

Lockyer's Middle School

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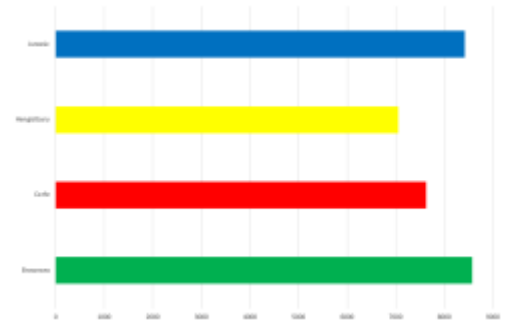


Headteacher Update

We're excited to share our Spring Term Newsletter with you, showcasing all the wonderful activities our students have been involved in and enjoying.

House Points

Brownsea House is currently topping the yearly house points table, showcasing their outstanding merit accumulation since January! They have a total of 8792 followed closely by Jurassic with a total of 8598 merits. The buzz around merits has been fantastic, especially since Mrs. Whittaker unveiled the exciting rewards available next term. Students learned how to sign up for these rewards during a recent assembly and we sent a detailed email to all parents/guardians last week. Please check your inbox for the rewards list. A huge thank you to our amazing Friends of Lockyer's for their support in funding these wonderful opportunities.



Equipment and Uniform

Please ensure your children have all the equipment they need every day. We ask that families provide: handwriting pens, pencil, Ruler, rubber, glue stick and pink & green pen. Equipment checks take place in morning registration every morning. Please support your child to be successful in this very important area of self organisation.

As we move into the summer term, we'd like to remind parents and guardians about our [school uniform requirements](#). Specifically, please ensure that shorts, skirts and trousers are paired with plain grey or black socks. Thank you for your cooperation.

Social Media

We are incredibly proud of the diverse achievements of our students, both inside and outside the classroom. Their dedication and hard work truly embody our school values of **ambition**, **courage**, and **respect**. To celebrate these successes and share the positive impact our students are making, we frequently highlight their accomplishments in school and on our school's social media platforms. We believe this is a wonderful way to foster a sense of community and inspire others.

We understand that social media provides a platform for community engagement. However, we also want to remind everyone that our school values extend to our online interactions. To uphold our value of respect, we will remove any comments that are negative, disrespectful, or critical of our students, staff, or any member of our school community. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in ensuring our social media pages remain a space for celebration and encouragement.

Finally, a huge thank you to the whole team at Lockyer's for their hard work this term. On behalf of the team, we wish you a Happy Easter. . We look forward to welcoming students back on **Wednesday 23rd April**.

Best wishes,

A.Dufek, Headteacher

What's been happening at Lockyer's?



Year 5



This half term, our Year 5 students all took a trip to Paultons Park; part science workshop, part relentless rides! The students learnt all about gravity, friction and how both play an important part in the operation of many of the rides in the theme park. This was followed by lots of time spent exploring the park. Well done to all of our students for representing the school so brilliantly and for being so brave and courageous on some of those HUGE rides!

Year 6



We welcomed Nationwide UK to deliver a 'Money Sense' workshop with our Year 6 pupils. Throughout the session, they were learning about how to manage their money, which included an introduction to keeping track of their money, how to understand financial documents and the importance of budgeting. They also looked at foreign currency and exchange rates.

We would like to thank Nationwide for visiting us; our Year 6 pupils were really engaged and enjoyed their sessions. We look forward to welcoming them back



later in the year for our Year 7 workshops!

In PSHCE, Year 6 have been looking at managing stress. Some students have made stress cubes; The cubes were ideas the pupils had to identify ways of alleviating stress - from helping others, physical exercise to meditation and writing a journal. Roll the cube and see which suggestion to try!



Year 7



Year 7 had a fantastic hands-on experience at the [Winchester Science Centre](#) yesterday. They explored the varied exhibits with firm favourites being the sound proofed room, gigantic guitar and lego earthquake building. Pupils had the opportunity to make their very own slime in exploring states of matter in the workshops.



This term, our brilliant Year 7 girls have been doing gymnastics as part of their PE lessons. They recently performed their Inverted Balancing routines for an impressed Miss Dufek. PE is such a huge part of our school and curriculum. We are so proud of the effort that the students go to in their lessons.

Year 8



Year 8 welcomed Narrative Alchemy drama group in to school to perform a hard-hitting play which raised awareness around the issues of Child Sexual Exploitation. It was a fantastic production which focused on many 'red flags' such as unhealthy relationships, consent and grooming as well as reminding our students of the wide support network if they need to share a concern. It also reiterated key messages through a different medium in order to continue to support and safeguard our young people.



