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Newsletter – 16th May

Dear families,

This week has been one of sole focus on Year 6 assessments. The Year 6s have done a wonderful job of being resilient and working through a challenging set of tests and showing what they can do. We are very proud of the Year 6 team and all they have achieved. Special mention must also go to Mr Legg and Miss Dimmock as well as the support team who have worked so hard to facilitate the Year 6 assessments.

This week has also been challenging for the school in terms of behaviours exhibited by some individuals. Since joining the school and establishing some baselines of what is in place at the school, the culture around behaviour has quickly become a priority. Having worked with the staff team, we have devised a Learning Behaviours Project which aims to exemplify and clarify for children, adults and families what is expected, what is acceptable and what our actions will be to support and respond.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

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Kindness, Resilience, Wonder and Belonging Thank You's this week:

Wrens and Wagtails – Emelia and Samara for building their house out of bricks.

Owls – Alfie for showing great wonder by asking and answering questions throughout the day.

Hedgehogs – Saxon for always having an amazing sense of wonder and making connections in your learning.



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Otters – Eddi for showing kindness everyday to your peers by saying ‘Well done’ or ‘That’s amazing!’

Badgers – Lilly for wonder.

Foxes – Tillie for showing resilience this week with her positive attitude towards her SATs and continuous positive attitude towards her wider learning.

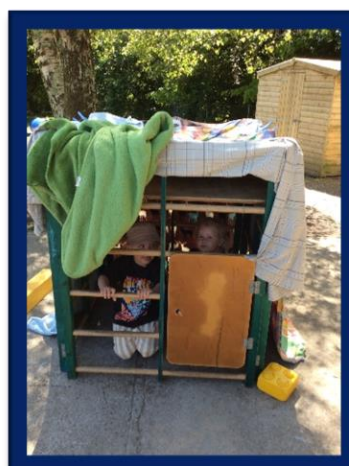
Family coffee and cake – Thursday 22nd May

Please join us for an open session of Coffee and Cake in the school on Thursday 22nd May at 2.45. Mr Hill will be welcoming you and sharing our vision for the school. Children’s work will also be available to view. All welcome.

New website launch

We are delighted that our new website is now live, here: [Lifton Community Academy - Home](#)

There are regular updates on the ‘Latest news’ section of the website as well as information throughout the site.



Wrens and Wagtails have had lots of fun this week building dens. We have worked together to use the blocks or we used a structure and added blankets. We have also continued to develop our vegetable beds and we have prepared the beds for planting.



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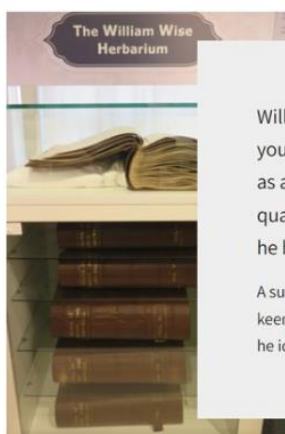


Otters

Recently, the children in Otters have been working incredibly hard on Time Tables Rock Stars. It has been wonderful to celebrate the progress they are all making and Mr Stuckey has loved being able to share certificates with those who have changed their 'rockstar status'. We are aiming to increase our fluency in all times tables and achieve the 'Gone Green' award. Well done, Otters!

Hedgehogs have been looking at the work of local botanist William Wise and being inspired to draw plants. You can view William's work at Launceston Museum!

William Wise



William Wise came from very humble beginnings, living in the parish workhouse when young. Encouraged by a teacher who saw his potential he took night classes, worked first as an errand boy and then as an apprentice in John Ching's chemist's shop. When qualified, he moved to Helston where he married. He then returned to Launceston where he became a partner in Ching's before taking over the whole business.

A successful businessman, he served as a town councillor and as Mayor of Launceston 3 times. He was a keen photographer, cyclist and bell-ringer but an even keener botanist and collected over 1000 plants which he identified, preserved and bound into the 6 great volumes on display at Lawrence House Museum.



Rare Herbarium



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Lifton Community Centre Summer Fayre

A message from the community centre: We are planning a craft/table top/summer Fayre on the 14 June at the community centre.

If I sent you some details would it please be possible to post something in the school newsletter?

Lots of lovely things aimed at the youngsters in the village.

Upcoming staffing.

Mrs Horn in the office will not be at school between 15th May and 6th June for a personal medical reason. We will be receiving admin support from our partner schools, but this will not be a physical person in the office.

During this time, phone calls and emails to the admin address will be monitored infrequently. We ask that you make contact with adults on the school gates and send any urgent messages to Mr Hill – ahill@lapsw.org – during this time.

From June 3rd, both Mr Stuckey and Miss Rowe will be out of school until the 6th June for personal reasons. Mr Hill will be teaching Otters class for this week with Miss Byers and Miss Cromarty teaching in Owls class.

Uniform reminder

A reminder that uniform should be correctly worn, including footwear.

Blue jumper/cardigan/fleece, white polo shirt, black/grey/dark navy trousers/shorts/skirt. Summer dresses are also permitted. Black shoes.



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Thank you for your support in sending children to school in PE kit on sports days – a reminder that PE kit is a white t-shirt and black/grey/dark navy shorts with appropriate trainers.

