

Lockyer's Middle School Newsletter

June 2023

Summer Term 2 - Issue Number 70



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Headteacher Update

Just like that we are in Summer 2! Although we are in the last half term of this academic year, we have so much to fit into the next 6 weeks.

Revisiting our School Values

You will remember in my last newsletter I mentioned we have a really exciting opportunity to redefine our school vision and values. I am excited to share that this week pupils will have their say in school, answering some questions via a Google Form. It is important to us that all stakeholders in our community contribute their thoughts. Therefore, please click [here](#) to answer a few questions about which values you think Lockyer's Middle School should aspire to.

Sports Day

This year Sports Day is on **Friday 30th June**. Further information about Sports Day will be with you shortly but we are excited to welcome parents and carers to attend and watch their children take part in athletics events. Please keep an eye out for further information on ParentMail in the coming weeks

Enrichment Days

We are really excited to share that on the **4th, 5th and 6th of July** we will be holding Enrichment Days. For these 3 days, pupils will be off-timetable and taking part in a number of activities within the theme of **Healthy Mind, Body and Community**. Pupils are invited to come into school in their Lockyer's PE uniform on these days as they will be taking part in both physical and classroom-based activities.

Transfer Day and Transfer afternoon

This year Transfer Day across Dorset is on **Friday 7th July**. Our Year 8s will be visiting their upper school for the day and we will welcome our new Year 5s.

Due to a school residential trip taking place during this week, we will not have all staff and children in school. Therefore, we will be holding a separate Transfer afternoon in

school for our Year 5, 6 and 7s to meet and spend time with their new tutor for next year. This will take place on **Thursday 13th July**.

Staffing update

At the end of term we will be **saying goodbye to Mr Beattie and Mrs Rainsley**. Mr Beattie will be retiring at the end of this year. He has made a wonderful contribution to our school as an English Teacher and running a number of after schools clubs. On behalf of the whole school community I would like to thank Mr Beattie for his passion and commitment to Lockyer's Middle School during his time here and we wish him all the best. Mrs Rainsley will be leaving us at the end of the summer term and relocating to Cumbria with her family. Mrs Rainsley has made a positive impact teaching a wide range of humanities and maths across key stage 3. I would like to thank Mrs Rainsley for her commitment and enthusiasm for Lockyer's Middle School, and wish her well for the future.

As you are aware, Ms Patino will be going on maternity leave at the end of June. We wish her the best of luck as she embarks on her journey of motherhood. We are pleased to share that for the last few weeks of this term Mrs Rosser will be teaching Art and Ms Locke will be stepping in as Head of Year 6.

We are excited to be joined in September by **Miss Goodship** and **Miss Nash** who are joining our teaching team. I am also pleased to report that **Ms Bibby** will also be joining our team, teaching art and textiles whilst Miss Patino is on maternity leave.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Stark on the safe arrival of her new baby boy, Rory. I'm sure you will join me in wishing the family well.



Best wishes

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Year 5

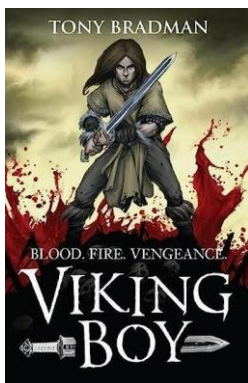


We have been incredibly lucky in school as our Year 5's have had a visit from the author Maz Evans. Maz wrote "Who Let the Gods Out?" which is the text that the whole year has been reading. It was a really inspiring and motivating morning, firstly having a talk from Maz about her books and her life as an author. They then had a question and answer session, followed by a book signing.



Thanks Maz for your aMAZing session! It was thoroughly enjoyed by students and teachers alike!

Year 6



*They will come the wolf-soarers,
 Hooded soul-stealers,
 Beast-bringers.
 They will soar with eyes as cold as ice -
 Chill-seekers,
 Ice-riders;
 Take heed for they will roar...*

Wide eyed, Thora stared at the miracle she was witnessing above until she realised - with a start - that it had come true: the prophecy foretold by the Norns, ready to unleash the terror within. Unsurprisingly, now it had come, it was undeniable: eyes cold and blazing with hatred while the beasts they led bared their screwdriver teeth menacingly, in anticipation that they were going to get something appetising for dinner.

Raven masks - in sharp disturbing contrast to Odin's wise beasts - concealed their features, leaving only their leering mouths to be seen. Snarling, their features were set in a permanent grimace, permitting the people of the village to perceive all their yellowed, pointy teeth. Despite their eerie masks, those piercing grey lumps of ice and fire prevailed, reflecting its previously comforting warmth. She flinched: not wanting to see those deep pits of tragedy and despair. Like a river of tar, the Valkyries' ebony-dark hair was braided into long, thick plaits which lashed at their faces viciously. Her face was smooth, except for the place where the wind had breathed on it - rubbing the skin raw.