Here is a little sneak peak at some of the incredible outcomes produced by our Year 8 students on the theme of Identity. (See also the picture on Page 1) These will be on show at our summer Art Exhibition.

We are grateful to Clipper Teas for supporting us by providing their tea bag paper for us to use in the papier-mâché which underpins the students' work.

In Art, we are committed to reducing our use of consumables, reusing, in this case the faulty paper from Clipper Teas and recycling the waste product from this local company into fabulous pieces of work. Thank you to Clipper Teas.



If you have any waste materials that might be of use in future art projects, please contact the Art Department via the school office.

What else has been happening?

MYTIME Community Hero Awards



We are pleased to share that Mrs Pugh won the Young Carer Champion for Dorset award! MYTIME acknowledged her extraordinary passion and dedication, particularly highlighting the wonderful events she organises for the Lockyer's young carers and the enriching experiences she provides them.

This is a testament to her hard work and genuine care. Congratulations Mrs Pugh! We are so proud of you and thank you for everything you do for our students and our school.



World Book Day 2025



We celebrated World Book Day in school, with a number of activities taking place; we had a scavenger hunt throughout the day, whereby students had to match lanyards of books and objects, strategically positioned on various staff members. There were also Library activities throughout the day, finishing with the incredible Book Swap after school. Thank you to everyone who donated books for this.

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra



We were fortunate enough to have members of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in to perform for our Years 5 and 6.

Our students learnt about brass instruments, specifically, the trumpet, tuba, trombone and sousaphone. The students learnt how each of the instruments worked, how they make noise and are played. They were then treated to some absolutely magical music by the performers.

Voice in a Million



Our Sing! Choir had an incredible day at Wembley Arena for the Voice in a Million Concert.

It was an epic, memorable day for everyone, singing with 6000 other school children.

Thank you to Mrs Wallace for organising this and to all of the students for being such positive role models for our school, along side over 200 other schools! We are so proud!

What an experience! We look forward to being a part of it again next year!



Textiles Club This term our fantastic Textiles Club have been designing and making their own pyjama trousers. They have done such a brilliant job and all looked incredibly comfortable! Well done all!





We saw the Final of the Great Lockyer's Bake Off 2025 on the 25th March! And what a final it was! All eight finalists worked tirelessly throughout the day to bake, sculpt and perfect their final pieces. It was such a close contest - all of the judges agreed that they were all of such a high standard of taste and creativity.

In the end, Alexandra in Year 6 was crowned the winner, with her epic "Spaghetti Bolognese and Garlic Bread" cake!

Congratulations to all of the contestants this year and with huge thanks to the judges, Reverend Jane from [St Nicholas Church Corfe Mullen](#), Helen from [Corfe Mullen Carnival Committee](#), Mrs Lynch from our Local Schools Committee and of course, Miss Dufek and Mr Wilson.

Huge thanks to Mrs Shivas for running the competition again this year and we look forward to seeing what next year brings!



Achievement Badges



All children at Lockyer's Middle School can work towards becoming a Millionaire Reader and a Maths Master

A **Maths Master** badge is achieved for every 10,000 XP on the Sparx Maths platform. (Please note, this is Year 7 and 8 only).

To be a **Millionaire Reader** you need to have read a million words. Word counts are achieved on completion of every book read and quizzed on.

All students can also "**Read through the Rainbow**" and collect certificates for every 3 successful book quizzes.

How many badges can you collect this academic year?



Arbor Merits

Please keep checking your Arbor App to keep up-to-date with your child's Merits; see how they're getting on and if they have enough points to earn a Reward Prize! Please keep encouraging your child to earn more, by regularly demonstrating our school values.



Extra-Curricular Achievements



Congratulations to Izzie, Evie, Amiya, Megan, Henry, Samuel, Bea, John, Olivia, Lilly, Henry, Maisie and Hollie for their EPIC achievements this half term! You are all incredible!

Please keep sending the achievements in, so we can celebrate them in our school and with our community.





PE news from Mr. Joyce

This half term, our PE Department have been working so hard with all of our students. The activities they have been undertaking, both as part of PE lesson times and as after school activities, has been incredible. Our students are benefitting hugely from the vast array of team and individual sporting activities taking place. We want to thank particularly Mr Joyca and Mr Greensmith for absolutely EVERYTHING they do to motivate, support and build the sporting spirit in our school.

