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Newsletter February 2024

Although February is the shortest month of the year, all learners have been working hard towards their goals and have accomplished many successes.

We would like to introduce you to our head boy and girl for the Spring term - Anam and Ismail. Their appointment follows a successful week at the ballot box for the candidates who persuaded their fellow learners that they were the best people for the job. Congratulations to you both! We are sure you will be fabulous in your roles.



Young Voices Choir

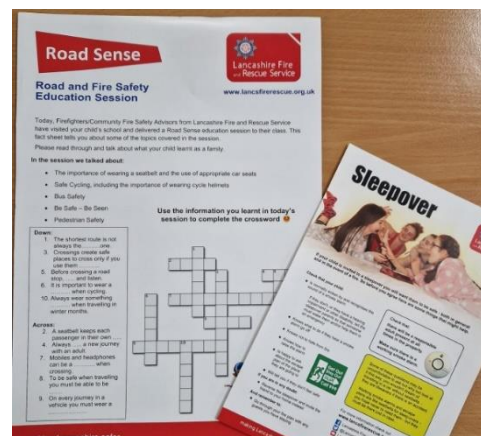
Every year, Mrs Brunton and a team of staff work with a group of learners to prepare for and participate in Young Voices. Over 150,000 children take part in this event every year and 30 lucky learners from Lomeshaye had the opportunity this year. The staff prepare the learners for weeks to learn the songs and dance moves so that they are able to participate in the largest children's choir in the UK. The event, which was held at the AO arena in Manchester, was enjoyed by all. The learners made special memories which will last a lifetime. Thank you to all staff who supported this event, giving up their time to make it possible.



If you would like to see more, you can watch videos from the event on our school Facebook page.

Lancashire Fire and Rescue

Our year 6 learners were visited by Lancashire fire and rescue service this month to deliver their road sense package. This learning experience explored the transition from primary school to high school with a focus on safety. Learners explored and planned their route and how they would travel to their new school safely.



Proud Maths Participants!

On Friday 9th February our year 5 maths team were proud to take part in the Burnley FC in the community maths competition. The learners demonstrated resilience and communication throughout and were admirable ambassadors for our school.



TT Rock Stars

In our most recent [Times Tables Rock Stars](#) competition, a grand total of 696,000 correct answers were given over a 10-day period within a 30 minute per-day play limit. Whilst having fun, our learners are also learning and practising their multiplication and division facts. Our winning classes were 6 Elder, 5 Larch, 4 Chestnut and 3 Oak. They celebrated their victory with a non-uniform day in school.



Bowling Success

After being successful in the local area competition, our team represented Pendle in the regional ten pin bowling finals!

They all did their best and showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout. Although they didn't win, they came just outside the top 3 out of 24 schools. Even the staff were allowed a turn!



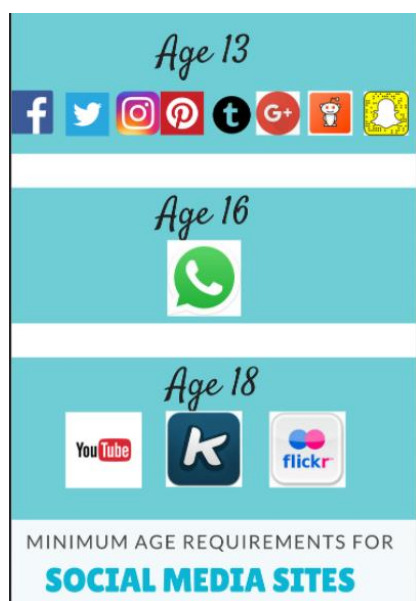
Safeguarding and Social Media

It is of great concern that over the last few weeks we have seen an increased number of learners reporting conflict with other learners online through apps such as 'snapchat', 'WhatsApp' and through online gaming. Most social media Apps have a minimum age of 13. If your child has access to social media on a mobile phone, laptop or tablet, it is vital that you are aware of their online behaviours and interactions. Please discuss expectations with your child and consider limiting the time spent using such Apps.

In addition to this, numerous studies have shown that increased social media use has a significant association with poor sleep quality in young people. Using social media on phones, laptops and tablets at night before bed linked with poor quality sleep, even more so than regular daytime use of social media. It is thought that the use of LED lights before sleep can interfere with and block natural processes in the brain that trigger feelings of sleepiness, as well as the release of the sleep hormone melatonin. This means it takes longer to fall asleep and people end up getting fewer hours of sleep.

In order for our learners to be successful in school, they need to be getting good quality sleep every night.

If you need any support with any element of online safety please contact school. During the Summer Term we will be holding workshops for all parents.



You can access our February online safety newsletter and previous editions on our online safety page of the school website www.lomeshaye.lancs.sch.uk

Health and Hygiene

Please can we remind all of our families to be vigilant with handwashing and take steps to prevent the spread of cold and winter viruses. We have seen an increase in children suffering with norovirus in school. We can all play our part to help each other to stay healthy and protect each other at home and school from becoming poorly.



Finally

Thank you as always for your continued parental support. If you have any concerns please contact us so that we can provide the necessary support and guidance.