

LARKSWOOD NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Families,

You will see in the main part of the newsletter, that we are promoting keeping children safe online in Education. Please click on the link below or download the app in order to support you with the latest apps, games and technology your child is using. There are friendly guides and courses that you can access as well as advice on keeping up-to-date with the latest e-safety guidance.

Since Monday 4th January our teachers have been busy providing high quality learning activities via SEESAW. From Nursery through to Year 6 the children are provided with daily activities which cover their specific curriculums. In Early Years these cover aspects of the prime areas of learning. In Years 1-6 these focus on Reading, Writing and Maths curriculum daily as well as wider subject areas on a weekly basis. In September 2020 we launched a new curriculum and this is what you'll see reflected in our remote learning- we are so proud of it and we hope you enjoy being able to get a taster of it via SEESAW.

We know that remote learning can be challenging for children and families. Please remember that although it would be great to cover all of the learning, we understand that this isn't possible all of the time. Putting in place a consistent routine can support home learning- starting at the same time each morning (ideally first thing) and factoring in break times after each subject is really useful. Minimising distractions and ensuring children have a clear, comfortable work space is really important.

We are constantly updating and reviewing our website, and most queries regarding the school can be answered there. This week we will be updating our Curriculum and Home Learning content, so please in the coming weeks, take a look and familiarise yourselves with the learning that's taking place in school and at home via SeeSaw. We are very proud of our curriculum and hope you are too. We have seen the vast amount of effort all our children (and parents!) are making and we can already see progress with the children's learning since the start of January. Please continue with this tremendous effort as we move through the half term.

Free School Meal Entitlement and Provision

We understand that families continue to live in uncertain times and many are facing changes to their financial circumstances as a result. If you have not previously applied for Free School Meals, and now feel you may be eligible, please visit <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/free-school-meals> to see if you meet the criteria and to apply online. If you have any queries in relation to free school meals entitlement please contact Waltham Forest Free School Meals Service on 020 8496 8506/8505 or email them directly on fsm@walthamforest.gov.uk.

If you are currently in receipt of free school meals, we will be in regular contact to advise what provision is being offered to you during this period of school closures.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your unwavering support. We have had several parents contact us with their messages of support and gratitude to the team here, and some directly sharing their positive feedback with Ofsted, the Department for Education and our local Members of Parliament - this is really showing everyone what Larkwood is made of and supports our school in so many ways. This praise is so motivating for the staff and very much appreciated during such challenging times.

Please keep safe and take care of yourselves and others,

rendan Plunkett
Headteacher



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NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

Have you enrolled on our National Online Safety Parents account?

<http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/lime-academy-larkwood>

DOWNLOAD THE APP NOW!!



NOS National Online Safety Download your Free Online Safety App for Parents & Carers

Be #OnlineSafetySavvy
Keep up with the latest apps games and tech your children are using, with the worlds most comprehensive online safety app for parents.

On the National Online Safety app you'll find:

- ✓ Hundreds of online safety guides on the topics you need to know about - from screen addiction, fake news and trolling to hacking, social media influencers and sexting;
- ✓ An online safety training course for parents - developed by our experts and delivered by online safety ambassador Myleene Klass;
- ✓ A user-friendly interface with increased functionality - find exactly what you need, when you need it;
- ✓ The option to get notifications to your phone as soon as new content becomes available - so you can stay up-to-date with the latest online crazes (and risks);
- ✓ An in-app voting system so you can help determine the subjects you'd like us to cover in future;
- ✓ The facility to personalise your content by favouriting key resources.

Download the free app today




Scan to download on Apple App Store Scan to download on Google Play Store

or search for 'National Online Safety' in the store




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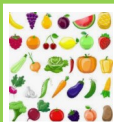


KEY DATES FOR SPRING 2021

Please find below a list of dates for the Spring Term These dates are provisional and could be subject to change.

Red = Additions to previous newsletter

Date:	Title:
12/02/21	Friday 12th February Half Term Break Up - Normal finishing time
22/02/21	Monday 22nd February Return Date (staff and children)
01/04/21	Thursday 1st April—Easter Holiday Break Up (1:30pm finish)
19/04/21	Monday 19th April Return date (staff and children)



PUPIL PREMIUM



If your situation has recently changed and you have been affected by Covid-19, you may be eligible for Pupil Premium, and therefore eligible for Free School Meals. If you think this may apply to you, please click on the link <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/free-school-meals> to view the eligibility criteria. If you fit the criteria, you will need to complete the short online form.

Click on 'Apply for free school meals' and click on 'Start new form'.



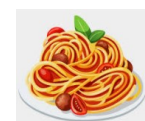
Please visit our website for more information on Pupil Premium funding:
<http://limeacademylarkswood.org/academy-information/pupil-premium/>

Or if you would like more information on our school meals, please click on the link.

<http://limeacademylarkswood.org/academy-information/academy-meals/>



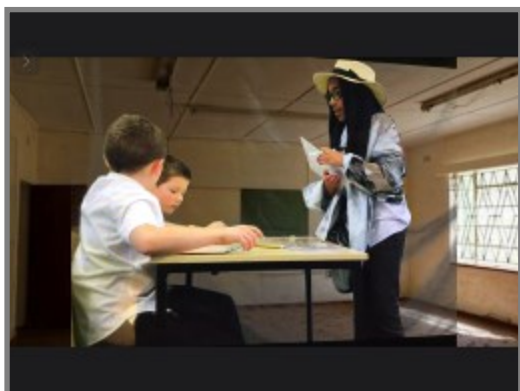
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YEAR 6 WORLD WAR II PLAYSRIPT

This week, Year 6 have been exploring life as an evacuee during World War II. They researched, created their own playscript and then became directors and actors to put together their own 1940s movie. They thoroughly enjoyed dressing up and loved using the green screen to edit their movie.



PLEASE VISIT THE BELOW WEBSITES FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION AND HELPFUL ADVICE

[Covid-19 data dashboard | Waltham Forest Council](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

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IF YOU CANNOT ACCESS THE INTERNET AND NEED TO SPEAK WITH THE NHS CORONAVIRUS TESTING SERVICE DIAL 119 FROM ANY PHONE

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NHS 111 is now available online
Visit 111.nhs.uk

A POLITE REMINDER



Please do keep your child's ParentPay account in credit at all times.

Thank you.