Upcoming dates:

Every Friday, 2.45pm – Praise assembly. Invitations will be sent to parents of those children receiving weekly certificates.

22nd May – Parent drop in – pupil book look and tea/coffee and cake

WB 26th May – Half term.

3rd June – Return to school

11th June – Year 4 and 5 trip to Plymouth – details to follow.

12th June – Parent taster from school kitchens – 3.15 on the playground (hall if wet)

13th June - Cake sale for FoLS/Year 6 projects.

16th June – Open the book assembly for children

3rd July – Sports day afternoon – whole school

5th July – Family Summer Fair for FoLS – information to follow.

10th July – Sports day back up afternoon – whole school.

14th and 15th July – Launceston College Transition days

17th July – Whole school beach day

18th July – Leaver's disco 5.00 – 6.30 (FoLS)

21st July – Year 6 play

22nd July – Year 6 leaver's assembly

23rd July – Final day of the summer term.



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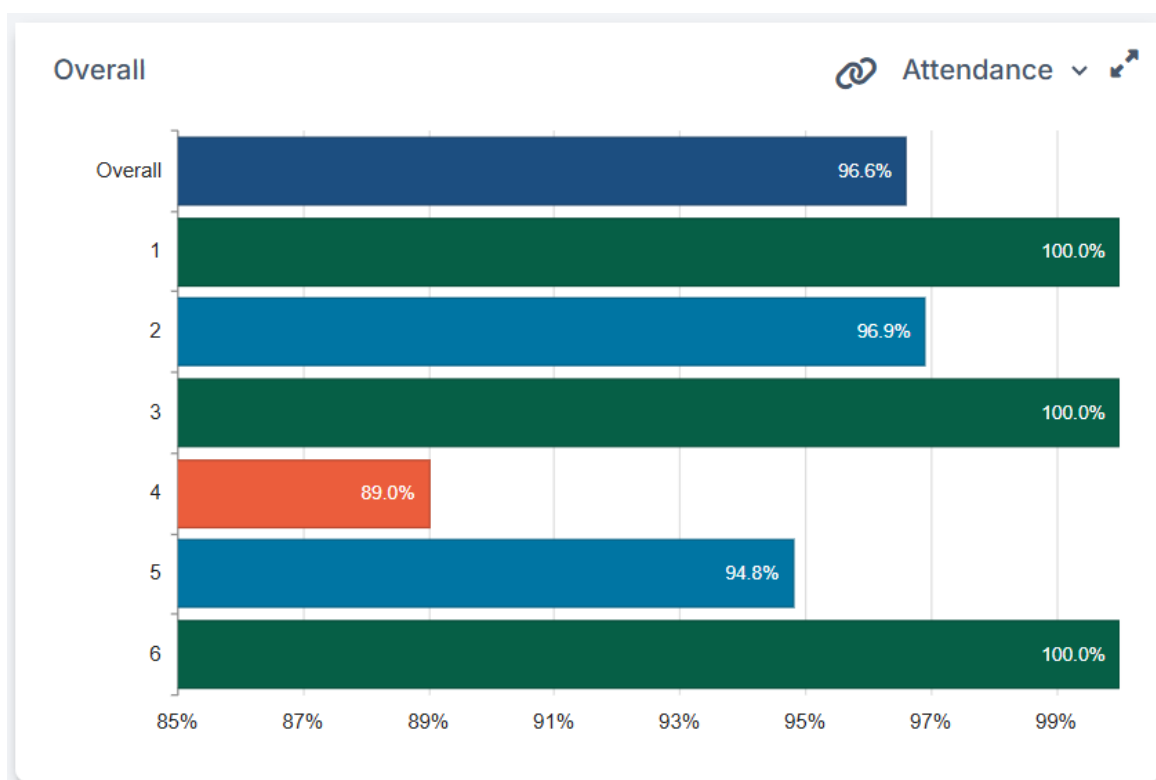
Attendance

This week's attendance:

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96.6%

Well done to Year 1, 3 and 6 who have had perfect attendance this week!



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To enhance our community focus, we are contacting you from your local leisure centre to invite the staff and parents of your school to make use of a complimentary pass* at our Leisure Centre in Ivybridge, Totnes, Kingsbridge, Dartmouth, Okehampton or

Tavistock. This is an excellent opportunity for staff and parents to engage in healthy activities and experience our facilities.

Whether it be a free Gym Session, Lane Swim, or Group Exercise class, we would be keen to welcome you and up to three guests. We believe this offer will provide a valuable chance for relaxation and fitness in our community.

fusion-lifestyle.com/offers/free-pass/#:~:text=As a charity%2C Fusion Lifestyle are committed to,gym%2C or have a swim%2C entirely for FREE%21

Normal Magic Personal Wellbeing Service

Normal Magic offer free personal wellbeing conversations to the parents or carers of children in this school.

Normal Magic are here to discuss **any** concerns you may have for your child's emotional wellbeing.

We are thrilled Normal Magic are in our school and working with us!



Simply scan this QR code and complete the request for contact form. We will contact you within 2 working days to arrange an appointment.



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