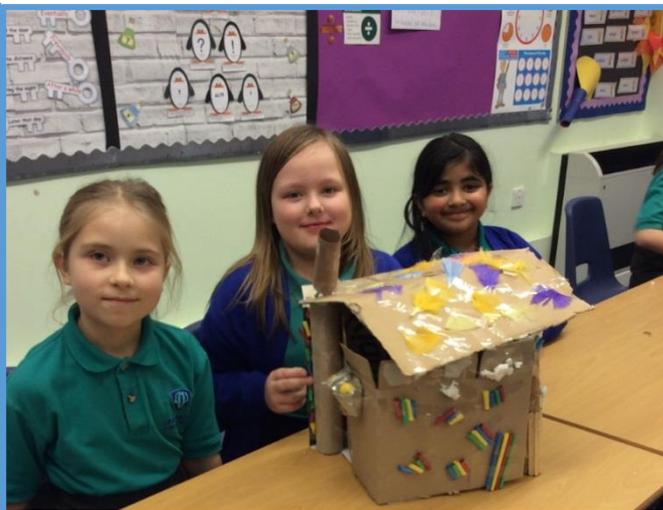




# LING MOOR

## A PRIORY ACADEMY

### NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2020



High levels of achievement and being as aspirational as possible are the key drivers to everything that we do at Ling Moor. There is an expectation from the Ling Moor Family that the children achieve well (in all areas of life) and have aspirations that match the talents that the children clearly have. Achievement and aspiration have quickly become part of the Academy culture – the children at Ling Moor being the best.

The children in Foundation Stage had a wonderful opportunity to develop high aspirations as they attended a science session led by one of our secondary colleagues. The awe and wonder generated by the fizzing, popping and whooshing rockets was wonderful to witness. For many of them, the seed of becoming a scientist in the future was planted.

There are many more aspirational opportunities planned for the children throughout the course of the year and we would be delighted if you could support us with this. If you are an expert in a certain field or know of an experience where the children will be able to experience something aspirational, we would love to hear from you.

#### Friendship

Throughout January we have been focussing on what it means to be a good friend during our assembly times. The Ling Moor Family definition is simply, 'a good friend helps others be the best they can be'. The children at Ling Moor are fabulous friends and they really do look after each other so well but it is important that they continue to think about diversity and tolerance as they consider the friendships they have with others.

#### Twitter

Our twitter feed @LingMoorAcademy provides a window into the children's experience in school. Please do follow us on twitter.

#### Lunchtime staff

There have been some changes with lunchtime staff. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Millen and Mrs Cox for all of their hard work. We still currently have vacancies for lunch time staff. If you are interested or know of anyone who is, please do contact Miss Smalley.

## Ling Moor Kitchen

Following Christmas, we had a few issues with meal ordering so apologies if your child was affected by this. We did make sure that all of the children were fed but it did take a little time. In order to help alleviate this, please can you check that you have ordered your child's menu choices well in advance. All of the menus will now be uploaded onto the website (as well as weekly email reminders) Your support with this is much appreciated.

Supported by the Ling Moor Parliament, The Ling Moor kitchen is also running a design a meal competition across the Academy. If you have any brilliant ideas for meal choices, please do contact us so that we can add these suggestions to the options the children can choose from.

## Outdoor classroom

We are delighted with the new outdoor learning space that has been installed close to the Academies pond area. The new space will give the children lots of opportunities to explore nature and learn outdoors. As we think more and more about our changing planet, the outdoor learning space will ensure that the children at Ling Moor have a real connection to the natural world, equipping them well for the eco-careers that they may choose. The next phase of this work will be to plant an area of wildflower meadow.

The outdoor classroom would not have been possible without a very generous donation from our Friends group. They are still fundraising for the outdoor classroom so please support them as much as you can.



## Friends update

November and December saw a very busy time for the Friends of Ling Moor. We had a new DJ play very successfully at our first disco of the year with many children commenting on how much fun they had had. They particularly enjoyed the foam party!

We managed to get the children's wonderful Christmas card designs produced and delivered ready for Christmas, albeit a little later than planned due to factors out of our control. We have listened to feedback given upon this and will make sure some changes this year to ensure we can get them out to parents earlier.

We finished the term with our hugely successful Christmas fayre day. The day started with an exciting visit from Father Christmas himself, who kindly delivered a reading book to every child. Christmas fayre fever then took hold after school with some beautifully sung carols from the school choir, buy your parents a present excitement, festive games and the eagerly awaited Christmas raffle draw, which this year had some jaw dropping prizes. These were all very kindly donated by parents of the school and local businesses to whom we are very grateful. The school staff within each class also created some amazing looking hampers to be won which were crammed full with goodies.

Our final total raised from the event was an amazing £1098.21. All of this money will go towards purchasing things needed by the school that will benefit all children at the school. It has also given us a good start towards helping us to contribute to the outdoor learning classroom.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support and we very much look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events throughout the remainder of the academic year.

## Parent's consultation

Our next parent's consultations take place in the week beginning 10th February. We look forward to seeing you there.