



LING MOOR

A PRIORY ACADEMY

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The first half term of 2020 has been wonderful with so much going on at Ling Moor – the half term really has flown by. As always, the children's desire to do well and learn has been so impressive. Each day we are challenging the children to aspire to be the best that they can be – they really are living up to the challenge and showing Ling Moor Learning each and every day.

The Year 5 children set the tone this term with their visit to the Theatre Royal in Nottingham. This inspirational visit, attending a performance of Holes, gave them the opportunity to witness actors bringing to life a text they are reading. They had the chance to have a real insight into the roles such as authors, actors, directors, screenwriters that they could aspire to. They even had the opportunity to share the scripts that they had written with the actors.

It was lovely that we could use our new fire pit with the children in our reception class. They had a great afternoon of toasting marshmallows and singing campfire songs. We are hoping that all of the children will get to experience this in the coming weeks.

The children in Year 3 really impressed everyone in the Academy with the knowledge they have gained about Ancient Egypt. Their knowledge of the mummification process was put into real life practice as they mummified their very own bodies (tomatoes).

They could clearly explain why the Ancient Egyptians felt the heart was more valued than the brain.

Year 2 have been having lots of fun in all of their learning using the Paddington stories to inspire their learning. Their story writing has been very impressive and the children used their DT skills to make London buses with moving axles and wheels.

We have also been very impressed with the environmental awareness shown by Ling Moor pupils over the course of this half term. They are using the knowledge that they have gained alongside their wonderful persuasive writing skills to campaign about change. At the Academy we are making some choices that support the children's desire for environmental change. Over the half term break, our hall lights have been replaced with LED lights. This is the first phase of reducing our energy consumption (and carbon footprint).

We are really grateful that we are part of a Trust that supports us with making changes such as this.

Staffing changes

We are delighted to announce that Mr Small will be joining us full time in September 2020. This will ensure that all of the children have an even better sports curriculum and a deeper knowledge of how to keep fit and healthy. We are also really pleased that Miss Statham will be joining us to support our administration. We are sure that you will welcome them both to the Academy.



Back gate

We have had to make a change to access through the back gates of the Academy as we have changed our site staffing structure. This will not impact at all on dropping off or collection in the morning or after school but it will mean that the back gate will be closed at 4.30pm each day. We will make sure there is access for collection from after school clubs (not including Bubbles). For those collecting from Bubbles after 4.30pm, we would ask you to use the front entrance to the Academy.

Friends of Ling Moor

Our superb Friends group is gearing up for this year's Summer Fair and wanted to remind you all to put the date in your diaries – Friday 19th June straight after school. The summer fair only works if there are enough volunteers to help. If you are able to spare some time either before the Fair, in the afternoon of the Fair, during the Fair or helping to tidy up, we would be very grateful. Please let Miss Smalley know and we would be delighted to pass details on.

Lunch menus

Following feedback from parents, the wonderful Mrs Pell and Mrs Scutchings in the Ling Moor Kitchen, have decided to make some changes to the desserts that are on the menus. There are some really exciting desserts planned and as always, if you have any suggestions for dishes the children would like, we would welcome suggestions. We will also be adding a baguette option each day during the summer months.

Parking

Sadly, we continue to receive some negative feedback from the local residents regarding insensitive parking. Please do make sure that if you are parking around the Academy, you park with thought of those living near us.

Numbots

We are really pleased to announce our new subscription to Numbots. Numbots is a highly engaging platform designed to allow pupils to develop efficient mental calculation strategies to add and subtract two-digit numbers, so that they can leave counting on their fingers behind!

Pupils who already have a Times Tables Rockstar login in should be able to access Numbots using the same details. If your child does not have a log-in yet, please speak to their class teacher.

Book week

Our regular commitment to Book Week takes place on Monday 2nd March – Friday 6th March.

Feedback

The leadership of the Academy recognise that we are trusted in making the Academy the best it can be so the children have the best possible experience. In order to do this, we need your feedback and suggestions to improve. If you have any suggestions as to what we could improve or comments regarding what we do well, we would love to hear them. Please do email the enquiries@ling-moor.lincs.sch address if you wish to share any feedback.