



Lindsworth Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

As I come to the end of my first term as Headteacher at Lindsworth, I really don't know where the time has gone! I am delighted with the progress that many pupils have made since Christmas, with an increasing number of pupils attending school 100% of the time. Well done to those pupils. For those whose attendance still needs to improve, remember that we have prize draws for good attendance with significant amounts of money being spent in this area. There is a link between school attendance, the quality of exam results, and resulting career paths, so we are keen to improve attendance for those who find it a bit difficult.

Some of you may have been following the press coverage about Lindsworth and the proposed Academy which is due to open on our site in four years time. The local community are very much against Lindsworth being moved and there have been calls for more consultation before this goes through. In addition, the Governors of Lindsworth have agreed to consult on changing the legal status of the school to Foundation Trust status, which means the Local Authority would not be able to move us off the site unless we really wanted to go! You will be hearing more from the Governors after the Easter break as an informal, and then a formal, consultation process will take place. We will very much appreciate your views and will keep you in touch with what happens over the next few months.

The school received a visit from Investors in People just before the end of last term, and their report is very positive about the staff who work with your children. Strengths of the school included a "strong team ethos" a "breadth of knowledge and skills" and a culture that is "consultative and inclusive." What this means in practice is that your child has the attention of positive, skilled workers who work in a culture that wants the best for your child. The school is accredited as an Investor in People for another three years. If any parent wants to see the full report, please get in touch.



Do you have any suggestions or comments that you want to make? If you use the internet you can now do this online. I will personally check replies on a regular basis, and you can post anonymously if you wish. Simply go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/parentfeedback> and let me know what is on your mind regarding Lindsworth School. I look forward to hearing from you. Best wishes over the Easter Break, and we all look forward to seeing you child back at school on Monday 19th April.

David McMahon
Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary

Break up on Thursday 1st April 2010,
students will leave at 12:20pm.
Return to school on Monday 19th April 2010,
normal times apply.
School closed on Monday 3rd May 2010
for May Day Bank Holiday.

Art Exams

To be held in the Art room, on 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th
April, 5th and 6th May 2010.

For Your Information **HOME ACCESS GRANT.**

Are you eligible?

If you are a parent and think you are eligible for a Home Access grant simply call the Home Access Grant Helpline on **0333 200 1004*** to get an application form.



Meet The Staff

"I was a gunner in the Royal Navy. I joined ten days after leaving school aged 16½. Based out of Plymouth, I've been lucky enough to see lots of exotic and exciting places. I saw action in Sierra Leone, the Balkans, Afghanistan and Iraq. Other deployments took me as far as The Falklands."

Celebrations in Food Technology

Pancake day went with a bang this year at Lindsworth with all students having the opportunity to make their pancakes in food technology. They also investigated and learnt about the origins of the day and its meaning. It was very successful and all students enjoyed the experience. *Joe Birkett*

Food Technology Teacher



Ahoy Me Hearties, It Be Jim McRobie Home 4 Captain Here

The man in the photo is Home 4's Team Leader, Jim McRobie, known to all as "Big Jim". Jim has been at Lindsworth for just over five years and was promoted to Team Leader last Easter when Kim Whapples left us. Leicester born Jim, 39, has been living in Birmingham for the past sixteen years.

Married with a 2 ½ year old son, Jim has led a very full life and has travelled the world.

When asked to compare life afloat with life at Lindsworth, Jim is very happy to be part of the Lindsworth team and derives great satisfaction from seeing the young people achieve their goals, though he suggests that life was easier when he was in a warzone. Someone said that warfare was 90% boredom and 10% action - it's the other way round at Lindsworth! The hours are better too; he no longer spends 6 months away from home and gets to see his family every night.

He admits that the job here can be very frustrating at times and it isn't always easy to be "reasonable" when someone is being so unreasonable towards you.

When not at work, Jim enjoys family life, watching rugby and cooking for friends. When asked where he sees himself in twenty years time, Jim goes misty-eyed and says he'd like to be lying on a white sand beach somewhere in the Indian Ocean. Who wouldn't?

George Smith

Head of Care

Look away if you feel squeamish!!

As part of their on going GCSE work in relation to how the heart works a group of year 9 pupils carried out a lesson on dissection.



Their task was to dissect a lamb's heart, name the parts, and relate this to how the human heart works. The group worked impeccably, they were very inquisitive and fascinated with what they were doing. I'm pleased to say everyone took part and no one fainted!! Well done 9S.

Maxine Jones

Science Teacher

Kids Corner

Can You Find Tommy's Other Trainer?



Art work by *Blake Pheasey*

Teaching Assistant

Health Corner



Healthy Schools

We are becoming very concerned about the amount of fizzy drinks, sweets and stimulant drinks such as Relentless and Red Bull that pupils are bringing to school. In the next few weeks we will be sending out guidelines about this, as we believe that these are having a negative effect on our pupil's behaviour. In the meantime we would be grateful if you could support us by discouraging your child from bringing these to school.

Janine Bryant

Healthy School Coordinator

Lindsworth School wishes you all a Happy Holiday.

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