Here's a very brief overview of all of the events that have taken place. **For more details and for even MORE sporting news, please click here for our [LMS Extra Newsletter](#)**



Years 5 & 6 Introduction to Rugby Event

Gymnastics Competition



Year 8 Mixed Handball Tournament at QE

Year 8 Girls Rugby



Year 7 Boys Football

Year 6 Boys Football PEDSSA Trophy Winners



Years 5&6 Girls Football

Year 8 Boys Basketball



Year 5&6 Netball

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>



Music Tuition

We currently have spaces available for **drums, piano and vocals** lessons, as part of our peripatetic offering from Absolute Music. If your child would like to sign up for any of these, please click the link [here](#) for more information.



School term and holiday dates 2024/2025

Summer 2025

Staff Training Day	Tuesday 22nd April
Pupils Return	Wednesday 23rd April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May

Half Term Holiday **Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May**

Pupils Return	Monday 2nd June
Staff Training Day	Friday 4th July
Last Day of Term	Wednesday 23rd July

For a full list of term dates for 2024/2025 go to the [Term Dates](#) page on our website.

School Dinners - Cut-Off Dates



Deadline to place order

Sunday 6th April
Sunday 13th April
Sunday 20th April
Sunday 27th April
Sunday 4th May

For Week Commencing

Monday 21st April 2025
Monday 28th April 2025
Monday 5th May 2025
Monday 12 May 2025
Monday 19th May 2025

Click [here](#) for the current menu

Kit Shop



Don't forget, students are able to purchase stationery equipment from our Kit Shop.

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/ Lost Property

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.



TEACHER ★ FEATURE



Name: Mrs Shivas

Job Role: Teacher of Key Stage 3 Food and Textiles

How long have you been in that role? 14 years and one term

What is your favourite thing about working in a school? I really enjoy the routine within the school environment, but most of all I have always found children funny and interesting; no two days have ever been the same in my 31 years of teaching!

Do you have a hidden talent? I can rotate my arm round 360 degrees – some people think it's cool and some people feel a bit queasy when I show them!

Do you have a pet? Not at the moment. I have had 2 cats (Luther and Chess), who each lived for over 18 years. Mr Shivas and I will be adopting a dog later this year!

What is your favourite book or film of all time? My favourite book as a child was 'Danny the Champion of the World' by Roald Dahl. As an adult it would be 'The Girl You Left Behind' by Jojo Moyes (all of her books are brilliant!)

What is your biggest fear? Farmyard animals: my cousin lives on a farm and I have to shut my eyes and run to the front door from the car. Cows are particularly terrifying; the smell also puts me off!

If you could take a school trip to anywhere in the world, where would you go? Well, I've already been to Disney on a school trip and conducted a choir on the Disney stage, so I will choose New Zealand – I guess it will have to be a family holiday now as I am leaving teaching, so won't go on a school trip again 😊

Coming up....



Free Parent/ Carer session:

‘An Introduction to Autism’



What is the session about?

The session was co-developed with parents of autistic children, a SENCo, Dorset Parent Carer Council and Specialist Teachers and Educational Psychologists from Dorset Council.

It will help you to:

- Understand what autism is and the impact it can have on children/young people
- Learn some practical strategies to support an autistic child/young person

Please note, this is a general information session so we won't be able to discuss individual children.

The session will be delivered by either an Educational Psychologist or a Specialist Teacher from Dorset Council

Who can attend?

Any parents / carers who:

- Have an autistic child
- Have a child undergoing an assessment for autism
- Are interested in learning more about autism

Where and when?

Dorchester Library and Learning Centre, Room 3, South Walks House, Charles Street, Dorchester, DT1 1EE Date: Thursday 22nd of May - 3:30pm - 5:00pm

The Mulberry Children's centre, 2 Newstead Road, Weymouth, DT4 8JE Date: Wednesday 11 June 2025 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Wimborne Children's Centre, Gordon Rd, Wimborne Minster, Wimborne, BH21 2AP Date: Wednesday 11 June 2025 1pm - 2.30pm

Blandford Children's Centre, Black Lane, Blandford Forum DT11 8SW Date: Thursday, May 22nd 1.30pm until 3pm

Wareham Family Hub, Worgret Rd, Wareham BH20 4PH - (Behind Purbeck School, beside the Leisure Centre) Date: Tuesday 24th June from 10-11.30am

Bridport Family Hub, Skilling Hill Rd, Bridport DT6 5LA - (TRAINING ROOM 1) Date: Wednesday 11th June from 1.30pm - 3pm

Gillingham Primary School, Gillingham Police Station, 1 School Rd, Gillingham SP8 4QR -Date: to be confirmed

To book a place, please email elena.gillman@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk