

Lockyer's Middle School Newsletter

2022-2023 End of Year Review



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Deputy Headteacher: Ms F. Locke

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe we are at the end of this academic year. I wanted to write to you one final time to celebrate all that your children have achieved over the last year. You will see further below that it has been an **action-packed year** and I know you will join me in celebrating all our **pupils' achievements**.

Goodbye and Good luck

On Friday we will be saying **goodbye to our Year 8 children** as they take their next steps in education moving to Upper School. We wish them, and the children leaving us at the end of Year 6, all the very best for the future.

As mentioned in my last newsletter, we will also be saying goodbye to **Mr Beattie** and **Mrs Rainsley** at the end of this term. We will also be saying goodbye to **Mrs Fyson**, and we wish them all the very best as they move on to new and exciting experiences ahead.

Welcome to our new families

It was wonderful to welcome our new children and families to the Welcome Walkabout event on 28th June. This was a fantastic opportunity for all our staff to meet our new Year 5 children ahead of the next academic year. We look forward to welcoming all our new pupils in September.

Summer Concert

On Wednesday 12th July I had the pleasure of attending the wonderful summer concert - **'The Oscars Night'**. What talented students we have at Lockyer's Middle School! Well done to all the musicians and singers who took part on Wednesday 12th July. A big thank you, too, to Mrs Wallace for your dedication to music and inspiring so many young minds.

Okehampton & Enrichment Days

Recently we saw Year 6 pupils head off to **Okehampton** for their first **residential trip** at Lockyer's Middle School. What an incredible few days they had enjoying activities such as; gorge scrambling, axe throwing, rope climbing and so much more. The childrens positive, can-do attitude and support for each other were outstanding.

In school we had 2 **Enrichment Days** where all of our year groups took part in lots of different off-timetable activities with a theme of **Healthy Mind, Body and Community**. These have included running or walking the Daily Mile, field sports, baking biscuits for the community, making boxes for the biscuits, learning pieces of music with Boomwhackers, dice games, making wooden birdfeeders, MERCK science experiments and so much more. The children have had a brilliant time.

Values

I am excited to share our new school values: **Ambition - Courage - Respect** These were chosen following a survey shared with all stakeholders in our community. These are the values that all members of our Lockyer's community aspire to.

Return to School

We return to school for the Autumn Term on **Tuesday 5th September**.

Thank you

And finally, I would like to thank the school community for welcoming me in my first year as Headteacher at Lockyer's Middle School. It is a privilege to work with such a **dedicated staff team** and **incredible children and their families**. We have had a fantastic year and I would like to share my personal top 3 highlights:

1. Music concerts! What an honour to hear such talented performers sing and play instruments. I can not wait to see the concerts next year.
2. Sports Day! Having all pupils out supporting each other and enjoying outstanding performances from so many incredible students.
3. Great Lockyer's Bake off! Being a judge was a privilege. So much talent and such tasty cakes.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you an enjoyable summer break.

Best wishes
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Uniform Expectations 2023 - 2024

Parental support is required to ensure that all pupils are well presented. The standard of dress is important because it sets the expectation for work and provides the opportunity for collective pride in our school community as well as a clear structure for students and parents to follow.

UNIFORM	GUIDANCE NOTES
Skirts	Grey pleated or flared style skirts (No pencil skirts). Skirts are to be worn without being altered or rolled and should finish just above or on the knee.
Trousers	Grey suit-style trousers (No jean type). Trousers should be formal, not fashion in style (eg. skinny or flared).
Shorts	Grey tailored, formal schoolwear.
Shirt/blouse	White shirt/blouse with a top button.
Jumper	Maroon Lockyer's jumper with school logo only. Should any additional outdoor clothing be required, this must be in the form of a coat or jacket as non-uniform jumpers/ hoodies are not permitted.
Tie	Lockyer's tie should be knotted at the top button. 7 stripes as a minimum in length.
Socks	Plain grey or black knee-length or ankle socks.
Tights	Plain grey or black tights.
Footwear	Fully black leather/leather look shoe style, this includes the sole and any logos. Trainers, high heels, slip on shoes, boots and open-toed shoes are not permitted.

Parents are asked to ensure that school uniform skirts and trousers comply with the above. Where there is any doubt in the suitability of an item of uniform in school, parents are asked to contact the Head of Year before a purchase is made.

