



*Children and adults are at the heart of our school;
our school is at the heart of our community.*

Christmas Newsletter

December Celebrations

It has been a very busy few weeks of term with many successful events being held in school. Our Christmas Fayre was a resounding success, as was the Carol Concert with the PTA raising an incredible £2000. In addition, thanks to your generous foodbank donations it has meant that we have been able to provide a huge selection of goods for families in our local community. We know these items will go a long way in supporting those in need this Christmas.

Reception and Key Stage one have held festive performances and they were all absolutely incredible. The children had me in tears – happy tears I have to say, as I watched our amazing children perform and ‘sign’ songs as they performed for parents! Nursery held a super Crafts and Carols morning this week with parents, and presented a fantastic song and dance version of Shakin Stevens ‘Merry Christmas Everyone’ which is a definitely a nursery favourite!

Key Stage one visited MK Arena to see Snow White on ice, with Key Stage 2 watching the pantomime Aladdin in school – Evie in year 4 said, *‘I LOVED the panto. It was absolutely amazing and the best. Hopefully we’ll have another one next year!’*

Each year group has also held its own Fabulous Finish to celebrate the learning over the autumn term and it has been wonderful to be able to invite parents in to school.

As we end this year and think about 2022, we have much to look forward to. Two staff are leaving and we wish them well on their new adventures as they continue their teaching career elsewhere. We have two new teachers joining us: Mrs Jordan in Reception and Mrs Duffy in Year 5. We also have a new arrival in our Lakeview family as this morning Miss Barber has had a baby girl, and is over the moon!

I want to thank you all for your continued support over the last twelve months. I wish you all a very peaceful, relaxing Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all return to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Jackie Normanton



2021 - What a year!



As we reflect on what has been another unprecedented year, and my first as Head Teacher, we have experienced and achieved so much at Lakeview: children, parents and staff all working together. There have been many challenges along the way but the successes and celebrations have far outweighed these.

On our return to school last January, day one saw us go into lock down – yet again. Parents became teachers once more, and worked with children and staff to ensure that learning continued throughout spring. Whilst in lock down, school was open and 25% of our children were in attendance to enable key workers to attend work and support the pandemic.

With a return to school in March, our 3Rs curriculum enabled the children to enjoy being back with their friends. They engaged in outdoor learning and enrichment whilst learning about the Census and our local community through our Reset, Rediscover, Rebuild curriculum. I remember the children being so excited to eat lunch together in the hall – as it had been so long since they had done so.

In the summer term, as Boris announced our exit from lockdown, Covid cases locally began to increase and presented incredibly trying times for us all. Not least in the last few weeks of the summer term when there were three year groups all self-isolation.

We also had our first Ofsted visit as a team. They acknowledged our strengths and validated the plans we have in place to develop our school. We have many exciting developments in progress, the first of which have already been introduced: French is now taught across the whole school from Nursery to Year 6, Forest school is part of the EYFS and KS1 curriculum, and our new Music curriculum was introduced in November.

September saw school being open 5 days a week, following our request for parent feedback. Stunning Starts and Fabulous Finishes were introduced – to 'hook' the children into learning with engaging activities to kick start the topics, and to celebrate their learning at the end of term. Music instrumental lessons were also back up and running with violin, keyboard, drum and guitar all on offer. Extra-curricular clubs and school visits have re-commenced and school performances have been showcased to parents.

Our whole school vision and values were also launched ...

Our vision is for our children to achieve their potential and the best possible outcomes, through engagement in learning experiences which are delivered with the highest expectations every day. Through great teaching, which instils inspiration, provides opportunity and enables choice we aim for our children to be successful and valued at every stage of their education and adult life.

Values

KINDNESS-RESPONSIBILITY-RESPECT-ASPIRATION-EXCELLENCE-PERSISTENCE

These are celebrated each week in assembly and underpin all that we do as we continue to develop our school in 2022. In the last term, we have had the opportunity to start extra-curricular school clubs, take part in two sporting competitions and showcasing our new choir at the Retirement village and in school. We have a school council in place, with our Head Girl and Head boy, along with school ambassadors who support a range of school initiatives such as parent tours and meeting KS1 children in the morning to settle them in to school.

What a year it has been!

We are really looking forward to continuing to working together with you in 2022.



Lakeview School Community Christmas Carol Concert

