. Please keep them coming in!

## Social Media

Please follow us on



Facebook Lockyers Middle School

X (Formerly Twitter) @Lockyers\_Middle

We aim to provide regular updates.

You can also use our **school website to learn more about our school**. Visit

<https://www.lockyersmiddle.org>





## Road Safety in our Community

Please continue to have conversations with your children about crossing roads and walking safely on pavements to and from school. Especially as the daylight hours are getting shorter, it is even more important to reiterate the need for being aware of your surroundings when out and about.



## ePraise App for Parents

Don't forget to download the ePraise app for parents.

This will give instant access to see how your child(ren) are currently doing in school. The App can be found on all Android and Apple devices.



## Allergies

Please ensure that **children do not bring nut-based products into school.**

Please also ensure that **children only have a healthy snack at break time each day.**

## Attendance Reminders

From the start of last academic year the Department for Education has confirmed that **School attendance is mandatory for all pupils** of compulsory school age and it is a priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school.

**Lockyer's Middle School expects pupils to maintain an attendance figure of at least 95% across the academic year** and we will communicate with families if their child falls below this expected level to work with you and the Local Authority to bring about an improvement.



## Child Protection

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead with responsibility for Child Protection is: **Mrs K. Whittaker**

The Academy Committee member with responsibility for Child Protection is: **Mrs King**

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads with responsibility for Child Protection are:

**Miss A. Dufek**

**Mr R. Ettling**

**Ms F. Locke**

**Mrs H. Pugh**

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## School term and holiday dates 2023/2024

### Summer Term 2024

First Day of Term

Monday 15th April

May Day Holiday

Monday 6th May

**Half Term Holiday**

**Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May**

Pupils Return

Monday 3rd June

**Staff Training Day**

Friday 21st June

Last Day of Term

Tuesday 23rd July



## Uniform Expectations 2023 - 2024

A reminder on our uniform expectations as shared with you in the summer term. Parental support is required to ensure that all pupils are well presented. The standard of dress is important because it sets the expectation for work and provides the opportunity for collective pride in our school community as well as a clear structure for students and parents to follow.

UNIFORM	GUIDANCE NOTES
Skirts	Grey pleated or flared style skirts (No pencil skirts). Skirts are to be worn without being altered or rolled and should finish just above or on the knee.
Trousers	Grey suit-style trousers (No jean type). Trousers should be formal, not fashion in style (eg. skinny or flared).
Shorts	Grey tailored, formal schoolwear.
Shirt/blouse	White shirt/blouse with a top button.
Jumper	Maroon Lockyer's jumper with school logo only.  Should any additional outdoor clothing be required, this must be in the form of a coat or jacket as <b>non-uniform jumpers/ hoodies are <u>not permitted</u></b> .
Tie	Lockyer's tie should be knotted at the top button. 7 stripes as a minimum in length.
Socks	Plain grey or black knee-length or ankle socks.
Tights	Plain grey or black tights.
Footwear	Fully black leather/leather-look shoe style, this includes the sole and any logos. <b>Trainers, high heels, slip on shoes, boots and open-toed shoes are <u>not permitted</u></b> .

Parents are asked to ensure that school uniform skirts and trousers comply with the above. Where there is any doubt in the suitability of an item of uniform in school, parents are asked to contact the Head of Year before a purchase is made.

### Jewellery

- Pupils are permitted to wear one plain stud in each ear lobe only. This must be removed, or taped, if freshly pierced, during PE.
- Pupils may wear a watch.
- Fitbits/fitness trackers may be worn as long they have no messaging or camera facility.

For further information on PE uniform, hair and makeup please visit our website for guidance [here](#).

**Article 3:** *All organisations concerned with children should work towards what is best for each child.*

