



Lindon Bennett School Newsletter

Summer Term News

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Who to contact if I have a question or concern or need some information?

If you have a question or need some information please contact

Karen in the main school office who will be able to direct your call to the right member

As we come to the end of what has been an unusual year, we can start to look back at some of the amazing achievements we have seen the children make, even in these strange times.

We have been lucky enough to have enjoyed a variety of end of term activities including our beach day, disco and have held a number of leavers events. We have celebrated three leavers ceremonies for our year 6 leavers and a teddy bears picnic for our Early Years pupils. We really hope next year we will be able to start inviting you back to our celebration Events.

We would like to Thank you for all your support this year and wish you an enjoyable, safe and sunny summer break.

We send our good luck wishes to those moving on to their next school and we look forward to seeing everyone else back on Monday 6th September.

Leonie Christou
Deputy Headteacher

Office Hours

The main school office is open from:
8.00am until 4.15pm Monday to Thursday
Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm

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School Meals



A reminder that we are now using SCHOOLMONEY as the way we collect payments from parents. Whether it be for school dinners, money for trips or snacks. We are no longer accepting cash or cheques. You can make payments online or by downloading the teacher2parents app.

All parents should have received their log in details, and instructions, so if you haven't or are having problems logging on, please contact the school office for further assistance.

We would encourage you to review your account regularly and support the school in keeping payments up to date.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of benefits and think you may be entitled to free school meals please copy and paste the link into your browser to apply: https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20025/schools_and_colleges/61/free_school_meals

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Pupil Attendance

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Whole School Beach Day

EYFS

The children in Early Years enjoyed a fantastic beach day experience! We used buckets, spades and moulds in the sand to build and dig and were able to enjoy the sensory experience on our legs and feet as we sat on the sand. The children had great fun knocking down the sandcastles they made immediately after they were built!

Lots of happy, smiling faces throughout the day demonstrated the children's joy as they splashed about in the many paddling pools, playing with floats and beach balls. We used water toys to explore 'full and empty' and practised our skills in pouring. We were delighted when the Ice-cream man arrived in the car park and the children went out to see him, developing confidence in interacting with someone new and choosing their ice-creams, with a little support if needed. We also enjoyed eating outdoors and trying some traditional seaside food; 'chips!'



KS1

Lindon Bennett team and children thoroughly enjoyed a fun filled beach day on Thursday 8th July. We enjoyed many themed activities including building sandcastles, water play/splashing in paddling pools, beach games and in-keeping with traditions, ate fish and chips. We were also very fortunate to have had an ice cream van visit and spoil us all with cool and tasty treats!

In Foxes Class the children enjoyed a musical activity called 'Going to the Seaside'. We got ready with our colourful beach towels, buckets and spades and put on our sunscreen. The children all reached out to feel the trickling sand fall onto their hands, dived into the sea with a splash from the water spray, hid under umbrellas when it started to rain and then fell asleep under the parachute on the journey home!



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Whole School Beach Day



We all really enjoyed our Beach Day in KS2 and this was a great end to our topic about water. We loved getting wet in the paddling pools and we had a lot of fun splashing about with our friends in our bubbles. In different areas of the playgrounds, we brought our buckets and spades to enjoy building towers and playing in the sand. Although the weather was not really hot, some of us wore sun hats and it was like at the seaside. Later on, we even had fish and chips and ice cream from a real ice cream van!

Of course, throughout the day, we enjoyed sharing and playing together, and we developed our social skills as well. What a fantastic end of term experience!



Lindon Bennett School Update for Parents Staffing Changes

As the end of term approaches all too quickly, it is also that time of year where we need to say goodbye to several colleagues who are moving on to further their careers in new and different settings.

- Carole leaves us, having taught at Danesbury Road for the past three years, to set up a new SEND Centre in a mainstream school.
- Stuart also leaves us to return to mainstream teaching, having now taught in Kangaroos class at Lindon Bennett for nearly two years.
- Bertrand is also moving on from Lindon Bennett having taught here for the past eight years.
- Kate has recently moved on to a career in adult care having been with the school in various different roles since November 2010.
- Beckiie, Fara and Shawana are all moving on to further their careers in different local special schools.
- Bryan is also leaving Lindon Bennett to pursue his teaching career at university in September.

