



LEA HALL ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our Lea Hall Academy Newsletter.

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YEAR 9 TRANSITION WORKSHOP WITH BARNARDOS

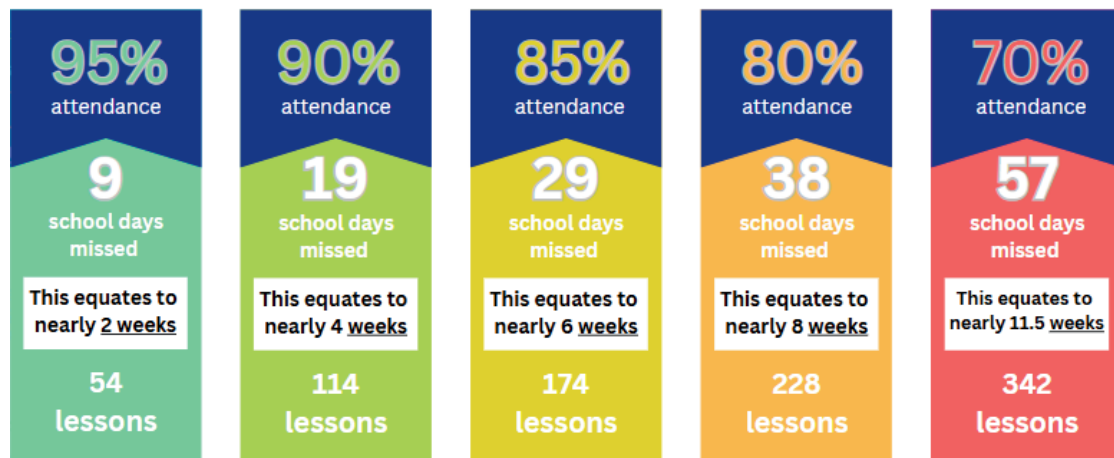
Our Year 9 pupils have been taking part in transition workshops which is delivered by Barnardo's.

The workshop encourages collaboration of viewpoints, ideas and strategies from young people, within a safe and confidential environment. Not only do we want our young people to foster the values and ethos within school. The sessions encourage young people to contribute positively to their wider community, by giving them the tools to do so.

The boys have engaged really well with the workshops and have enjoyed these sessions.



Believe in
children
 Barnardo's

ATTENDANCE MATTERS**Every day in school counts...****and every minute counts....**

Every day the children's attendance and punctuality is recorded on our school system by our administration team. The attendance team works closely with the Local Authority to monitor attendance and punctuality across the school. We look for things that we can put into place to improve attendance and lateness and to support families who need help with getting children into school on time every day.

We celebrate when children exceed our 97% target, as this means they are continuing to access learning where possible. We also celebrate those with the most improved attendance across all KS2 & KS3. Each week, the class with the highest attendance wins the Attendance Award which gives each pupil in that class 50 reward points. These then account towards their chosen reward, whether that is a sensory toy, sports equipment, a new book, a voucher or an educational visit.

We understand that sometimes children are sick, which results in them being unable to attend school. If you decide to keep your child at home due to their illness, it's important that you make contact with the school office by 9:00am to let us know why your child won't be in school. You will need to make sure you keep in contact with the school, on a daily basis with an update about your child's illness.

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. Click [here](#) for the NHS guidelines for when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

CLASS 9 (PARTHENON) UPDATE

This half term in Class 9 we have been reading 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness. We've enjoyed following Conor's story and have explored the symbolism and deeper themes of the text. We also noticed that 12.07 is a significant time in this story, as well as in 'The Curious Incident' which we read before Christmas! This fact has inspired some of us to do some creative writing about the significance of this time.

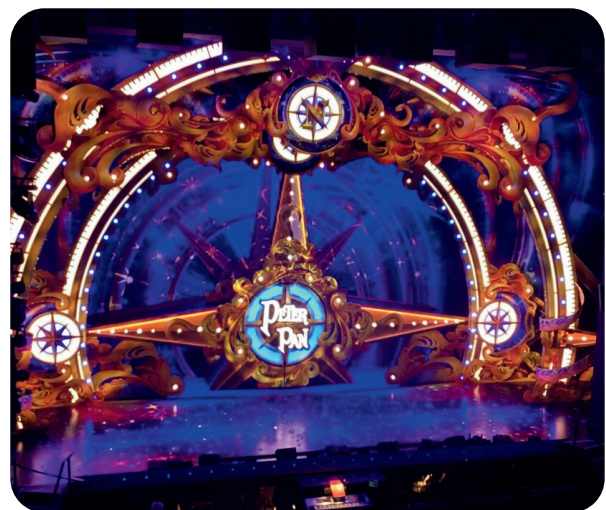
We've also made use of the cooking room as part of our JASS lessons! What started as wanting to make some egg sandwiches turned into a team building exercise where we worked together to plan, prepare and share a delicious breakfast together. We went back again to explore Chinese food as part of our Lunar New Year celebrations and are already planning what we want to make next!

