

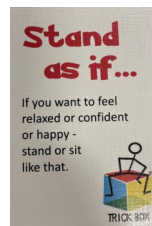
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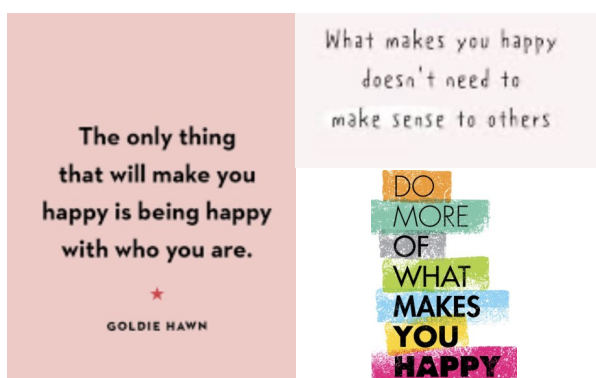
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Whatever
makes your soul
happy.

do that.



New Year wishes to you all. I do hope you had a lovely and joyous festive break. We often talk about New Year resolutions and there is always lots of sharing of wise words at the start of the New Year. My wise words that I shared with Team Lanesend and that I will share with you too is you must do what makes you happy. I have been sharing 'Quotes of The Day' with the team about doing what makes you happy and have asked Laura to share a couple with you on the newsletter. This is definitely going to be my mantra for this year.



The children have returned to school positively and some lovely learning has taken place this week, especially around our curriculum focus on Hovis and 'As Good Today as it Has Always Been'. The possibilities of learning through bread are endless. It had never fully occurred to me how far and wide bread stretches across the world. I feel it is going to be a great focus with a range of skills and knowledge being developed for all. We are planning a Lanesend 'Bread Bake Off' and hoping to hold a World Food Day with support from our families. We do have so much planned from visits to visitors to performances and experiments. This will all be sent home to you shortly on this term's Jigsaw, alongside the year group newsletter.



This half term is also report writing season where teachers are not running after school clubs until after the February half term. We will continue with our external clubs which begin next week. You should have received the information in a form to complete yesterday. I always look forward to reading the reports as they are so reflective of the child and I can see that the teachers really know the children. I particularly always find Year 6 hard knowing that this will be their last report here at Lanesend.

I was talking to the TAC team yesterday and we want to re-establish some of our parent groups that were in place before Covid so we are looking at having coffee mornings, a toddler group, Makaton workshops, budgeting workshops, Trick box workshops, Headteacher's forums, LEAF meetings to mention some of our ideas.

Mrs Flux is going to put together a programme and send this out to families shortly. Another thing that we used to do pre-Covid was to have workshops in school for families to come and work alongside their child. During Covid these went online so I am really pleased that next week we have an opportunity for families to come in and work alongside their child in a math lesson. Please see below for the timings for when your child's classroom is an open classroom for families. This is very exciting!

We are also still running our maths family workshop on a Tuesday 9am-10am with Dee Swallow. Please do come along. I know that maths is taught very differently from when I was a child and it can be very confusing.

Swimming begins for Year 3 next week on Wednesdays. Any help with walking down and supporting would be much appreciated. We would love to have a few more adults to help. Talking about helping in school we are also open to volunteers if you would like to come in and mentor, read or support in the classroom; please let us know. We can get you set up and we would love to welcome you as part of Team Lanesend.

Talking about volunteering, our Dance Live performance is getting closer and we would love some help in making costumes or if you are a hair dresser or make-up artist and would like to join us for the day please let us know. The more hands we have to help the smoother the day runs. We are going the same way over to Portsmouth via the Fishbourne car ferry. We are just waiting to confirm our booking times and we will let you know drop off and pick up times soon. I have just had a flashback to last year when we ran to the ferry due to service cancellations after. Let's hope this was an exception and not the norm! Mary is just finalising the performance and what she calls in the trade 'polishing' it. We cannot wait!

Year 2 take to the stage next week on Thursday 12th January for their performance assemblies on Christianity. We have had some great performances from other year groups on the different religions so far this year and we are looking forward to Year 2's next week. See the next page for times.

We were just talking in the office about upcoming activities and thinking about booking next year in the hope that prices would be based on this year and not next, but I am very aware of the cost of living and Christmas has just been and I know there is no good time to send out forms or request payments. I am going to delay the forms until February for next year's activities. We have provisionally booked tickets for Shrek next year, but again, we will send this out a little later to confirm a place for your child. It is really hard to balance activities and the cost of living. I will continue to look for grants and subsidies wherever I can so that our children continue to experience school days that are engaging, inspiring and go beyond the shores of the Isle of Wight.

Finally, I would like to wish Mrs Gangonells and her family, and all our international families, a Happy Kings' Day tomorrow.



The
Kings'
Day

It looks like a breezy, wet weekend ahead so waterproofs and umbrellas ready for a day out!

Caroline Sice, Headteacher



FOR YOU

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Year 2 Performances

9.30am—Dandelion Class

9.50am—Buttercup Class

10.10am—Daffodil Class

Maths Workshops



Year R— Tuesday 10th January at 12pm—12.30pm

Year 1—Thursday 12th January at 12pm

Year 2—Friday 2.10pm until home time

Year 3—Tuesday 10th January at 11am

Year 4— Thursday 12th January TBC

Year 5—Thursday 12th January at 12:30pm—1:15pm

Year 6— Wednesday 11th January at 9.00am—9.30am



This week's debate...



**Should all the energy we use
be renewable?**

EXTENDING SINK 60

Savannah
Abacus Belize Primary School

Savannah from Abacus Belize Primary School in Belize Park in London designed the Extending Sink 6000. This self-adjusting sink was designed to automatically rise or lower dependent on the users height.

