



NEWSLETTER

DATE 26th November 2021

UP COMING DATES

Monday 29th November -
INSET day

Please see our separate Christmas Singalong letter regarding plans for the festive period. This was also emailed on 22.11.2021:

<https://www.lofthousegate.outwood.com/posts/2339>

Wednesday 15th December -
Christmas dinner day

Thursday 16th December -
Christmas jumper day and Christmas party afternoon (morning and afternoon for Nursery)

Friday 17th December – INSET day due to the Jubilee holiday

Please see our website for next year's term dates and INSET days:
<https://www.lofthousegate.outwood.com/term-dates-and-closures>

Digital Leaders

Thank you to our Digital Leaders for a fantastic virtual assembly on top tips to use Google apps. They confidently and enthusiastically shared how they can be used to support learning and homework projects. Oleka discussed the use of videos to showcase learning. Emma and Niamh presented a clear, step-by-step tutorial on how to use Google Slides. This included creating a presentation, changing fonts, adding images and animations. Jessica shared the app Ibis Paint and how to create digital drawings.

The team are always on hand in the academy to support children (and staff!) with the use of technology and to continually promote safe use of the Internet at all times.

Please see the website for further information on keeping your child safe online:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>



School Parliament

This month, our School Parliament have worked collaboratively to deliver assemblies on Remembrance Day and Anti-bullying week. They are so passionate about making a positive difference to OPALG! They had the tough decision of judging the poppy competition. Well done to everybody who entered and congratulations to our winners!



Mental Health and Wellbeing Champions

Our Mental Health and Wellbeing Champions were very excited to announce the winner from their Hello Yellow challenge. Over 100 entries were put together and the winner was picked at random. Congratulations Florence!



They introduced and delivered assemblies on Anti-bullying Week and Odd Socks day and have also worked collaboratively on a new whole school display linked to 'Inside Out' and regulating our emotions. Well done to all our odd sock entries and congratulations to our winner:
Ben in Year 5.



Odd Socks Day

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. All year groups did focus activities on the theme, 'One Kind Word'.

Please explore the Anti-Bullying Alliance website for ideas and tips about talking to your child about bullying:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2021-one-kind-word>



Children in Need

Thank you to everybody who supported Children in Need. We raised £200.50 (updated amount). The amazing local charities and projects they support help change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people all over the country.



Questions and Queries Children's safety and happiness is our ultimate goal. If you have any questions or queries, please speak to a member of staff or contact school via the admin email address enquiries@lofthousegate.outwood.com You can also 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 and Miss Cleasby will respond ASAP.