Miss Yates



TRIP TO BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME'S PANTOMIME 'PETER PAN'

We were given the amazing opportunity to take some of our boys to Birmingham Hippodrome to see a relaxed performance of their pantomime 'Peter Pan'. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the performance, and the experience and have all asked to go again next year.



UNIFORM REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS AND CARERS

As a part of upkeeping standards, we are tightening up on pupil uniform and insisting that the boys clearly present themselves as a member of Lea Hall Academy community.

We also know that some parents have raised their disappointment, that this aspect of Lea Hall had been allowed to slide. From **Wednesday 26th February**, after the half term break, all boys are expected to present themselves in the school uniform.

To confirm, the Lea Hall Academy uniform is a white polo shirt, black or dark grey trousers or shorts with a plain or logoed dark green jumper.

No hats are to be worn in school, we have Lea Hall Academy caps available to purchase for the students to wear before and after school or they can wear a durag throughout the day.

If you wish to purchase more uniform, this is done through Brigade, a link to their website is below:

<https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/>



-  **NO HATS**
-  **NO BALACLAVAS**
-  **NO TRACKSUITS**
-  **NO HOODIES**



CLASS 4 (TAJ MAHAL) UPDATE

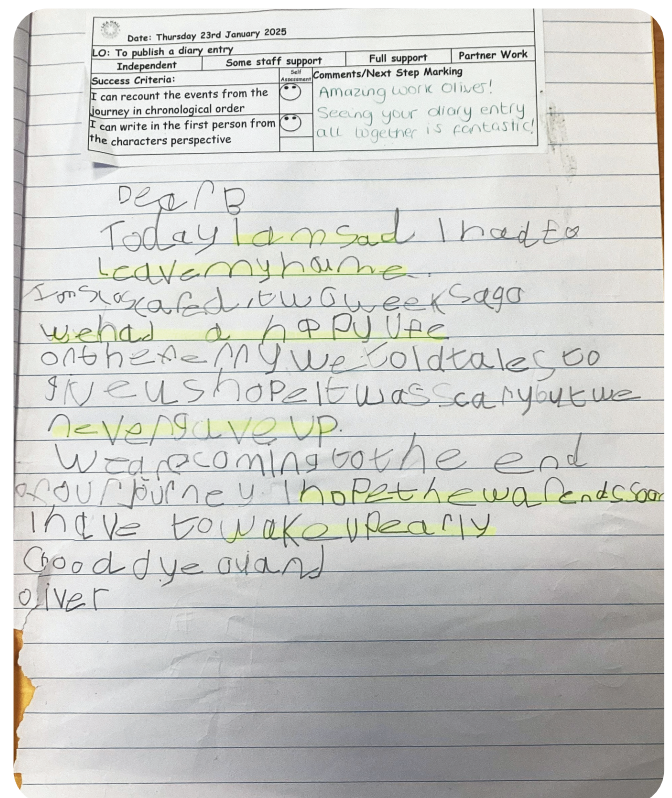
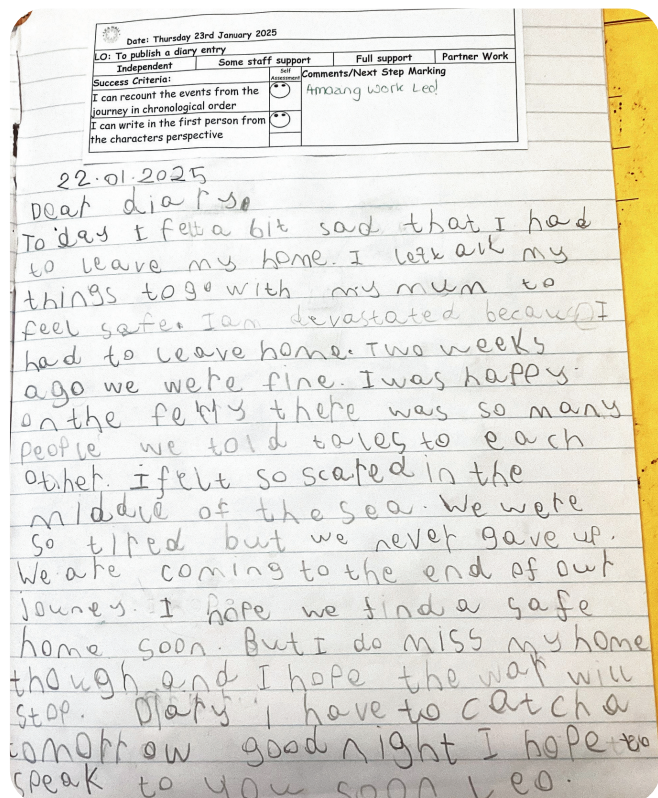
Class 4 (Taj Mahal) have been enjoying our cooking lessons. We have made vegetable noodles, pizza and pasta so far.