Eyes narrowing, Thora noticed an extended, crimson scar down Her left cheek which was assuredly not the wind - or hair. It was the mark. Streaking down the left side of her face, the harsh, red symbol was Odin's mark; the mark given to represent courage and greatness while also symbolising vulnerability. How could these creatures be vulnerable? Hands on the reins, the leading Valkrie guided the wolf down with a sturdy kick. The others all followed. She indicated - with a flick of her hand - that they should accelerate swiftly.

Aadya

She will come, the attacker:
 A quiet hero,
 A dark light;
 She will come with eyes as light as the sky,
 gentle beast;
 a hard soul.
 Be ready, for she will come!

It was an orange sky in the North village and a quiet blow sang in the wind. Spooky vibes went through every house and autumn leaves were falling. Sigrid peered through the window of the barn, her braids flowing through the breeze. Suddenly, a dark figure emerged from the darkness. It was time. Sigrid dropped her bucket of milk and raced up to her room. Swiftly, she put on her fluffy goat tunic and her belt, stuffed on her leather boots and raced back down the stairs. Her crossbow waited there in the back of her body ready to fight.

The grass crushed and crackled as she walked cautiously onto the field until finally she saw a tall, dark man. He grumbled like a cat and licked his lips. This man was called Ove and he was heavily-muscled, with a messy brown beard and dark eyes. He also had a match in his pocket.

As quick as lightning, Sigrid got an arrow and shot it near his eye. In that moment, Sigrid smelt something. Something with a strong smell. It was smoke, really thick and suffocating. Without warning, flames shot up from behind her, trying to grab at her; just like that Sigrid was down and Ove was laughing.

Florence

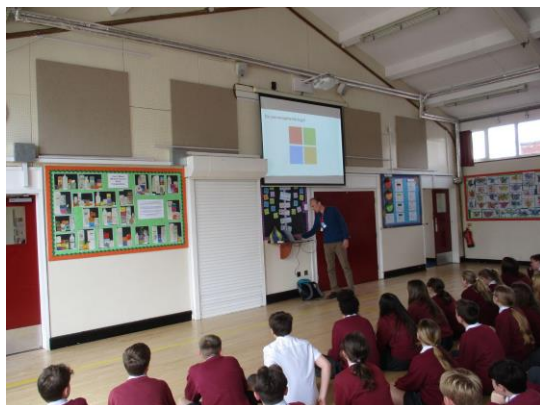
In Year 6, we have been reading the action-packed 'Viking Boy'. We have looked at Norse kennings, and created our own kennings to prophesy a Viking attacker. Some of the descriptions have been amazing! We are also creating reports on Viking beliefs, designed to be both interesting and informative.





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YEARS 7 AND 8 CAREERS TALK



The first of our career's talks took place recently for children in Y7 & Y8. We were really grateful to Mr Madden, a parent and employee of Microsoft, who came in to talk to the children about his career. He explained about how his education had shaped his career choices and explained the ups & downs of a working life. We were also given an insight into what it is like when you work for Microsoft and some of the methods of entry into this global organisation.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Following on from the extremely successful fundraiser, thanks to Tesco Fleetsbridge, we have been able to purchase a variety of new books for our fantastic Library.

There are now great selections of follow-on books for popular series, plus also the much-needed Accelerated Reader yellow level books, which have been added to our shelves!



SCHOOL SPORTS UPDATE

On Friday 19th May our brilliant Year 6 football team played an incredibly tough match against Longfleet Primary School in the PEDSSA Finals at Dorset County Football Ground in Hamworthy. Despite it not being their day for a win, our team has been praised by the staff and opposition for their fantastic sportsmanship and positive attitude to the game. Well done boys!





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On Friday 26th May Lockyer's Middle School hosted the Year 5 and 6 East Dorset Handball Festival. There were 7 teams competing on what has been a glorious afternoon. We entered two teams who were absolutely brilliant. We are so proud of all those who took part. Their positive attitude and excellent sportsmanship was commendable. Well done to all!

On Thursday 8th June, Lockyer's took part in the East Dorset Athletics Championships at St. Michael's Middle School in Wimborne. There were some superb individual performances and we scored in the top 3 in a number of events. Both the boys and girls teams did incredibly well, and we are so proud of them.



BAKE-OFF UPDATE

Back in March, Mrs Shivas organised the most incredible Great Lockyer's Bake-Off. There were 60 entries of celebration cakes from all year groups in the first stage. A fantastic display of pictures were displayed on the windows of our school hall. Mrs Shivas and Mr Mockridge narrowed it down to 8, a very hard task indeed!