Kingston University
London

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Lanesend Conversation Starters...

Use these prompts with your children at home to start a conversation about their week in school...

Reception— Talk to me about... Bread tasting at snack time, The Gingerbread Man, composition of numbers four and five, rectangles and circles.

Words to use... numeral, bonds, adding, sides, corners.

Tips for the week... practise spelling of the words put, pull, off, jam, jet.

We have been reading... The Gingerbread Man

Year 1— Talk to me about...bread! Ask me what ingredients you need to make bread and the different types of bread we have tasted.

Words to use....bread, yeast, wheat, flour, bake.

Tips for the week...what types pf bread can you spot at home or in the shop? Can you read the labels?

We have been reading....our brand new phonics books!

Year 2— Talk to me about ... Bible stories.

Words to use... The Creation story, Noah's Ark, The Good Samaritan

Tips for the week ... when out and about notice the numbers around and work out how many tens and ones, what is one more/less? What is ten more/less?



We have been reading... Bible stories

Year 3 – TALK TO ME ABOUT... Types of bread

WORDS TO USE... connoisseur, wholemeal, grain, wheat, rye

TIPS FOR THE WEEK... look out for common features in recipes: imperative verbs, adjectives, adverbs

WE ARE READING... Varjak Paw (nearly finished!)

Year 4—Talk to me about: The digestive system, could you instruct someone else through the digestive system practical we did in class? T

ip of the week: You can flip a calculation around and use the inverse operation to check calculations and solve number problems.

We have been reading: 'The Legend of Podkin One' Ear by Kueran Larwood

Year 5— Talk to me about... how to add and subtract fractions with different denominators, and convert mixed numbers to improper fractions.

Words to use... entrepreneur, marketing, product, price, promotion, place (we have started a project where we will be designing and creating our own bread-based products).

Tips for the week... complete your spellings homework *daily* to give you the best chance during our weekly spellings bees in class.

We have been reading... 'War of the Worlds' by H. G. Wells (abridged version).

Year 6— In year 6 we are beginning our new topic by finding out about how the ancient Maya lived in communities and the foods that they ate.

Ask me about sacrifice and what the ancient Maya thought was attractive.





THE ALL AMERICAN

MAINS

Burger in a bun OR Quorn Hot Dog

SIDES

Chips, Peas and Baked Beans

DESSERTS

**Strawberry Jelly, Honey Cookie
and Vanilla Ice Cream**

Thursday 19th January 2023





How fantastic is this! Surely the way forward for toy manufacturers in the future.

DID YOU KNOW?

The new Barbie is made from Ocean-bound plastic waste



"Barbie loves the Ocean" is made from 90% recycled plastic



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!



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SKILL OF THE MONTH



Our Skill of the Month is Staying Positive: Staying Positive - Getting started - Skills Builder Homezone



Books to read and share with your child

Look out for these story books which all include Staying Positive as a theme in your local library. Read, share and enjoy with your child.

- The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires
- Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae
- The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes by Mark Pett
- Your Elastic, Fantastic Brain by JoAnn Deak
- I Can't Do This by K.J. Walton
- Arthur the Wizard by Bryony Noble
- A Muddle of Mistakes by K.J. Walton
- Wombad Divine by Mem Fox
- The Hare and Tortoise by Brian Wildsmith
- Tomorrow I'll Be Brave by Jessica Hische



Happier January 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Find three things to look forward to this year	2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself	3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day	4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why	5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths	6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe	7 Learn something new and share it with others
8 Say positive things to the people you meet today	9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)	10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why	11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime	12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat	13 Take a different route today and see what you notice	14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today
15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful	16 Contribute positively to your local community	17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes	18 Get back in contact with an old friend	19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough	20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge	21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone
22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you	23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment	24 Take a small step towards an important goal	25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down	26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today	27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside	28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently
29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better	30 See how many people you can smile at today	31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future				

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DON'T MISS THIS FUN FAMILY FESTIVAL DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM! Friday 17th & Saturday 18th February

Plus, new for this year, Thursday 16th for the over-12s

DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



Have you got
your tickets
yet?

FAQs

Q: Do I need to get my tickets in advance?

A: It's a good idea. Tickets are selling fast! Get them from www.quayarts.org

Q: How much are tickets?

A: Some sessions are free, others cost between £3 and £6

Q: Is it just for people who like reading?

NO! The IW Story Festival isn't just about books! We've got lots of hands-on activities for you to get involved with – from making puppets to making rockets, illustrating comics to sewing a story. There will be storytellers and theatre performances too!

Tickets are now on sale for the IW Story Festival at **Quay Arts** in Newport during February half term from www.quayarts.org

It's a chance to meet well-known performers and writers like **Simon Farnaby** (from Paddington 2, Horrible Histories and Ghosts) who will be talking about his **Wizard in My Shed** series of books.

Former CBeebies star, **Cerrie Burnell**, will also be there with her exciting adventure story about being different, **Wilder than Midnight**.



CERRIE BURNELL

For younger children we have a world-exclusive. Author and illustrator Nicholas Allan will be revealing for the first time **The King's Pants** (some of you may already know and love one of his most famous books, **The Queen's Knickers**.)

There will be lots of other authors and illustrators for you to meet, some of them you may have heard of, some of them you may not. But all of them are worth seeing. Why not check some of them out before you come along: **Laura Ellen Adnderson, Neal Layton, Jamie Littler, Gareth Peter, Kieran Larwood, Jules Harriner, Felicity Fair Thompson and Peta Rainford**

More information from: www.iwstoryfestival.com