The boys have been adventurous with the ingredients they have used and we are really proud of how safe they have been in the kitchen.



CLASS 2 (PYRAMIDS) UPDATE

Class 2 (Pyramids) have been working on writing their own diaries. They loved this piece of work and it really showed, as their work was outstanding! Here are some examples from Leo & Oliver:



CLASS DOJO

As you will now be aware we have implemented a new form of communication here at Lea Hall Academy - Class Dojo.



Class Dojo is our online learning platform. This can be used to share photos and videos of your child working in school. We think this is a great way to enhance communication with families and is an easy way for teacher's to link with you to celebrate progress, 'wow moments' and support learning at home.

We would like your consent in order to use this feature of Dojo. Please fill in the consent form for your child, and return this to school admin office.



TRANSPORT - LATEST INFORMATION

As you may be aware Lea Hall Academy don't arrange any transport directly, it is done through the Birmingham City Council

Please see below the contact details for the travel companies:

AFJ - 0121 689 1000


Green destinations - 0121 553 3363

LDH - 0203 873 2486

If you speak to your child's guide, they will let you know what company transports your child. They will need to be contacted as well as the school office when your child is not in school or if you have any concerns over the transport.

If you have any concerns about your child's transport please speak directly to Travel Assist. They can be contacted on:

Travel Assist - 0121 303 8461



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY TEAM FROM THE LINKS THERAPY COMPANY

At Lea Hall Academy we recognise the benefits of ensuring that the holistic needs of all children are met and, as such, we commission additional support from Links Therapy Company in the form of Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy. They may work with your child's class teacher to help them meet the sensory and communication needs of your child.

The company consists of experienced therapists many of whom have worked for several years within the school system and the NHS. All therapists have a special interest in working with children and young people.

The therapist may observe your child in school as a part of the development of universal, whole school provision. If your child has a specific need identified through their EHCP or identified through general classroom work, however, they may carry out some focussed work and assessments, in order to provide a programme for your child, which staff at school will then carry out on a regular basis. To support their work they may wish to seek information from other therapists who have worked with your child in the past. They may also send a questionnaire home to get a fuller picture of how your child is getting on and they may ask you to come into school to chat with them. In order to do specific work with your child Links Therapy will need your consent. You can give consent in advance by completing and returning the slip below or alternatively we can contact you for consent if we identify work that needs to be done with your child.

We are very pleased to be able to offer this service to our pupils and would welcome any questions or comments you may have. If you haven't already, please send back your child's consent form so we can offer this service to them.

See below a link to their website to find out more about them:

<https://www.linkstherapycompany.co.uk/>

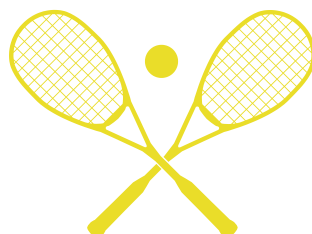


CLASS 6 UPDATE

Class 6 have been attending squash sessions for the past eight weeks as part of their JASS lessons. This has been a great opportunity for them to learn a new sport and develop their skills.

They picked up the rules and techniques quickly, showing enthusiasm and determination in every session. It was fantastic to see them enjoying a sport other than football, embracing the challenge, and bringing their competitive spirit onto the squash court.

Over the weeks, they have made real progress, gaining confidence and improving their gameplay, making the sessions a great success.



Our vision for our pupils at Lea Hall Academy is to provide a safe environment, where children feel happy which enables them to learn and reach their full potential.

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