



Lavender Field provides innovative and enjoyable education, therapy and early intervention for pupils, enabling them to become independent, happy, positive and valuable members of society.

Autumn 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have really enjoyed a fabulous autumn term at Lavender Field school. We have enjoyed a range of success in sporting competitions, Bake off and of course, our fabulous pantomime event! We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new pupils and staff who have recently joined the Lavender Field family. Thank you to all the pupils and parents who sent in donations for Children in Need and helped us raise over £100 for the charity. As the cool weather continues into the New Year, please can all children remember to bring a coat each day.

Staff have continued to work exceptionally hard during this term for your children and I am very proud of the way that the Lavender Field community support and help each other and that of course, involves all of you as parents and carers too.

I would like to offer my sincere and eternal gratitude to Paul Davies, our Group Safeguarding Lead, who retires at the end of this term. Paul has been an invaluable source of incredible support for Lavender Field School and we wish him all the best in his impending and richly deserved retirement

I would like to wish you all a very happy new year.

Neil Smith

Head of School

Parental Engagement Mornings

Sharing a problem can be a great way to feel supported. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, or carer, you are all welcome and have the opportunity to meet other families informally, along with our therapy team, and have a chat. The parental engagements sessions will run every Thursday this half term. There will be an email with details of how to book. We look forward to seeing you.





What have we been up to?

From Delamere Forest to a visit from a Viking workshop, we have seen some excellent learning take place across school this term. We have also celebrated Diwali and investigated the war by visiting Hack Green Secret bunker, it's been brilliant! We enjoyed a whole school Christmas treat when students visited either the Pantomime or Castaway play. Students behaved excellently and represented the school incredibly well. Well, done! We also enjoyed an extra special visit from the big man himself who handed out presents to our wonderful pupils and some Alpacas and a snow machine made the day even more special.



Ofsted News

As you will be aware, we had some external visitors in November from Ofsted, who inspected Lavender Field School between 7th and 9th November. We have shared a link to our report of which we are very proud of. The report encapsulates some of the fantastic work that our staff do to support our pupils in their learning both socially and academically. I have summarised some quotes of the report below:

"Pupils who join Lavender Field school have often experienced difficulties in their previous education settings. The move to this school is transformational for pupils. They benefit greatly from strong, caring relationships with staff."

***"Each pupil is known as an individual so that expert support and therapy can be targeted to help their unique needs. This allows pupils to learn well,
and to thrive socially and emotionally"***

"Beyond the academic curriculum, staff successfully support pupils to build their confidence and social skills. Pupils are proud of their achievements. They actively delight in contributing widely to school life"

"Prior to joining the school, pupils have often experienced trauma or difficulties in managing their behaviour. Staff are adept at quickly forming warm and trusting relationships with pupils. They consistently model positive behaviours for pupils. The school provides extensive therapeutic support. Over time, pupils' behaviour and their attitudes to learning improve considerably."

I am incredibly proud of the way that Lavender Field support your children and achieving a grade of 'Good', with 2 of the 4 inspected areas 'outstanding' is something that we celebrate with you all.

Sip updates

As a school, we continue to work relentlessly towards our school improvement plan and I would like to share with you some of our successes:

Quality of Education

Improvement task

Ensuring that activities are adapted and stretched in response to pupils' understanding. We achieve this through assessing pupils' progress within lessons and adjusting activities will ensure that progress is more rapid. We also aim to ensure that activities allow pupils to know more and remember more.

Impact

- All pupils made expected progress and some pupils made above expected progress in all subjects.
- All teaching was judged to be effective in ensuring pupils know more and remember more. This has been achieved by ensuring that staff have ongoing training on flashbacks, knowledge maps for both current new staff

Improvement task

Ensure that all staff are able to teach phonics according to school policy and that Pupils joining us at different key stages will have varying levels of fluency and so all staff will be able to support them regardless of age or class group.

Impact

- All children are able to access RWI giving them the best possible opportunity to be able to read with fluency and automaticity.
- External phonics training completed by reading lead and through Read Write Inc and CPD implemented for all staff in addition to the training provided by the reading coordinator

Competitions and events!

This term, a selection of our key stage 2 students have taken part in inter school sports competitions. Some KS2 students starred in the KS2 basketball tournament, showcasing high levels of skill, team work and resilience to again be very successful finishing as epitomised the against our sister schools Heather field, Hopedale and Bluebell. A huge well done to all students for representing the school so positively and working really hard within a team environment. We are looking forward to further competition in inter school tournaments across the key stages in the spring term.

This week we have also has a school bake off competition where teams of pupils from across the school competed to bake the most delicious Christmas cookies. All teams did a fantastic culinary job and congratulations to the winning team.



Student reporters.

Christmas dinner & Christmas fun

On Wednesday the 13th of 2023, a week before the end of this long-term. Lavender field school held a Christmas dinner featuring turkey, roast potatoes, pigs wrapped in blankets, sprouts and carrots - all with gravy. Alongside there were three deserts with Christmas crackers. With this being a special meal, even if they hadn't eaten their dinner, everyone was allowed to have deserts. The three deserts in question were strawberry gateau, a lovely cheese cake and a strawberry ice cream in dark chocolate in the shape of a Christmas tree.

A quote from the head of the school "The turkey was juicy and the roast potatoes were just perfect!"

Each class got their lunch at different times because of the Christmas dinner. Here are the times:

Broadsman: 12:00	Coronation: 12:04	Mayflower: 12:08	Waverley: 12:12	Riviera: 12:16
Belle: 12:20	Jubilee: 12:24	Torbay: 12:28	Rose: 12:32	Orient: 12:36
Condor: 12:40		Comet: 12:44		

Major thanks to the kitchen for providing the times of each class's dinner for the student report.

All of this was reported to you by yours sincerely Student Reporter J.C



The Class Door Decorate Tournament

Each class in this school competed in a door decoration competition where they had to decorate their class doors. The prize for the class who won was McDonald's for the whole class.

Children's parents could choose to vote on their child's class door on Facebook. The winners were class Belle.

If you would like to have a Rocket League tournament online in school put your name blow cut it out and bring it to class condor.

Reported by student reporter ND



A small selection of pictures from this half term...

