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## A word from the Headteacher

Dear Parent

Well there isn't much left to say except a huge thank you to all of the staff, parents and pupils at LMPS. It has been another very eventful year but it is always a joy to see the children learn and grow and eventually to leave us and take their place in the world. With that in mind I would like to wish all of our wonderful Year Sixes all the very best of luck as they move on to pastures new.

I also hope all of the staff who are moving on from our school go on to happy and successful careers and I would like to thank them for all of their efforts.

Finally I would like to close by saying a huge thank you to Mrs Marsh as she retires after so many years at our school. I don't think anyone can really appreciate how much she has given to our school and it will be a poorer place for not having her in it. I hope she has a long and happy retirement.


Have a great Summer everyone.

Kind Regards
simon trance Head Teacher

## Goodbye Mrs Murray

In Year 2 we will really miss Mrs Murray, She is just so very funny.

We know how much she loves to read, That is how she has taught us as such speed.

Thank you for teaching us how to run so fast, Now we can make sure that we are never last!

We have so many lovely memories of you, We really hope that you will pay us a visit or two.

Thank you for all of the memories you have made, We will be sure to never let them fade.


## Attendance.

At LMPS we want to celebrate great attendance. At the end of each half term, we look at the overall attendance for each class. The classes with the highest overall attendance are celebrated in assembly, with a class chosen from Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5, 6) and Key Stage 1/Early Years.

See below for the winners for the end of Summer term! These classes have been celebrated in assembly and were presented a trophy.

Well done Skylark Class! (Year 2)
Well done Woodpecker Class! (Year 3)


## Going out on High Note

We have been really lucky to have Ms Hemmings working with us at LMPS since Christmas to cover Miss Well's maternity leave. She has inspired the children with her love of music. She has motivated all the children to sing and the children who took part in The Singing Strategy workshops loved learning the songs from 'The Greatest Showman' to perform with other schools in our pyramid.

Ms Hemmings has worked wonders with the children learning the cello and they have really benefitted from playing with her in our show ‘Choose Dance'.

We have only known Ms Hemmings for a short time but she will leave an impression on the children and staff she has worked with and will be missed.

We have really liked having Ms Hemmings as a music teacher as she is really kind and fun. During her time working at LMPS we have done lots of work looking at different composers as well as composing our own music. We have done two music concerts and also learnt songs.

Ms Hemmings is really nice,
Though we don't know if she likes rice!
We know that she plays the cello, And is also very mellow. She is really really fun, And also we've never seen her glum. Ms Hemmings is not very old, And she also likes the colour gold! We are sad that she has to leave. And sure that everyone will grieve.

By Martha and Harriet who will miss her a lot.

## Reception say farewell to Miss Stephens and Miss Coombs.

Both are leaving our school this summer. They have both been an amazing part of our team. We wish them all the very best and we will miss them lots.
Jacqui Reid

Click on the icon to go to that class's dedicated web page

# GOVERMORS <br> Fond Farewells \& New Beginnings 

## The future holds many changes and challenges for staff and pupils at LMPS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Another academic year has reached the end, and this year feels like it has flown faster than usual. For LMPS it has been another busy year with a variety of performances and sporting activities across the year groups. The recent performance of 'Choose Dance' filled the Gainsford Theatre at Lytchett Minster School and sent a lot of parents on a journey back to their teenage years - or maybe that is just me showing my age...

I am proud to be able to announce the great achievement of LMPS'

sports department, they have been awarded the School Games Gold Mark Award for the third year in a row! Thank you to all the staff and parents involved in enabling this to happen.

As a governing body we have spent significant time this year progressing the school plan to explore joining the Hamwic Education Trust come next academic year. Consultations have been held with staff as well as parents; it was good to see parents asking questions of representatives from Hamwic, school management and governors alike last Tuesday afternoon. Hopefully this assured those of you present that a transition to Hamwic will be a positive move for LMPS.

