



# Lindsworth School Newsletter

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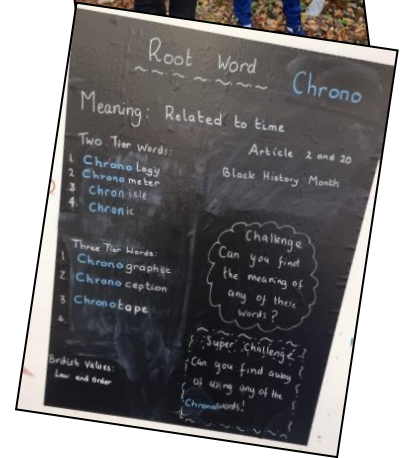


## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE:

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year. It's been a fantastic start with so many compliments from staff, parents/carers and visitors regarding pupils looking incredibly smart and taking **PRIDE** in wearing their new school uniforms.

This term we have had a number of **positive** things happening at the school, including a residential trip to the Lake District; Barclays Bank's *Life Skills* workshops; a visit from Birmingham City Football Club first team player: Lukas Jutkiewicz and competing against another school in the Basketball League competition! We also updated our 'word of the week' with 'root of the week' – which is supporting our pupils to decode words and become more **independent** readers.

This has been a successful first half term for us at Lindsworth School and I want to commend the students on their efforts, especially during such a long half term. I hope they get some well deserved rest over the half term break, stay safe and prepare to come back and work just as hard in the run up to Christmas.



## World Mental Health Day

On Friday 10th October our staff wore yellow to show **respect** to, and highlight, World Mental Health Day. Pupils learned about positive and negative mental health and ways we can look after our mental health. Key Stages 2, 7 and 8 also joined Premier League footballer Reece James on a zoom calling to see how he manages his mental health as a professional footballer and hear his advice!



*Do you have X? (Twitter)*

*Follow our school to see what we're up to, shout outs to specific pupils and more! @lindsworthsch*



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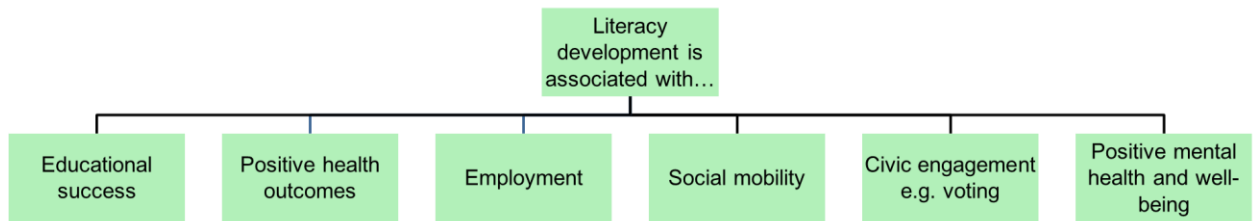


## Key Dates:

- 25.10.24 – Half Term starts (1 week)
- 06.12.24 – Pupil Progress Day
- 20.12.24 – Christmas Holiday
- 06.01.25 – Training Day - **school closed**

## Reading

At Lindsworth School we continue to ‘beat the reading drum’, recognising the impact that reading and literacy has on so many factors:



Remember to encourage pupils to read anything and everything, at home, for at least 20 minutes a day; the impacts are far, wide reaching and beyond the classroom!

## Book Review of the Half Term!

This half term we had multiple book reviews submitted from our Library Borrowers. Our winner was Lexi in Year 9, after reading and reviewing one of ‘The Demon Slayer’ books from our library – winning her a Waterstone’s voucher!



## New additions to the Tolkien Library this term

Based on student voice, we have purchased some new books for the library this half term, including:

- ‘Heartstopper’ volumes 1 to 4
- ‘One Piece’ volumes 5 and 6.
- ‘Demon Slayer’ Kimetsu Academy volumes 1 to 3.
- ‘Clock Striker’ volume 2.
- 20 Marvel & DC comics
- ‘An Inspector Calls’ graphic novel
- Fantastically Great Women - Box Set
- Little People, Big Dreams - Box Set

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## BCFC: Anti-discrimination Workshop

A selection of our students visited St Andrew's Park to take part in an anti-discrimination workshop, delivered by Ethan Laird (BCFC player) and Jamie Johnson (School Liaison Officer). Pupils learned about the impact of racism and discriminatory language/ behaviour and the positive impacts of **equality**. Pupils represented the school well.

## Celebrating Black History Month

This year's theme is '*Reclaiming Narratives*' and is about revisiting history and taking ownership of the stories about culture, contributions and identity that define people from the black community.



At Lindsworth School, we focused our form time sessions to give pupils the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture. We also changed our canteen's menu and incorporated some delicious **Afro Caribbean cuisine!**



Ronald McDonald  
House Charities  
United Kingdom



## Our Charity Focus this Academic Year

This year we are supporting **Ronald McDonald House Charities** in Birmingham; they are based at the Children's Hospital and are one of the largest purpose built accommodation facilities for sick children and their families. All donations will go directly to this charity to help them in any way we can – and teach our pupils about other worlds and the value of charity.

## CATERING: Curriculum Focus

So far this year, we have covered picking our own fruit and vegetables and turned them into crumbles, spaghetti bolognese, Dutch apple cakes, rock buns, welsh cakes and beef curry! Pupils cook individually, as pairs or groups and thus develop their team work skills as well as their culinary skills and nutrient knowledge. Some students act as head chef, demonstrating a high level of responsibility and **independence!**

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## Pupil PRIDE Shout Outs!

Our year 11s have started new courses at college this year to develop new 'hands on' skills, including health and beauty, construction, music and ICT. Tracey would like to give a shout out to; Liam, Tyler, Lucus, Rowan, Aaron, Khadiza, David, Daniel and Josh!



Dave would like to give shout outs to Kaidie and Shyran, in year 7, for their effort in maths this half term; 8L for a fantastic start to the year in ICT and to David and Braeden for fantastic work in their GCSE Business Studies lessons.

Simon would like to give Lucus and Tyreese a shout out for their excellent effort in GCSE English so far this term – KEEP IT UP!

Joe would like to give a shout out to David, Khadiza, Ellis, Tyler and Ollie for their contributions and skills in catering.



As part of our long standing partnership with Birmingham City Football club, so far this year we have had one player visit (Lucas Jutkiewicz) who spent time with students, including time for a kick about! We've also had our coach in weekly working on PE skills and supporting during lunch time activities/ clubs.

Lindsworth School is featured in the latest BCFC Match Day programme!

★ PHONICS STAR OF THE HALF TERM! ★

Our phonics star of the half term is Jake in KS2, his hard work has earned him a Waterstone's Voucher!

