



Lockyer's Middle School

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Headteacher Update

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and it has been a pleasure to hear about all the festivities from the children who have settled back into their learning routines so quickly.

Year 8 Residential Week

Our Year 8's had a brilliant time on their residential trip to Leeson House at the beginning of this week; undertaking lots of outdoor activities - including a fantastic night walk, even with a smattering of snow! The team-building games were tackled with lots of enthusiasm and the camaraderie between the students was extremely positive to see. We were extremely proud of them, demonstrating such maturity and politeness throughout the trip!

Back in school, the Year 8's who remained here, had a fantastic few days off-timetable; designing shelters, orienteering, making outdoor natural water filters, making loads of noise with the boomwhackers and drums, doing some beautiful artwork, baking, woodworking and dodgeballing!

Well done Year 8; what a brilliant start to 2024!

Tassomai

TASSOMAI'S JANUARY CHALLENGE!

Every pupil who completes 20 Daily Goals in each subject this January will be automatically entered into a prize draw this month. Prizes are Amazon vouchers of £100, £50 and £25. This means everyone who is keeping up with their Tassomai homework stands a chance of winning! Even if you don't get one of these prizes, daily, deliberate practice will ensure that your learning sticks in your long-term memory - so everyone's a winner!

Accelerated Reader

The Accelerated Reader Challenge is back for another term: . The class in each year who pass the highest number of quizzes by Monday 18th March will earn a non-uniform day in the last week of term! We really value reading here at Lockyer's, which is why we make time for it every day. Which class will win this time?



Uniform

The start of the day is so important to ensuring your children have a positive day as it sets the tone. Please therefore support your child in ensuring that they arrive fully adhering to our uniform policy to ensure they can start the day unchallenged - the start of the settling process happens whilst still at home. Please check that your child has the correct clothing and footwear whilst also adhering to our policy regarding makeup and jewellery.

Reoccurring themes have included:

Makeup: Pupils are not permitted to wear make-up. This includes coloured lip balm and mascara. Coverup concealer can be used to promote positive self-image.

Nails: Coloured nail varnish or false/gel nails of any type are not allowed and create a health and safety issue.

Earrings: Only a small stud earring - one in each ear maximum is permitted

Coats: With the very cold conditions set to continue, pupils will be expected to stay in the supervised areas outside during break and lunchtime and as such a coat will be essential. Non-uniform jumpers/hoodies/shirts are not permitted.

By checking these elements before your child arrives at school you are giving them the best possible chance of having a successful day.

Year 5 and 6 Textiles



Ms. Bibby, our fantastic Art teacher, has created some incredible pieces of work with all of our year groups over the past term; using lots of different media to create really interesting and vibrant pieces. Just before Christmas, our Year 5's and 6's created some beautiful tote bags and pencil cases to take home. Hopefully they have found their way to you over Christmas.

Staffing Update

Next week we say goodbye to Mrs Johnson who joined us in March 2021 covering 3 maternity covers. Mrs Johnson has made wonderful contributions to Lockyer's Middle School having made a positive impact. I would like to thank Mrs Johnson for her commitment and enthusiasm and we wish her well with her travel plans, and future endeavours. For the last 3 weeks of this half term, Mrs Bryant will be working full-time to cover Mrs Johnson's absence until Miss Stark returns after half term.

At the end of the academic year, we will be saying goodbye to Ms Locke who will be leaving us to be headteacher at a North Dorset Primary School. Ms Locke has made a significant positive impact on our school improvement over the last 10 years and I have no doubt will be a real success in her new role. We will now be undertaking the huge task of recruiting for our new Deputy Head Teacher and will of course keep you updated.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Best wishes,

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