



Lime Tree Newsletter: Spring 1 Term 23/24

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Mentions and Reminders

Attendance Matters

*An academic year consists of 190 school (teaching days) – this leaves **176 none school days** to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household and other appointments

*Whole School attendance for this half term is **96%**

***Well done to Year 6** for having the best attendance across the whole school for this half term. **Congratulations on achieving 97% attendance.**

Don't forget ... *World Book Day – Thurs 7th March

***Class Photographs – Weds 20th March**

***Scholastic Book Fair** being held during the Reception to Year 6 **Parent Consultations – Tuesday 26th March & Wednesday 27th March**

***Keep your eyes open** for the ParentMails to keep you up to date with school events.

It's going to be a busy half term...

*A [full list](#) of events to add to your diary will follow on the Diary of Events letter and available on the school website

Your chance to catch up with key events from across the school this term

Our spring Uniform Sale was held alongside our first coffee morning of 2024. We welcomed lots of parents and carers to purchase uniform, donate uniform or simply join us for a coffee (a chocolate biscuit), and a chinwag. Our Lead Ambassadors were on hand to assist, whether it was to model and size the uniforms, serve refreshments or put their maths skills to the test working as cashiers.



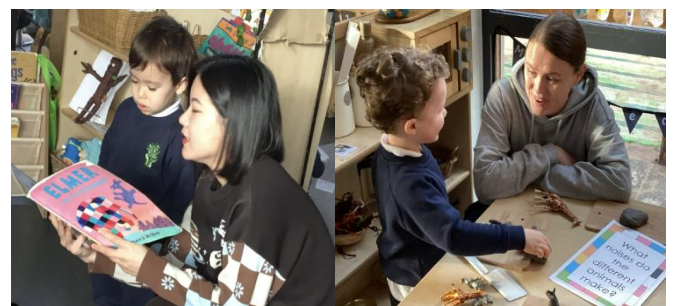
Thanks to everyone's support we raised a fantastic £94.00 which will be put to good use funding essential resources for our classrooms.



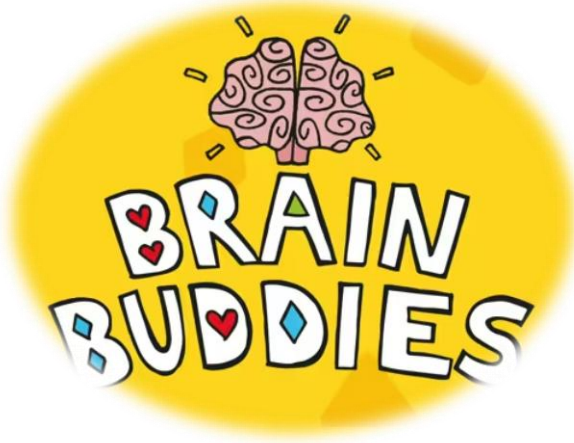
Our Digital Leaders did a fantastic job leading an assembly in preparation for Safer Internet Day.

The ambassadors delivered to the audience their lesson plan, whereby the children would design their own Ipad home screen to show what they enjoyed doing most online. They would then be sharing their 'home screens' with their classmates and participating in class discussions as to what measures they need to take to keep themselves safe online.

Nursery celebrated National Storytelling Week with a stay and play, our focus was on Elmer stories. Parents and carers could explore our different areas set up to promote children's language and communication skills. We enjoyed making our own puppets to act out the stories, getting stuck in with colourful fine motor activities and seeing what animals we could make with the playdough.



Reception celebrated National Storytelling Week, with parents and carers of Reception children being welcomed into school each morning to enjoy sharing books with their little ones in our cosy reading areas. Families also came to watch the teaching team deliver retellings of well-known stories to their classes, demonstrating that you don't need books to tell stories and how a couple of simple props can bring a tale to life!



Since November, Key Stage 2 children have been able to access **Brain Buddies**. This is a lunchtime provision where children complete spatial reasoning puzzles and train their brain! It has been amazing to see how the children have improved with completing these complex puzzles - and how fast they are becoming at it!



This half term the Art Ambassadors released their first competition in order to raise funds for new art equipment for break and lunch times. They raised £60 in total. The winning pupils from EYFS, KS1 and KS2 all received an extra 15-



Congratulations to all the children that entered, our Art Ambassadors found it extremely tricky to choose as all the entries were FANTASTIC!

To celebrate Chinese New Year, our Friends from MM Chinese Club delivered workshops to the children. The children had a great time joining in with songs and rhymes, stories, arts and crafts and dressing up in traditional dress. All activities enriching our little ones learning of Chinese culture and language. The end of the week saw the children's crafts they had been inspired to create being showcased in our whole school Chinese New Year parade.



Reception had an unforgettable experience celebrating Chinese New Year! Parents and carers gave their time to deliver a cooking workshop, where children made their very own spring rolls and egg fried rice.

Families also shared how they celebrate the new year, and even brought in festive treats for the children to enjoy. Huge thanks to everyone who made the occasion so special!



Tree Tots invited parents to attend their Valentines themed stay and play. The children enjoyed having their grown-ups join and play in their classroom. We had lots of fun creating perfume in the water, making cards for someone special and 'baking' cupcakes in the playdough.



OUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!



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If your child is eligible for a Free School Meal (FSM) we need you to register to ensure school receives the additional funding available.

Infant School Age Children

Children who attend Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a meal free of charge under a government scheme called Universal Infant Free School Meals, but we still need you to register in order for our school to receive the additional Pupil Premium funding if you are eligible under one of the specified criteria (please refer to the below eligibility criteria).

Pupil Premium Funding

Our school receives extra funding for every child recorded as being eligible for a free school meal - £1,455 per year for Reception to Year 6 pupils.

Your child may be eligible for a Free School Meal if you are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits which include:

- *Income Support
- *Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- *Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- *The guaranteed part of Pension Credit
- *Child Tax Credit (as long as their annual gross income is £16,190 or less and they don't get Working Tax Credit)
- *Working Tax Credit run-off after they come off Working Tax Credit
- *Universal Credit that has been applied for on, or after, 1 April 2018. As long as their household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax, not including any benefits

By ensuring that as many eligible children as possible are registered, our school will receive the maximum Pupil Premium Funding available, which will benefit your child and the whole school.

Imagine what that additional funding could be used for... books, devices, trips, outdoor resources!

APPLY TODAY

There is a quick and simple way to apply to ensure our school receives this essential funding:

Apply online: <https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/trafford-catering/free-school-meals.aspx>

Important: applications should be per child so if you have more than one child, you need to complete an application for each of them.

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This is just a fraction of what your children have been doing this term. To keep up to date and share your child's journey here at Lime Tree please follow your class Instagram accounts – accessible via your child's class page on our school website – and don't forget to check out our news page!

<https://limetree.bright-futures.co.uk/school-life/classes/>

<https://limetree.bright-futures.co.uk/news-and-events/news/>

Have a wonderful half term break

hello Spring