Jewellery

- Pupils are permitted to wear one plain stud in each ear lobe only. This must be removed, or taped, if freshly pierced, during PE.
- Pupils may wear a watch.
- Fitbits/fitness trackers may be worn as long they have no messaging or camera facility.

For further information on PE uniform, hair and makeup please visit our website for guidance [here](#).



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Year 5



Year 5 have had a great year, transitioning from their first schools. They've enjoyed many experiences through learning. These have included visiting Corfe Mullen Library, Greek Day, a visit from the author Maz Evans, and a trip to Paultons Park. Furthermore, we have been able to welcome the Year 5 Parents and Carers into school. It's been a great first year in Lockyer's!

Year 6



Year 6 have had a very busy year, with SATs assessments and many activities; Viking Day, Heath visit, end of SATs activity afternoon and, to top off the year, the brilliant Okehampton Residential.

Year 7



Our Year 7s had the opportunity to go to see Shrek: The Musical at QE School. Some of our own students were performing in the production, so this was a great opportunity for our Year 7s to not only go and see such a fantastic production, but also to support their fellow students.

Year 7 also took part in a chemiluminescence experiment with the team from Merck. Students from both Years 7 and 8 achieved their bronze CREST award creating their own STEM project in an after school club.





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Year 8



Our Year 8s had a great visit to the Careers Fair at QE earlier in the year. They also got to experience a delicious meal out at Prezzo.

Year 8 had a very successful transfer day and we wish them all well as they transition to their new paper schools in September.



YEAR 7&8 CAREERS TALKS

Our Year 7s and 8s have been lucky enough to have various careers talks throughout this year. This has been really insightful and given them a sense of the opportunities out there for them.

We were delighted to welcome Mr Paul Lavin into school to complete our third 'careers talk' to Key Stage 3 children.

The children were lucky to receive yet another fantastic presentation, explaining about Paul's journey from being a pupil to being on the board of directors for a large organisation. Paul explained that the path to his current position wasn't always easy but that hard work and determination were the keys to success

YEAR 8 TEXTILES CLUB



The Year 8 Textiles Club have fabric painted and embroidered cushions using stencils and block printing. They look absolutely beautiful - good work everyone!

ENDEAVOUR Embracing aspiration and resilience.	EMPATHY Valuing diversity, tolerance and the views of others.	CURIOSITY Seeking new knowledge and skills.
LEADERSHIP Learning to problem solve, make decisions and be courageous.	WELL-BEING Understanding the importance of keeping healthy and safe.	COMMUNITY Developing value and responsibility within our community.



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ENRICHMENT DAYS

This year's Enrichment Days were incredibly successful, with students taking part in lots of off-timetable activities. These included sports, science experiments, music with Boomwhackers, nature, art, woodwork, baking, community awareness and, of course, egg throwing!

ePRAISE



ePraise is a hugely successful incentive scheme that we run in school. It promotes positive behaviour, helpfulness, hard work, going above and beyond and thinking of others. The students are rewarded with off-timetable activities and enter ballots to win some great prizes.

Some of the activities we've run this year have been:

Clay-making, Zendoodling, Dream-catcher making, dodgeball, rounders and non-uniform days.

We look forward to offering more ePraise rewards next year!

MUSIC



Music is such a huge part of our school. Under the guidance of Mrs Wallace, our students have had some incredible opportunities to play and perform this year.

They have had the Christmas Concert, Choir performances at Nursing Homes, Samba at Corfe Mullen Carnival, the Summer Concert to name but a few.

We offer many different Music Clubs in school (Sing, Chamber Choir, Ukulele Club, Samba Band), moreover we have many students who take part in Peripatetic Teaching with Absolute Music.



SCHOOL LIBRARY

This year the School Library has had a bit of an update; not only having a re-shuffle to make finding books easier and more accessible, but also the addition of lots of new books for all of the children to read - many requested by students!

The Library is a great place for any of the students to come and read at break times and lunchtimes as well as to get help and recommendations from our fantastic student librarians.





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SCHOOL SPORTS



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Level Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport!

Sport at Lockyer's is one of the outstanding parts of our school, not only within the curriculum, but also as part of our club provision, both during lunchtimes and after school. The high level of abilities, along with the students' enthusiasm really has made this year a real sporting treat. We have had Rounders Club, Cricket Club, Football, Athletics and Gymnastics, to name but a few.

