



NEWSLETTER

DATE 27th November 2020

UP COMING DATES

Wednesday 16th December –

Christmas dinner day and Christmas party day! (More info to follow.)

Friday 18th December - Break up for half term.

Thank you to our PTFA for funding a pre-recorded virtual Christmas Pantomime performed by Belgrade Theatre. The whole academy will watch this on Friday 18th December.

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper for the last day!



Monday 4th January - Return to school.

New Outdoor Equipment

Thank you to our PTFA for funding two new performance stages and a trim trail for KS1. We are looking forward to using these (when we can!)

OPA Diploma

We had a wonderful virtual assembly celebration across the academy of our Autumn 1 OPA Diploma. The focus last half term was to, 'Be a Good British and International Citizen.' This included activities ranging from learning about Fair Trade, completing random acts of kindness (RAKs), performing in sign language, taking part in the RSPCA compassionate class challenge and joining classes from across the Trust for the 'Great Debate!'

This half term's focus is to, 'Keep Myself and Others Safe.' Please look out for the exciting and memorable activities your child/children take part in on your child's class Twitter.



Children's Roles and Responsibilities

Our Mental Health and Well Being Champions delivered an anti-bullying assembly based on this year's theme of 'United Against Bullying.' They also enjoyed judging the anti-bullying poster competition. Thank you to all our entries – the winning posters are displayed in our 'Shelf Help' mental health section in the main corridor. Please explore the Anti-Bullying Alliance website for ideas and tips about talking to your child about bullying: <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>

Our School Parliament wanted to say thank you to everyone who sent in a Christmas shoe box - we donated over 100 Christmas boxes! We also raised an amazing £341.25 for Children in Need - thank you again for all your support. The team also delivered an assembly for ant-bullying week and have been busy planning their next project linked to sustainability.



Our Reading Ambassadors worked together to promote a love for reading and celebrate 'Children's Book Week' this month. Some of our staff also shared their childhood favourites! Please see our Twitter page (OPA_LG) for their recommendations and reviews!



Mental Health & Wellbeing

Thank you to everybody who showed their support for Anti Bullying Week. It was fantastic to see so many odd socks around the academy and the important message they represent.



Please follow the purple tabs below on our new website if you require external services or support:

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

Mental Wellbeing Strategy

Outwood Mental Wellbeing Website

'Do Good' December

'Action for Happiness' provide monthly calendars which are packed with actions you can take to help create a happier and kinder world. Click below to download:

<https://www.actionforhappiness.org/december>



Questions and Queries

Children's safety and happiness in school is our ultimate goal. If you have any questions or queries, please contact school via the admin email address

enquiries@lofthousegate.outwood.com or by phone (01924 821160) and leave a message with your name, number and child's name.