



# NEWSLETTER

DATE 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## UP COMING DATES

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May** - Break up for half term

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June** - INSET DAY

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June** - Return to school

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** - is now NOT an INSET day. Children to attend school as normal

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** - Break up for the summer holidays

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July** - is still an INSET day

As our final half term approaches, we would like to wish you all a lovely half term break ☺

## Focus Texts

Across our primary academies, each half term, Y1-Y6 will have a focus text to read alongside a range of other fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts. We would like to encourage you to ask your child about the text during Summer 1 and help to promote a love for reading.

Y1 - The Tin Forest  
Y2 - Traction Man  
Y3 - The Astounding Broccoli Boy  
Y4 - The Creakers  
Y5 - Secrets of a Sun King  
Y6 - A Monster Calls

Nursery and EYFS: look out for your top 5 books on your separate newsletters!



## Photography Competition

Thank you and well done to everybody who entered Chloe's 'Connect With Nature' photography competition - it was lovely to see your nature snaps! She had the very tough decision of choosing a winner. Congratulations to our winner: Niamh in 3H.



## School Parliament

As part of this half term's OPA Diploma to 'Actively Contribute to my Local Community', our School Parliament worked in collaboration with Wakefield Council to litter pick in Lofthouse.



They also launched the Heroes stamp design in collaboration with Royal Mail. Thank you for all your entries – they have been sent off and we have our fingers crossed a winner comes from OPA Lofthouse Gate!

Thank you to all our fantastic 'Extreme Reading' and book review entries that have been sent in. It was wonderful to showcase the academy's love for reading. Congratulations to our winners: Lily-Mae, Leo, Elliott and Scarlett.

## Mental Health and Wellbeing

Across the academy, we took part in Mental Health Awareness Week with the theme this year being, 'Connect With Nature'. Our Mental Health and Wellbeing Champions created daily challenges for all year groups to complete and to help understand the positive benefits the great outdoors and nature can have on our mental health. It was lovely to hear children's comments about how much they enjoyed connecting with nature and this will continue to feature within classes (and we hope at home!)



As always, we are here to listen and support. Please follow the purple tabs below on our website if you require external services or support:

<https://www.lofthousegate.outwood.com/mental-wellbeing>

## Operation Encompass School

We wanted to make you all aware that we are an Operation Encompass School. Children who are affected by domestic abuse do not have to suffer in silence. Operation Encompass shares the right information with our school, so we understand what is affecting the child, to give support and make sure they feel safe and included in school. For more information please visit: <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

## Questions and Queries

Children's safety and happiness is our ultimate goal. If you have any questions or queries, please contact school via the admin email address [enquiries@lofthousegate.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@lofthousegate.outwood.com) or by phone (01924 821160) and leave a message with your name, number and child's name. If you have any specific queries linked to the Google Classroom/online learning or home learning packs, please email [remotelarning@lofthousegate.outwood.com](mailto:remotelarning@lofthousegate.outwood.com) and Miss Cleasby will respond ASAP.