We wish them all the best and hope that their time at Lindon Bennett has provided them with a range of skills that they will find useful in their new ventures .

We are also delighted to share that, following a robust and rigorous selection process, the following members of staff have been successful in securing new roles within the school in September:

- ✦ Agnieszka will be joining us as a class teacher at Main Street
- ✦ Vicki will be joining us as a class teacher in the nursery at Danesbury Road
- ✦ Both Lucy Anderson and Jodie have been successful in securing roles as unqualified teachers with us at Main Street
- ✦ Both Nicki Baker and Jenni have been successful in securing roles as early years practitioners with us in the nursery at Danesbury Road.
- ✦ After many years as an SMSA Amy is also joining us as a classroom assistant in September.

As from September we also look forward to welcoming numerous members of support staff who will be joining us:

Tatiana; Katie; Georgia; Rahat; Mal; Meggan; Ruth, Issenia; Cavan; Sonia; Kieran.....

Sincerely hoping that next year will also bring the opportunities for you all to be able to spend more time within the school, and that exchanges with staff will no longer be limited to being either virtual or out on the car park.

All the best, Clare

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News from Early Years

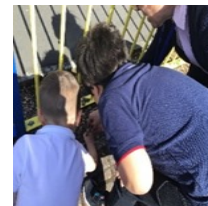
Developing a Communication Rich Learning Environment through Growing

The children have worked really hard growing lots of seeds which have been planted and grown out into the garden and around the school at Danesbury Road.

There are tomatoes, potatoes, strawberries, beans, rocket, marigolds, sunflowers, forget me nots, yellow daisies and so many others growing in the grounds.



The children have looked at and felt many different types of seeds. They have planted the seeds, watched them grow, being supported to observe as they are laying down roots, growing shoots and leaves as they have watered and cared for the young plants. The children have developed a variety of different ways of communicating about what they have been doing. Some have developed further their use of Makaton signing, used different visuals to communicate what they would like to do and have made choices from different items. Some children have developed and extended their use of spoken words.



Growing the seeds has supported the children to understand more about their world and about caring for all living things. They have developed their PSED skills by smelling the different plants as they have grown, experiencing the differences between mint and lavender, a sunflower and runner bean. They have counted seeds and looked at numbers and shapes as they have sorted the seeds. They have also been introduced to the concept of length as they use visuals to develop understanding in longer or shorter, as they have measured the sunflowers to see whose flower is growing the tallest. The children have observed up close the creatures that live under or on the ground and some have been fascinated by what they have observed.



But most of all they have learned how to take turns, share and cooperate with their friends as they grow into happy, confident young children.

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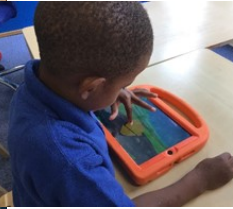
Shape Day

Recently, we had an enrichment day providing the children with opportunities to explore shapes in their activities and in the wider school environment as they deepened their knowledge of shapes and their properties. We had a wide variety of fun activities set up in each of the classrooms as well as outside in our three outdoor areas. Some of the inspiring activities that the children participated in on this day included shape spotting in the garden, making rockets using shapes, shape printing and cutting food into different shapes.

Bumblebees



Spiders



Caterpillars



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Soft Play Fun!



This term we have had lots fun exploring and learning how to use the soft play equipment.

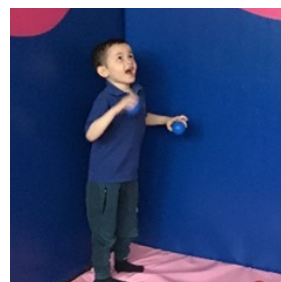
When using this environment we have been working on taking off and putting on our shoes and socks, playing simple games and learning to take turns and share with our friends.



We have also enjoyed playing 'hide and seek' and 'going on a bug hunt', using magnifying glasses and nets to catch the mini beasts. We have been learning to use some positional language when singing rhymes, using 'on, in and under' when acting out the songs. We have explored the different coloured balls when using the ball pool, which is very exciting as we play colour games or throw and roll the balls down the ramp or into a net. Other activities we have taken part in include making towers using the different sized and shaped objects, interaction games with an adult or peer and peek-a-boo! (which is one of our favourites.)



