

# Lockyer's Middle School

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## Headteacher Update

Dear Parents and carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to our end of term newsletter.

## Holocaust Memorial Day

Last week, our Y8 students had the privilege to attend the annual Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration held at Parkstone Grammar School. The event was organised by the Bournemouth and Poole Holocaust Memorial Day Committee and was designed specifically with secondary school pupils in mind. Our pupils had the opportunity to hear from Maralyn Turgel, the daughter of Holocaust survivor Sam Gardner (born in Piotrkow, Poland, in 1925 as Shmuel Yankel Golberg). Maralyn shared the moving tale of her father and expressed her determination to warn future generations about the perils of racism, bigotry, and antisemitism in all of its manifestations. It was an incredibly powerful and moving event



## Attendance

We wish to highlight the crucial role of school attendance in our children's lives, promoting their health, well-being, and socialisation throughout their development. We are pleased to support Dorset Council rolling out an, "in this together" campaign which provides practical and supportive advice to families. Please use this [link](#) to access useful information and guidance on school attendance.



## Parents Evening

We will be hosting parent evenings next half term on Tuesday 27th February and Thursday 29th February. These parent evenings will provide you with the opportunity to meet with your child's subject teachers and I would encourage you to make appointments for these evenings when further details are shared on Friday 23rd February.

## Road Safety and Awareness

It is so lovely to see our children walking to and from school, however members of our community regularly let us know that some of our children are not practising a high enough level of road safety and awareness on their journeys. We regularly remind children of road safety in school. Please could parents and carers also remind your children that they should not be looking at their phones or playing while walking, but should be keeping themselves safe at all times. This includes when they are in our school car park.

## Staff Update

In further news, we are glad to share that Mrs Wallace has now had her operation and is recovering at home. We are so lucky that Mr Wallace will be continuing to teach music in her absence.



We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Bibby at the end of May and would like to thank her for all her contributions to Lockyer's Middle School. Please see some of the fantastic artwork below produced by our talented children. We look forward to Miss Patino's return.

Following the news shared with you previously about Ms Locke leaving at the end of the year, I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Mr Mockridge as Deputy Headteacher from September 2024. I am sure you will join me in congratulating him on his new role.

I wish you all a great half term break and look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 20th February.

Best wishes,

*A. Dufek*  
- Headteacher

## Look what we've been up to...

### Year 5

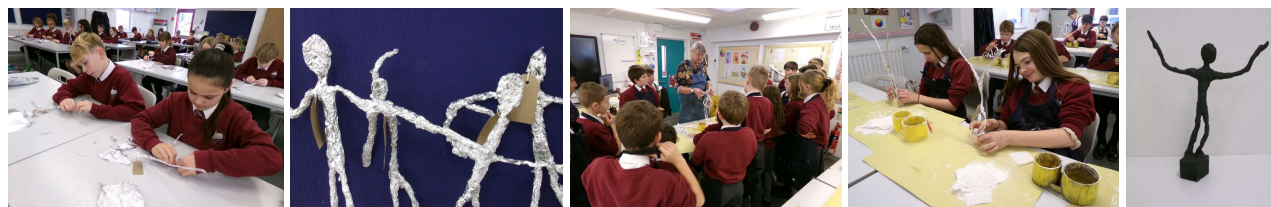


This half term our Year 5s have been creating incredible pieces of writing influenced by the CS Lewis book, *The Magician's Nephew*. The students wrote instructions on creating magical objects and will be used next term, as part of their onward learning.



In Art this half term, Ms Bibby has been working on still life pieces with our Year 5s, focusing on cupcakes. The standard of work that the students have created has been incredible and we are incredibly proud to be displaying them in school.

### Year 6



Our Year 6s have been inspired by the sculptor, Paul Giacometti this half term, having lots of fun creating some incredible sculptures with Ms. Bibby in Art. Using wirework, foil and Modroc,



PS Productions visited our Year 6 children with their production "Virtual Reality".

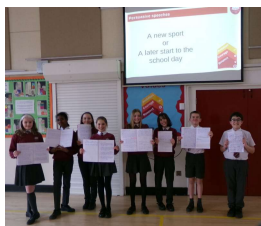
A 'cautionary tale of young people and social media', this play is billed as a contemporary fairy tale; how certain social media sites and video games can impact on young people's lives. Alongside our e-safety curriculum, the performance and workshop allow the children to approach this important issue in a different way.

This event was generously funded by the Friends of Lockyer's.





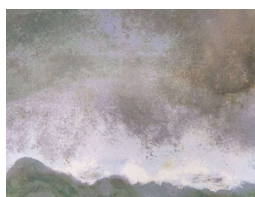
## Year 7



Year 7 have been working hard on their persuasive speeches as part of our Protest unit in English. After presenting to their peers and classes, we had the pleasure of seeing some of their speeches in our year assembly. Well done to Jenuki, Isla, Finley, Poppy, Polly, Bella, Talia and Joel for demonstrating our school values of Ambition and Courage so brilliantly!