The end of a year brings with it a number of leavers, but this year marks the end of an era. After 30 years service to the school, Mrs Marsh is retiring from her role in the school office. It is a rarity today to have someone with such a long service record, and more importantly as a result such an in-depth knowledge of their workplace. Whilst staff and governors may have come and gone over the years Mrs Marsh has been a constant to parents
and pupils alike. It does not feel quite real that come September her face won't be there to greet you in the morning. On behalf of the governing body I would like to wish Mrs Marsh a very happy retirement.

From the governing body we have said farewell to Diana Cobden, who upon resigning had completed 45 years service with LMPS - an incredible achievement! Teaching as well as a number of years on the governing body is how she has managed to reach this incredible milestone. In retiring she leaves us with a big gap to fill in our governing body as her knowledge, but more importantly continued passion, of school and governing matters will not be easily replaced. As a mark of respect for Mrs Cobden's lifelong commitment to school life and educational matters, the school hall has been named; The Diana Cobden Hall. Thank you from us all for the support given to school, and happy retirement to Scotland Diana.

Other staff are also moving on to pastures new, thank you for your commitment to LMPS and good luck with your new challenges.

To the whole of Year 6, thank you for all the fun times had at LMPS and good luck at senior school! We will miss you all.

To everyone else, see you back in September. Have a great summer break.

Best wishes,

Lytchett Matravers

Going into school to tell the children all about the Summer Reading Challenge was great fun and it was lovely to see their enthusiasm to sign up for the challenge.

We are hopeful that once again we will have large numbers of children visiting the library eager to take part. We would like to thank the school for giving us the opportunity to talk directly to the children which we feel really does help in encouraging children to get involved. We already have two children from the school who have completed their challenge, Well Done to Finley and Harry.

Mischief Makers - celebrating the 80th anniversary of the much-loved comic the Beano - is the title for the 2018 challenge: To take part in the challenge children should visit the library and sign up for free. They collect a Beanotown map and then 6 Mischief Makers stickers as they read or listen to any 6 library books of their choice. Every child who completes the challenge will receive a medal and certificate with their name on. The challenge starts on Saturday 7th July and finishes on Saturday 8th September - so plenty of time to take part.

We also have a range of activities and competitions running throughout the summer, all free to attend and take part in.

- Children can design their own comic strip to win a fantastic prize. Entry forms can be obtained from the library.
- Early finishers of the Reading Challenge will be offered the chance to take part in the 'Even More Mischief' extra reading challenge with a £10 book token to one lucky winner.
- Everyone who completes the challenge will be entered into a draw to win a super prize for 2 ages groups - under 5's and 5-11 years.

Mischief Makers Summer Fun: Could you be a Mischief Maker? If so, then come along for mischievous stories, games and crafts. Monday 6th August, 10.30am - 11.30am and Tuesday 21st August, 3pm - 4pm. Suitable for children $5-11$ years and places must be booked in advance please.

We are once again offering children the chance to take part in the Arts Award scheme. 'Discover' is the entry level for Arts Award and is about children discovering the art that is all around them. We have 5 sessions running through the summer each with a different art theme including photography, design and craft. Children will need to attend a minimum of 2 sessions to complete the award. These sessions are very popular and can bring children a real sense of achievement. Suitable for children 7-11 years. More information, full details of dates and times and how
to book a place are available from the library.

Two of our regular clubs will have a limited number of spaces available from September.

Our fun and creative Code Club runs on the 1st and 3rd Friday each month (term time only) with two sessions available, $4-5 p m$ or $5.15 p m-6.15 p m$. To find out about Code Club come and have a go at creating animations and games with the help of our Code Club volunteers. Friday 17th August, 3pm - 5pm (drop in session). Suitable for children aged 9 13 years.

Chatterbooks is ideal for children who enjoy books and reading in a fun format. We meet once a month from September - July on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, $4 \mathrm{pm}-4.45 \mathrm{pm}$. Suitable for children aged $7-11$ years.
Please speak to a member of library staff for more information or to reserve a place.

We wish everyone a great summer and look forward to seeing many of you here at the library.

