



# LINDSWORTH SCHOOL



## Headteacher's Message

When I read this term's newsletter, I realised what a fantastic reminder it was of all the brilliant and amazing things that have taken place in school, alongside our normal teaching and learning opportunities. It highlights all the many positive aspects of our school community and gives an insight into the overall ethos and culture within our school. The kindness and generosity, the citizenship, the talent and general willingness by staff and pupils to go 'above and beyond' alongside our academic achievements are just some of the additional elements that make us so proud of our school and of our learners.

Whilst this time of year is full of festive fun and spirit, we are acutely aware, especially as we head further into winter and the current cold period of weather of how the current financial situation and cost of living crisis could be affecting some of our families. Should you need any advice or support please get in touch with our lead DSL Jenny Francis as there are several charities and food banks we work with that may be able to offer support.

I hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable break over the coming weeks and a happy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 and please do remember to contact us if there is any way we might be able to support you or your child.

Merry Christmas

**Kate Beale**  
**Headteacher**



### Highlights of the term

**Key Stage 2** - 3 of our KS2 pupils went from never skiing before to skiing independently from the top of the ski slope whilst using the ski lift! Shout out to Shyran, Orlando and Tyrell. A further 15 pupils moved up to the next level during their skiing lessons, with all showing resilience and improvement. We couldn't be prouder!

**Year 8** - Shout out to Layton for earning his place on the school football team. Tracey was also really pleased with her Year 8's that went to the pantomime trip and then returned to a positive afternoon.

**Year 9** - Carmel has welcomed new pupils this term and is really impressed with how they've settled in to the new academic year.

**Year 10** - Trevor would like to give a shout out to Khadiza for a fantastic start to the academic year.

**Year 11** - Jason would like to give a shout out to all his Year 11's that have started college one day a week this term to gain new skills and qualifications. Jason has been really impressed with all of them.

### **NEXT TERM**

We will be starting the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award with a group of our Year 9 and 10 pupils. This is an extra award and is very achievable. If your child hasn't signed up and you would like more information please get in touch.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

**STAFF TRAINING DAY** - Monday 8th January 2024

**PROGRESS DAY** - Monday 4th March 2024 (10am-1pm)

### Panto!

50 pupils and staff from Key Stage 2, Year 8 and 9 attended a pantomime production at the Palace Theatre. (Oh no they didn't!)

What a fantastic experience and a great way to finish off the term.



'Mind' is a Charity close to our hearts at Lindsworth. This Christmas the staff have held a fundraising raffle to raise money to donate to the Charity.

We have raised over £300 so far . . .



Thank you to Carmel and Julie for pulling this together.

**RETURN TO SCHOOL**  
**TUESDAY** 9th January 2024

**ALL** pupils return to school

### Aston University Campus Experience Day Nov 2023

A group of students from Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 took part in a Campus Experience Day at Aston University. They experienced a full tour of the University's campus and fantastic facilities, explored post-16 options and considered the skills needed for different pathways.

Many thanks to Sophie@AstonOutreach who commented on our students excellent behaviour and how we 'got stuck in' with all the sessions and activities.



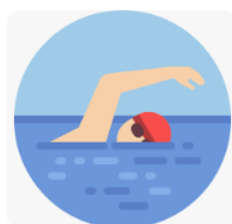
### Personal Development

Lots of our pupils have been engaging in new activities to learn skills as part of our personal development programme in school.

Key Stage 2 have just finished a set of skiing lessons and will be starting gymnastics in the new year.

Year 9 have just finished their swimming sessions at Cocksmoor Wood and Year 8 will be starting swimming sessions in the new year.

This has seen a rise in resilience, improved confidence and team work. Other activities have included cooking, arts and circus skills.



## Christmas Card Competition with



Congratulations to Ollie, Yr 8 for being the 'Director's Winner' of the Christmas Card Competition.

He won a £10 Gift voucher and a selection box for his classmates.

Both Ollie and mom are chuffed!

Congratulations to Callum, Yr 9 for winning '1st Place'! in the Christmas Card Competition.

He won a £50 Gift voucher and £500 for the school.

Enjoy your prize Callum!



## Key Stage 2

This term Key Stage 2 have been learning all about World War II. This has included debates about evacuation, researching and learning about the world leaders and writing a discussion text.

As part of our music curriculum we've also started Ukulele lessons which we're all really enjoying. We finished off the term with a trip to the Think Tank and a workshop all about the science of Christmas and why Rudolph's nose glows red. Next term we are moving on to 'blood and heart' for our topic, will be starting gymnastic lessons as well as a new whole year intervention on emotional literacy.



## Science News by Shibani Nagda the proud Science teacher at Lindsworth School.

Our journey so far.....

The students know the routine in their Science lessons. They know the rules in the lab and enjoy investigating in Science. They have learnt to participate in group discussion and have developed their competitive spirit in an attempt to win 'Scientist Of The Month'. They are aware that a theory lesson is as important as a practical lesson as it helps towards their understanding of topics.

What about this week? .....

As it's the last week before Christmas students requested to do something different in their Science lessons, so they will be doing STEM activities.



## Residence

Our residential unit is going strong and this year pupils have developed life skills including, making their own beds, cooking meals, baking, independently reading as well as fitness and healthy lifestyles.

The pupils in the residential unit develop social skills through sport, offsite activities and team challenges. Highlights from this term have included rock climbing, visiting a badminton club, a live football match and finally meeting the big man himself in the Enchanted Garden at Webbs.



**100% Attendance**  
**this academic year**

**Yr 7— Jayden and Zakiah**

**Yr 8— Poppy and Aidan**

**Yr 9— Tyler and Kai**

**Yr 10—Khadiza, Max, Kieron, Peter and Lucas**

**WELL DONE!**

## Physical Education

Pupils from across Key Stages 3 and 4 are given opportunities to compete against teams consisting of pupils from similar schools across the Midlands. Fixtures are a mix of home and away events on an alternating basis. Results are collated into a league table and the top 2 teams for each group go through to a semi-final fixture. If successful they will get through to the final, which for the last 2 years has been hosted at St. Georges Park (Home of England Football). The games are very competitive and the pupils all enjoy getting involved representing the school. Our current league position is 5 after 4 games but we need to complete 9 fixtures before the season ends in May 2024.

### GCSE PE Support session run by BCU Undergraduates at The Doug Ellis Sports Centre - November 2023

The PE department liaised with the Network's School Games organiser and our pupils attended an event run by BCU Sports Undergraduates. All the pupils had a really positive experience; they completed sessions on bones, muscles and movement, followed by a Basketball session. All of the pupils were fully engaged throughout the sessions and made some excellent contributions. Pupils finished the day by beating the BCU students at Basketball in a very competitive match.

### Upcoming Events in 2024

Next SEN league fixture (Football) – Jan 2024.

Mock GCSE practical moderation with Bromsgrove School – Feb 2024.

Basketball event against 8 mainstream secondary schools – March 2024 TBC

Birmingham Newman University Aspirational visit – Spring 2024.



**Please make sure that you are familiar with our updated Behaviour Policy. This can be easily found on the school website - under Policies. [www.lindsworth.co.uk](http://www.lindsworth.co.uk)**



The staff in Residence have been raising funds by running a 'Guess the weight of the Caribbean Rum Christmas Cake' Competition. The winner will win a delicious cake worth £40.

At £2 a guess we hope that they raise lots of money towards Christmas gifts for our residential pupils.



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And finally, stay safe and enjoy the holidays.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

If you have an urgent enquiry please email the school at

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