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Lindon Bennett School News from Key Stage 1

KS1 have had a great start to the summer term with many sea adventures based on their new topic of Pirates. Classes have enjoyed using sensory materials to create signature flags, dressed up as buccaneers, enjoyed finding treasure both indoors, and out! We have also made the most of this warm weather and have enjoyed many water related activities.

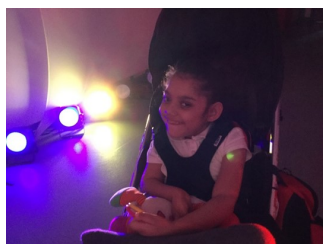


Hedgehogs Class

Hedgehogs class have had an exciting term doing a range of activities such as looking at sensory stories, exploring sensory trays, copying actions to songs, exploring cause and effect toys that move, going for walks outside school and visiting the school allotment. In particular, the children really enjoyed the visit from Colourscape where they liked listening and creating different sounds and colours with sound beams by moving their bodies, making vocal sounds and exploring different switches.

It has been a great term so far and we have all worked well with using PECS, Makaton and other forms of communication, as well as improving our skills in interacting with others and sharing.

Well done Hedgehogs!



Our Water topic

This term KS2 have been having lots of fun learning about water. In Camels class, as well as opportunities for lots of water play, we started off the term learning about the uses of water - the children learnt that water is good for our bodies, especially when it's hot and it helps us cool down. We also learnt about some of the other uses of water e.g. washing and cleaning. The children loved going outside in the car park and washing teachers' cars. It was a great, fun, learning experience and meant the teachers now had shiny cars! We also spent times role-playing washing clothes and hanging them on the line. This was a great opportunity to practice general life skills as well as opportunities to practice developing our fine motor skills through using the clothes pegs. A very fun and wet term!



Lindon Bennett School News from Key Stage 2

Down at the Allotment

Working at the School allotment has been great fun. We are lucky to have a poly tunnel which helps warm and protect our crops.

All classes have their own small areas that they have planted with lots of different fruit and vegetables. Classes help each other by watering all the plots when they go to the allotment.

Lots of classes have learnt how the crops need water and light to grow. Most classes have been able to pick some of the produce to eat. Strawberries, potatoes, beetroot, beans and salads are some of the crops that have been grown and eaten.

Pupils have learnt that the soil needs lots of weeding and watering to all their crop seeds to grow.





Fleeces



White polo shirts



Sweatshirts



Summer caps



Ponchos



School Uniform

School Uniform can now be ordered from:-
School Bells (The Uniform Experts)

48 Bell Road, Hounslow, Middlesex TW3 3PB

Telephone Number: 020 8577 6656

Opening Hours: Monday – Saturday 9:00am – 5:30pm

Website: www.schoolbellsuniforms.co.uk

Many thanks
School Office



Reminders

Please remember to name your child's uniform and any other items they bring to school.

Term Dates

Term and Holiday Dates 2021/22

School Term Days	Inset Days (school closed to pupils)	Holiday Dates
<u>AUTUMN TERM 2021</u> Monday 6 th September to Friday 22 nd October Monday 1 st November to Friday 17 th December (school finishes at 1:30pm)	<u>INSET DAYS</u> Wednesday 1 st September Thursday 2 nd September Friday 3 rd September	<u>AUTUMN HALF-TERM</u> Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October <u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</u> Monday 20 th December to Monday 3 rd January
<u>SPRING TERM 2022</u> Tuesday 4 th January to Friday 11 th February Tuesday 22 nd February to Friday 1 st April (school finishes at 1:30pm)	<u>INSET DAYS</u> Monday 21 st February	<u>SPRING HALF-TERM</u> Monday 14 th February to Friday 18 th February <u>EASTER HOLIDAYS</u> Monday 4 th April to Monday 18 th April
<u>SUMMER TERM 2022</u> Tuesday 19 th April to Friday 27 th May Monday 6 th June to Thursday 21 st July (school finishes at 1:30pm)	<u>INSET DAYS</u> Friday 22 nd July (Twilights)	<u>MAY DAY</u> Monday 2 nd May <u>SUMMER HALF-TERM</u> Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June