Sports Day

This year Sports Day was full of laughter, singing and of course races. We had a very eventful day full of sport with every pupil competing in some sporting capacity to earn points for their house. The intermittent rain certainly didn't dampen our spirits today! We had so many incredible performances, with Finlay in 8GW getting a new school record for the 100 metres - 12.94s. A fantastic achievement from a talented athlete.

Congratulations to Hengistbury House who were our Sports Day winners!

THE GREAT LOCKYER'S BAKE-OFF



This competition back in March was one of the big achievements in school this year; not only for the incredible number of entries received across the year groups, but also the fantastically high standard of entries. It really was a tough competition to judge, with eventually the overall winner being Flo in Year 7.



We very much look forward to running this event again in the next academic year, so get practising everyone!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

We have been overwhelmed by, and super-proud of, all of the extra-curricular achievements that so many of our students have undertaken this year. From various sporting accolades, to dance shows, swimathons, writing and art competitions, geological finds, plus many, many more! We hope all of our students continue in their extra-curricular pursuits for the forthcoming year so that we can celebrate all of their achievements with our Lockyer's Community.



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STAFF



We were so happy to have new members of staff joining our Team this year: Miss Giles, Mr. Greensmith, Miss Uttley, Mr. Wilson, Mrs Ogilvie and of course, Miss Dufek.. Also, we welcomed Mrs Seddon back to the team, following the birth of her baby last year.

We also had a new staff baby born this year; Miss Stark, with Baby Rory.



We also, of course, bid an incredibly fond farewell to Miss Fyson, Mr Beattie, who is retiring, Mrs Rainsley, who is relocating with her family and embarking on a new life in Cumbria.

ACHIEVEMENT BADGES



The Achievement badges and certificates this year have been absolutely outstanding, with so many students receiving multiple badges and certificates for Hegarty (Maths), Tassomai, Millionaire Reader and Accelerated Reader Quizzing. It has been such a privilege to present so many accolades to so many enthusiastic students. Congratulations to everyone!

SOCIAL MEDIA

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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>





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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

ALLERGIES

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.



Bartletts Schoolwear will be operating appointment only for the months of June, July, August & September 2023. The easiest way to book is by following link below.

<https://bookings.gettimely.com/bartlettsschoolwear/bb/book>

Alternatively, if you are unable to do this, please contact us by either [Facebook](#) or bartletts.schoolwear@hotmail.co.uk. as we are unable to make appointments by telephone.

You can order at bartlettsofwimborne.co.uk.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Join 'Ready, Set, Read!' Summer Reading Challenge 2023

This year's Challenge, Ready, Set, Read! is all about games, sports and reading for fun.

The challenge is to read 6 books during the school holidays.

Children will receive stickers for reading each book, they win a medal & certificate for completing the challenge.

The certificate is sent to the children's school after the summer holidays or can be collected from the library. *Every student who brings a certificate to Ms Locke will be awarded with an ePraise Accolade.*

Taking part is free for all children and libraries have so many fantastic books to choose from.

If you're not already a library member, you can join for free.

At Corfe Mullen Library we also have a prize draw which children can enter when they complete the challenge.

We look forward to seeing you,

from Jessica and Wendy, the team at Corfe Mullen Library.

Join online:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/-/summer-reading-challenge-2023>



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Dates for your diary - September 2023

First Day of Term	Tuesday 5th September
Open Evening	Tuesday 19th September
Individual Photos	Friday 29th September

School term and holiday dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term 2023

Staff Training Days	Friday 1st September Monday 4th September
First Day of Term	Tuesday 5th September
Half Term Holiday	Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October
Staff Training Day	Monday 30th October
Pupils Return	Tuesday 31st October
Last Day of Term	Thursday 14th December
Staff Training Day	Friday 15th December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 18th December – Monday 1st January

Spring Term 2024

Staff Training Day	Tuesday 2nd January
First Day of Term	Wednesday 3rd January
Half Term Holiday	Monday 12th – Friday 16th February
Staff Training Day	Monday 19th February
Pupils Return	Tuesday 20th February
Last Day of Term	Wednesday 27th March
Staff Training Day	Thursday 28th March
Easter Holiday	Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April

Summer Term 2024

First Day of Term	Monday 15th April
May Day Holiday	Monday 6th May
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May
Pupils Return	Monday 3rd June
Staff Training Day	Friday 21st June
Last Day of Term	Tuesday 23rd July

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