Also, this term in Year 7, we have been talking about and celebrating our global connections. We have created a central display to demonstrate how far across the world our families live. It has been wonderful to hear their stories and learn more about each other. The pupils greatly enjoyed putting their individual pins, made by our wonderful Ms Bibby, into the world and UK maps.



In Art, our incredibly talented Year 7s have been learning about J.M.W Turner and watercolour painting and technique. They have created some impressive works of art, which we will display around school.

## Year 8



Our Year 8s are starting to focus on their future choices, with regards to GCSE options and also careers. We were fortunate enough to have an interactive presentation funded by Bournemouth University, in which our students were able to think about their future studies and educational choices.



In Art with Ms. Bibby, our Year 8s have been creating beautiful still life paintings, with the simple subject of "Flowers", inspired by the artist Giorgio Morandi. We have seen some incredible works of Art in school this half term.

## What else has been happening at Lockyer's?

### Oliver! At QE



A number of our incredible students have recently taken part in the QE School production of Oliver! If you managed to get along to see it, you will know how brilliant they all were! Our Year 7 cohort also attended one of the shows.. Congratulations Isla A, Gene B, Sennen C-B, Alisa C, Hannah G, Millie H, Daisy W-P and Madison W for your fantastic performances!

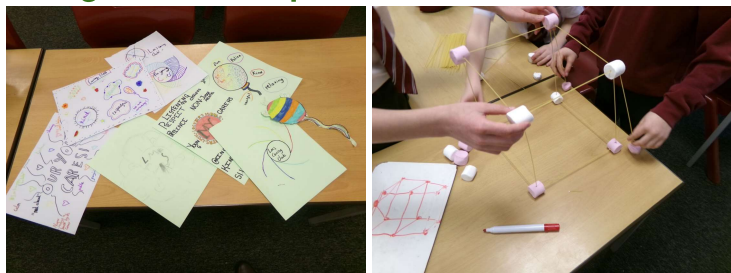
### RSPB Big School Bird Watch



On Wednesday 24th January, twenty of our students, with Mrs Snaith and Mr Bishopp spent lunchtime counting the bird species in our beautiful nature area as part of the RSPB Big School's Birdwatch. They submitted their results as part of a national study of bird species.



## Young Carers Group



This month saw the return of the monthly Young Carers group held in school.

The children had fun and worked well together in small teams to construct a spaghetti and marshmallow tower, competing to make the tallest structure without it being held in place!

They learnt the importance of communication skills, working together and listening to each other, as well as sampling some of the leftover marshmallows!

The group are also in the early stages of designing a Young Carers Group name and logo and as a group will decide on a final group name and logo when we all meet again together in February.

If your child is a Young Carer and they would be interested in meeting with other Young Carers, having some fun and making friends please do get in touch with Mrs Pugh our Young Carers Champion.



Last term a group of Year 7 and 8 girls took part in a course delivered by a charity called SHINE.

Shine provides students the opportunity to explore subjects closely related to their physical and mental health. It covered areas in self-acceptance, flaws of the media, healthy relationships, positive communication, respect, bullying, management of social media, healthy eating, the benefits of exercise, management of strong emotions, identifying skills, talents and aspirations.

Throughout the course there were practical activities; these ranged from self-care to role play, team building activities and arts and crafts. All activities were designed to encourage the young people to build friendships and embed the knowledge gained in discussion times.

At the end of the course we took the students out for a meal at a local restaurant to celebrate completing the course and encouraged the development of new friendships.

## Accelerated Reader - Live Word Count



As everyone knows, we love our reading at Lockyer's!

Now, when you go to our website, you will see an update of how much we have read this week and this school year; can you believe that we have read almost 120 million words already?

Keep it up, Lockyer's! 📖

## Year 8 Textiles Club



Our fantastic Year 8 Textiles Club have been creating these fantastic tote bags this term.

Textiles Club is a wonderful opportunity for our Year 8's to be creative and to really get to grips with a fantastic life skill.



## Holocaust Memorial Day



HOLOCAUST  
MEMORIAL  
DAY 27/1



To commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day on Saturday 27th January, we had a very special guest speaker for our whole school assembly.

Audrey Geffen (Miss Nash's mum) came to tell us the story of her mother, Hilma Ludomer, and describe the changes that she experienced in her youth living in Germany as a Jewish family during the 1930s and 1940s.

If you would like to know more about Hilma's story, please follow this link [here](#) to hear Hilma's story in her own words.

## PE Termly Fitness Tests

Each term, our students carry out a series of fitness tests, where they are tested on their strength, stamina and agility. There are 6 activities; The Bleep Test, Sit and Reach, Three-Hop, Illinois Agility Test, 30 Metre Sprint and Seated Throw.

In our Year Group assemblies last week, the students with the top scores were awarded certificates for their achievements.

Well done to each and every student for taking part.



## ePraise Prize Activity - Super Mario Kart Gaming Afternoon



This week, Mr. Mockridge held the Super Mario Kart ePraise Prize afternoon for some of our students. They had an absolutely fantastic time (including Mr. Mockridge!), racing against each other and showing off some of their gaming skills.

