

Message from the Assistant Headteacher:

It has been a busy week at Lime Academy Watergall. Year 5 had an exciting visit from 'History Off the Page' and actively participated in an all day workshop re-enacting the Athen's marketplace while the Battle of Marathon took place! They enthusiastically served as wax tablet makers, pottery painters, fresco painters and jewellers all dressed up in a range of Greek apparel – tunics as well as ornamental clasps and belts! The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and it was very evident that all had taken in a vast amount of information about Ancient Greece that they will now be able to apply this knowledge creatively in their written work.

The Senior Leadership Team have been capturing our pupils' learning experiences across the school this week and have visited all the classrooms. It was such a pleasure to observe many happy and engaged learners who were putting in their very best efforts. We are proud of our children's resilience, how well they have adapted to the measures that are in place and how responsible they are for their own safety as well as those of others. We have seen many great examples of pupils embodying our school values, which are:

- Respect
- Equality
- Self Worth
- Partnership
- Enjoyment
- Communication
- Trust

Many of these were reflected upon in today's achievement awards which I thoroughly enjoyed presenting (via Microsoft Teams!) this morning. Well done to all those that received awards, both certificates and Dojos. Keep it up!

Thank you to parents and carers for your ongoing support in regard to wearing masks and practising safe social distancing whilst being on our school site. Most parents are complying with the rules but there are still a small percentage who regularly do not wear

Attendance News:

For the academic year our attendance target is 97%. As a school we monitor attendance daily to ensure that pupils in school and making the most of the learning opportunities on offer and make expected progress during the year.

Whole School Attendance: 94.31%					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.79%	96.67%	92.84%	97.40%	96.25%	92.19%

a mask or wear one correctly. We would really appreciate a conscious and sustained effort to keep our school community as safe as possible.

There has been an increasingly autumnal feel about the weather this week. Please ensure that all children are bringing a coat into school and are wearing appropriate shoes, especially when rain is forecast.

Next week, Year 5 pupils will be participating in the Bikeability programme to learn the practical skills of cycling and provide them with the understanding and expertise they need to ride their bike safely on the road.

Another busy week ahead, but for now, have a relaxing and safe weekend.

Mr Harfield

Bikeability

Children who have signed up to Bikeability must bring their bikes and helmets to school Monday to Thursday next week for their training. Coats and gloves are advisable. Bikes can be stored in the bike racks at the front of the school. If you have a bike lock, it would be advisable to bring this. After dropping off bikes in the racks, children will need to go to the KS1 gate to access the school site, as they normally would. We have sent you a confirmation email on Parentmail if your child has a place.

Ancient Greek Day

Year 5 had a fantastic day learning all about Ancient Greece on Wednesday. There was lots of traditional Greek craft activities which the children thoroughly enjoyed and lots of traditional Greek theatre in the afternoon.



Absence

If your child is off school poorly, please ensure that you call the school office on 01733 264238 and press option 1 by 8.30am. You need to call the school every day during a period of absence. If your child is off school and we have not heard from you as to the reason why they are not in school, it may be reported as an unauthorised absence.

Video Recording in School

During the week commencing 19th October we will be having a videographer in school. As the school is not able to host its usual open days for prospective parents we are creating a virtual tour of the school. We have set up a Parentmail form for you to complete if you do not want your child to be included in the video. If you are happy for your child to be included, you do not need to do anything.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club

We are still running the Leap Breakfast and After School club. The club takes place in the school hall and the bubble system during the day is maintained. All bubbles have their own area in the school hall. If you would like to book your child into the sessions please visit, the school website, parentzone then click on school surveys.

Dinner menu:

Week commencing 12th October 2020

Monday	Chicken tikka Vegetable tikka Jacket Potato, cheese & beans	Jam sponge & custard Yoghurt Cheese & biscuits Fruit
Tuesday	Pork meatballs Vegetable meatballs Jacket potato, cheese & beans	Lemon sponge Yoghurt Cheese & biscuits Fruit
Wednesday	Roast chicken Quorn fillet Jacket potato & tuna	Jelly & ice cream Yoghurt Cheese & biscuits Fruit
Thursday	Beef tacos Quorn tacos Cheese roll	Fudge tart Yoghurt Cheese & biscuits Fruit
Friday	Meat pizza Cheese pizza or Tuna mayo sandwich	Ice cream Yoghurt Cheese & biscuits Fruit

Class Dojo

We are using ClassDojo to connect with families, to add work to children's portfolios and to award positive points across the week. ClassDojo enables you, as parents, to connect with your child's teacher(s), to read the class story ensuring you keep up to date with events and to share stories to your child's home learning or out of school events.

We would encourage you to join ClassDojo to ensure that you remain informed with your child's learning. As our teachers take consideration in preparing what they share, we would like to ensure that this reaches as many of our school community as possible. You can join our school community on class dojo by using the link below. <https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?c=>

Questions of the week:

We are aware that sometimes it is tricky for children to talk to parents about their learning from the week or that sometimes you get the answer “nothing” for all school questions. Therefore, we are now going to provide a prompt question for each year group every week, so that you can ask your child and get them talking about their amazing learning.

	Prompt for learning question of the week
EYFS	Can you remember all of the animals that Daddy Bear hears in the garden?
Year 1	What adjectives were in the three little pigs?
Year 2	What is a human feature and what is a physical feature?
Year 3	How did the Iron Man defeat the Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon?
Year 4	How did the Maya write their numbers?
Year 5	What did I find out in my Ancient Greece day?
Year 6	How are mountains formed?

UPCOMING EVENTS



23 rd Oct	Break up for half term
2 nd Nov	Start of Autumn term 2
18 th Dec	Break up for Christmas, 1.30pm finish
4 th Jan 2021	Spring Term 1 starts
