



Liden Academy NEWSLETTER

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TD Days

- 1 September
- 4 September
- 2 January '24
- 28 June '24
- 25 July '24

School Uniform

Visit www.oollvett.uk
To order school uniform

- PE Hoodie £12.95
- PE top £4.95
- Sweatshirt £12.00
- Fleece £13.00
- Cardigan £11.00
- Dap Bag £5.00



Dear Parents and Carers,

A key event of this term was when we had our Ofsted inspection. These inspections are always unexpected as we have only 24 hours' notice. I am proud to say that all the staff have done their very best to ensure that Ofsted have the best view of the school. We expect the report to be available by early January next year.

Improvements to the school.

This year we are renewing the reading theme of each of the main corridors to encourage children to read and to create an exciting space for the children to walk through. Our previous themes have been Roald Dahl, Narnia and Julia Donaldson. The new theme is to extend the range of Julia Donaldson books through large scale models starting just inside the school's reception area.

Below are some photos of this display



The work on the new school perimeter fence has begun, starting near the roadside to the School field. This will involve new electric gates from the road and path.

These works are due to be completed in early January. At this point we will be confirming the new access arrangements to the school in a separate letter.

Lastly, from all the Liden staff, we wish families a very festive Christmas.

Jeff Mason
Principal



Our Guiding Gems

As part of promoting our school values we have GemStones for each one.

We call these **Guiding Gems**'

- * Notice a problem and think of ways to solve it.
- * Be respectful, friendly and support others
- * Be courageous and stick with it, even if it gets tough!
- * Think, concentrate and try your best.
- * Be a good listener, be sensitive to others and share your ideas.
- * Work as a team

Other news/ celebrations..

School Choir

On the evening of Thursday 16th November, the school choir attended the Wyvern Christmas Festival to kick off the Christmas festivities. The children joined other schools in Swindon to perform in front of guests and parents. They sang a range of well-known traditional songs as well as an impressive 8-minute piece composed especially for the night. The choir performed confidently and amazingly and did themselves proud!



Children in Need

Thank you to parents and children who supported this important national children's charity. The children really enjoyed wearing their pj's and dressing gowns. We raised a total of a total of £275.



British Legion Remembrance Day

For Remembrance Day, we sold a large number of poppies in the school. We raised our highest ever total of £665. Thank you to all those that support this worthy cause and charity.

dyson

Year 6 Dyson STEM project

Year 6 had the enormous privilege of being able to take part in a Dyson STEM project. This involved taking apart a component of a Dyson vacuum cleaner and putting it back together.



As the photos show they had great fun doing this. The children then went on to design their own invention.



A key aim of the project is to inspire future engineers.

Attendance Officer Update



Our school attendance to date is just above the national average, which is good for this time of the year when colds and illness start to have an impact.

As we approach Christmas, we start to get requests for holidays towards the end of the autumn term. Unfortunately, we are unable to authorise these, which can result in fines. For further information- please see our attendance policy on our school website.

If you have any future queries, or require support, please email: attendance@liden.excalibur.org.uk

Parent Curriculum letters

At the start of each term teachers from each year group provide a curriculum letter. This can be found on the School website parent info page:

[Newsletters - Liden Academy \(excalibur.org.uk\)](https://www.excalibur.org.uk/newsletters)



To help with the cost-of-living crisis the government launched a website to detail the range of support for households. This is available from the link below:

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>

School diary dates..

Spring Term 3: 3 January to 9 February

Day	Date	Month	Event
Tuesday	2	January	TD Day
Wednesday	3	January	First Day of term
Thursday	11	January	Year 3 Stone age workshop
Wednesday	17	January	Nursery visit from the police
Saturday	20	January	Early Years & Nursery Open Day
Wednesday	24	January	Year 5 Mary Rose visit
Wednesday	24	January	Nursery visit from the fire service
Friday	26	January	Rags to Riches: school collection of unwanted clothes fund raiser for new Jungle Gym Outdoor Apparatus.
Tuesday	30	January	National story telling week
Monday	5	February	Children's mental health week
Tuesday	6	February	Safer Internet day
Friday	9	February	Last day of term. Non-uniform day

Half Term holiday: 12 February to 16 February

Spring Term 4: 19 February to 28 March

Day	Date	Month	Event
Monday	19	February	First day of term
Thursday	22	February	Swindon Music Concert for children in school
Thursday	22	February	Reception Roves Farm trip

Year 6 special

During this Autumn term, year 6 have been busy studying the functions of the heart. This involved looking at a heart from a sheep.

Despite the small amounts of blood and gore they were able to see at close hand the internal chambers of the heart, the blood vessel and valves.

The school was incredibly fortunate to be able to provide this enriched activity which would otherwise be experienced at a Secondary school GCSE biology lesson.