The final round involved the pupils having a day off timetable and replicating their entry cake in the food room. The judges had a very tough job eating a sample of each cake and chatting to the participants about their inspiration and how they achieved their flavours and decorations before deliberating in the staffroom.

Friends and family arrived to have tea (and cake!) and then the results were announced. All finalists received a handmade apron, engraved chopping board, certificate and Hobbycraft voucher. The runner up and winner received these items too and a box of baking equipment, baking books and useful culinary items. Florence also received the traditional bouquet of flowers.



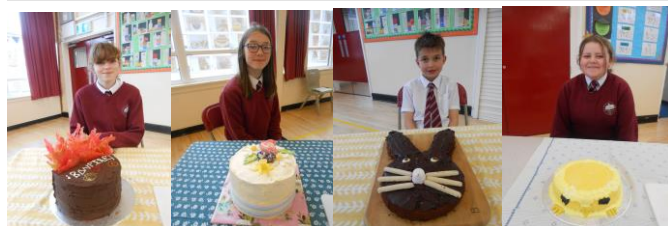
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Winner - Florence Tolley

Runner Up - Charlotte Hyne - Mills

Finalists - George Williams, Amelie Cornwell, Amilia Rawlings, Ellie Riggs-Moulden, Lexi McCormick and Iris Poole.

Mrs Shivas (event organiser) sends thanks to:

- Durable UK and the Friends of Lockyer's - for funding the prizes
- The judges - Miss Dufek, Mr Ayling, Mr Wilson and Mrs Heckford
- Photography - Mrs Adams
- Refreshments - Mrs Williams
- The finalists and their supportive parents/ family - a great event!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

Thank you so much to everyone who has sent in their extra-curricular achievements. We love celebrating these in school and with our Lockyer's Community.

Please keep them coming in!



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We aim to provide regular updates. You can also use our **school website to learn more about our school:**

<https://www.lockyersmiddle.org>

ACHIEVEMENT BADGES



All children at Lockyer's Middle School can work towards becoming a Hegarty Hero, Millionaire Reader and Tassomai Titan (*Key Stage 3 pupils only*).

- **To be a Hegarty Hero you need to have answered 700 questions correctly** on the Hegarty Maths platform,
- **To be a Millionaire Reader you need to have collected a million words from successfully completed quizzes.**
- **To be a Tassomai Titan you need to have answered 5,000 questions correctly.**

How many badges can you collect this academic year?





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Child Protection

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead with responsibility for Child Protection is: **Mrs K. Whittaker**

The Academy Committee member with responsibility for Child Protection is: **Mrs King**

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads with responsibility for Child Protection are:

Miss A. Dufek

Mr R. Ettling

Ms F. Locke

Mrs H. Pugh

IMPORTANT: Please ensure that **children do not bring nut-based products into school.** Please also ensure that **children only have a healthy snack at break time each day.**

Attendance Reminders

- **From the start of this academic year the Department for Education has confirmed that School attendance is mandatory for all pupils** of compulsory school age and it is a priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school.
- **Lockyer's Middle School expects pupils to maintain an attendance figure of at least 95% across the academic year** and we will communicate with families if their child falls below this expected level to work with you and the Local Authority to bring about an improvement.

Dates for your diary

16th June	Class and Year 8 leavers photo sessions
28th June	'Welcome Walkaround' for parents & pupils of Year 5
30th June	September 2023 - 4 - 6 pm
5th July	Sports Day (all years)
3rd to 7th July	Year 5 September Induction Evening 7 - 8 pm
4th to 6th July	Y6 Adventure Okehampton Residential Visit
7th July	Enrichment Days
19th July	Transfer Day
	Year 8 Leavers' event





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School term and holiday dates 2023/2024

Summer Term 2023

Last Day of Term Friday 21st July Autumn Term 2023

Autumn Term 2023

Staff Training Days

First Day of Term
Half Term Holiday
Staff Training Day
Pupils Return
Last Day of Term
Staff Training Day
Christmas Holiday

Friday 1st September
Monday 4th September
Tuesday 5th September
Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October
Monday 30th October
Tuesday 31st October
Thursday 14th December
Friday 15th December
Monday 18th December – Monday 1st January

Spring Term 2024

Staff Training Day
First Day of Term
Half Term Holiday
Staff Training Day
Pupils Return
Last Day of Term
Staff Training Day
Easter Holiday

Tuesday 2nd January
Wednesday 3rd January
Monday 12th – Friday 16th February
Monday 19th February
Tuesday 20th February
Wednesday 27th March
Thursday 28th March
Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April

Summer Term 2024

First Day of Term
May Day Holiday
Half Term Holiday
Pupils Return
Staff Training Day
Last Day of Term

Monday 15th April
Monday 6th May
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May
Monday 3rd June
Friday 21st June
Tuesday 23rd July

Article 3: All organisations concerned with children should work towards what is best for each child.

