



# NEWSLETTER

DATE 26th March 2021

## UP COMING DATES

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March** - Break up for Easter holidays

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April** - Return to school

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** - School is CLOSED for May Day

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

**Monday 7<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

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

## 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 - Do Not Bring Your Dragon to the Library

Y2 - Leon and the Place Between

Y3 - Stitch Head

Y4 - A Wrinkle in Time

Y5 - Holes

Y6 - The Girl of Ink and Stars

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



## Events & Celebrations!

Thank you to everybody who joined us celebrating **World Book Day** (either at home or in the academy!) It is always such a wonderful event to further promote the love of reading. A huge well done to all our 'Bake a Book' and 'Book in a Box' entries – we were blown away by your amazing efforts! Congratulations to our winners: Bobby, Lily-Mae, Lacey and Joel! Our Reading Ambassadors have also created a reading newsletter to share more updates - this was emailed out earlier this week.



We celebrated **British Science Week** with a range of activities, virtual assemblies, experiments, guest appearances, live chicks hatching and much more!

We hosted our virtual **Curriculum Talent Awards** - well done to everybody who was nominated and congratulations to our winners!

As part of our OPA Diploma, we had a wonderful **'Inspire Week'** and hosted a virtual Careers Fair! Thank you to all our parents who joined us for live Google Meets or filmed a video for us. We even had a guest appearance from Harry Gratton! The children loved having the opportunity to ask questions about a range of jobs and have been truly inspired.



## OPALG and Proud

We have had a fantastic start back to school and are so incredibly proud of every single child. It has been a pleasure to see smiling faces in the academy and the children immersed so enthusiastically in their learning. We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support throughout lockdown and our return to school.

## Comic Relief

Thank you to everybody who donated for Red Nose Day - we raised an amazing £121!

## Mental Health and Wellbeing

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>

## Polite Reminders

Thank you for helping to prevent the spread of Covid-19, by arriving at the set pick up and drop off times, limiting the number of adults on site and for wearing masks when on the site (unless exempt).

If you are driving to the academy, can we please ask that you respect our local community and park safely.

To ensure all our pupil's safety, please ensure you discuss the importance of road safety, especially before and after school.

## 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.