With more ePraise prizes up for grabs this school year, keep an eye on the ePraise app and encourage your child to make great choices and get more points!

## Friends of Lockyer's



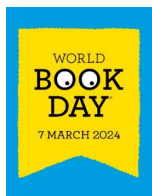
Our Friends of Lockyer's have been lucky enough to be the recipient of a Corfe Mullen Carnival Financial Award. This will go towards fulfilling our mission to create a beautiful outdoor quiet space beside our Library. We also want to keep offering and assisting with opportunities and activities for all of our pupils.

Our FOL meeting took place on Monday 29th January and we were able to discuss other fundraising events and activities going forward this year. Keep an eye out for more information on what's coming up and future meetings.





## Upcoming events



### World Book Day 2024

World Book Day is coming up on Thursday 7th March.

This year we will have various activities going on in school. Keep an eye out for more information after half term...



### Red Nose Day 2024

On Friday 15th March we will be taking part in activities to raise money for Comic Relief.



### Great Lockyer's Bake Off 2024 - Entry Closing Date - 1st March 2024

Don't forget to get your entries in for this year's Bake Off. The theme is "Animals", so get your thinking caps on over half term, have a go and send in a photo.

The final will be held on Thursday 21st March!

## We need your help!

We are looking to lay artificial turf in our new outdoor quiet area. However, in order that we can make it a viable purchase, we are looking for any help from anyone with expertise in fitting it. If you, or anyone you know might be able to assist, please contact Mr. Wilson, our Site Manager.



## Curriculum Overview - Spring Term 2024

Click [here](#) to see what our students are going to be up to in the Spring Term.

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 12th-Friday 16th February -	Half Term Break
Monday 19th February -	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 20th February -	Year 6 NCMP Height/ Weight Checks
Tuesday 27th February -	Subject Parents Evening
Thursday 29th February -	Subject Parents Evening
Thursday 22nd/29th February -	Year 5 Library Trips
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Thursday 7th/ 14th March	Year 5 Library Trips
Friday 15th March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day
Thursday 21st March -	Great Lockyer's Bake Off Final
Monday 24th/ Tuesday 25th March -	Year 5 Paultons Park Trips

## School Dinners - Cut-Off Dates



### Deadline to place order

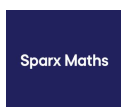
Sunday 11th February 2024  
Sunday 18th February 2024  
Sunday 25th February 2024  
Sunday 3rd March 2024  
Sunday 10th March 2024

### For Week Commencing

Monday 26th February 2024  
Monday 4th March 2024  
Monday 11th March 2024  
Monday 18th March 2024  
Monday 25th March 2024



## Achievement Badges



Accelerated<sup>™</sup>  
Reader



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

- To be a **Maths Master** you need to complete a level. Once you "Level Up", you will receive a "Maths Master" badge (every level is a different coloured badge.)
- **"Read through the Rainbow"** and collect certificates for every 3 successful book quizzes.
- 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?**

## Extra-Curricular Achievements



Thank you so much to everyone who has sent in their extra-curricular achievements. It has been a spectacular half term, with so many achievements.

Well done to Henry, Evie, Izzy, Charlie and Mrs Brown on your fantastic accomplishments. We love celebrating these in school and with our Lockyer's Community. Please keep them coming in!

## Social Media

Please follow us on



**Facebook** Lockyers Middle School  
**X (Formerly Twitter)** @Lockyers\_Middle

We aim to provide regular updates.

You can also use our **school website to learn more about our school**. Visit <https://www.lockyersmiddle.org>



## Allergies

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 last 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.



## Uniform Expectations 2023 - 2024

A reminder on our uniform expectations as shared with you in the summer term. 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 <b>non-uniform jumpers/ hoodies are <u>not permitted</u></b> .
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. <b>Trainers, high heels, slip on shoes, boots and open-toed shoes <u>are not permitted</u></b> .

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](#).

## 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 Mole**

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

**Miss A. Dufek**

**Mr R. Ettling**

**Ms F. Locke**

**Mrs H. Pugh**





## School term and holiday dates 2023/2024

### Spring Term 2024

#### Half Term Holiday

#### Staff Training Day

Pupils Return

Last Day of Term

#### Staff Training Day

#### Easter Holiday

#### 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.

### Support for Inter-Parental Conflict (SIPCo)

A Project to Improve Parents' Relationships





**FREE**  
support  
programme  
available for  
parents in  
conflict

- Do you have a child or children aged between 8 and 14?
- Do you find it hard to get on with your partner or your ex?
- Do you frequently argue or shout at each other?
- Or have you stopped talking to each other because it's too difficult?
- Are you willing to try something new to help resolve your conflict?

If so, then this SIPCo project could help.

Referrals can be taken from both parents or one parent. The help on offer will either be relationship therapy (delivered by the couple therapy charity Tavistock Relationships) or access to some online resources with local support for reducing parental conflict.

Please contact Simone Kettle:

- ✉ [relationshipsmatter@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:relationshipsmatter@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)
- ☎ 01305 224256
- 🌐 <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>

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