## Babs, Clair and Susan Your Library Staff

## A Thank You Message from Diana Cobden

When I attended my final Governing Body meeting after my 45 years involvement with the school I was completely overcome by the announcement that the school hall was to be named after me in honour of the service I had given. The cards from each class with good wishes for my move to Scotland are delightful and I will certainly put them on display in my new home for friends to also read and enjoy. I have thoroughly enjoyed my involvement with LMPS in every capacity and because of this my roles have never seemed arduous. It is a wonderful school and I am extremely proud of its achievements. The fact that since I was appointed as a newly qualified teacher 45 years ago there have only been three Headteachers and four Deputies rather speaks for itself; the school has moved forwards to become better and better.

What is it about LMPS that makes it so special that some people find they want to stay in contact far longer than they originally thought? Certainly, when I started work at LMPS as
a newly qualified teacher in 1973, who would have thought I would still be coming to the school 45 years later.

In those early days I taught in Reception for two years. There were 40 children in the class and we shared a very large classroom, a practical room and quiet room with 40 Year 1 children. We just had extra help in the afternoon with practical activities. Later I moved to teaching in other year groups, culminating in Year 6, until I moved to a new job. In fact I have taught some of the parents, whose children have attended the school!

These were exciting times for education with a lot of valuable curriculum development and research being introduced with a move away from a lot of rote learning to the development of deeper understanding and problem-solving. I was lucky that the school released me to a attend many useful local and national courses, including a 20-day mathematics course, which gave me a good qualification for my next job as a Primary Mathematics Advisor for Dorset, when the National Curriculum was introduced. I like to think it also helped me to make learning more interesting and valuable for the children.

Locally, I worked on two important initiatives, The National Writing Project and The Primary Maths Project, both of which helped me in the classroom and later enabled me to get several books published

of ideas for open-ended work in the maths classroom.

A year before leaving as a teacher, in 1987, I was appointed as a Staff Governor and then I was co-opted to the Board, as originally, I was only on a two-year secondment to the Advisory Service. I was finding the role interesting and, as a member of the Curriculum Committee, I like to think I was able to give support as well as looking at the strategic development of teaching and learning.

Governance of the school is something I have really enjoyed and for several years I had the privilege of being the Chair of Governors; during which time I was very proud to be involved in the appointment of Simon France. We had an excellent Headteacher with Mike Randall, and Mr France has led the school, which your children are lucky enough to attend, to even greater achievement and success.

Thank you again.

## Diana Cobden <br> School Governor

Scł0OL news...

## Creative Arts Curriculum Week

We have had another fantastic curriculum week, this time celebrating a love of Creative Arts. Educating children in Art and Design develops a number of different skills far beyond drawing and painting. Children are able to develop crucial skills such as imagination and creativity, visual thinking, problem solving and analytical skills and autonomy.

The children have been able to experience a wide range of Arts including printing, sewing, metal stamping, sculpting and dance. It has been amazing to see the work produced within each class and the skills the children have learned. Basing the theme on 'Around the World' the children have been able to not only learn artistic skills but they have also developed their knowledge about countries and traditions around the world.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers and helpers for giving up their time to come in and pass on their valuable skills and knowledge onto our children without this our Curriculum week would not have been possible! Here are a few comments from the children about the week:


〕lliked Creative Arts Week because we got to make clay masks and l've never done that before.'
‘l loved being creative for a whole week and we got to learn about countries too!'

‘I enjoyed learning about different art in other countries. It was interesting.
‘I loved learning different songs and dancing.


We are looking forward to sharing the whole school artwork with you, using the pebbles which the children brought in from home thank you again for providing the children with these.

## Miss Barker

Art and Design Leader

## Buzzard's East African Arts Week


#### Abstract

Our Art's week was very enjoyable, and allowed everyone's inner art abilities to come out. We did all sorts of creative art: clay models; dance; paper beads; rock painting; Tinga Tinga art, sketches; African masks.


We were also very lucky that students from Corfe Hills School, came to teach us how to do metal stamping. We made a whole class piece of art, and we also made key rings and necklaces with our names on. It was fun but also very noisy. We then displayed our master pieces on Friday, for the whole school and for our parents to see. My favourite type of art during the week was the Tinga Tinga art. I asked Owain what he enjoyed best and he said it was making the animal paper beads that we made into a necklace.

The arts week was an extraordinary experience and everyone had such a fantastic time.

## Tinga's life.

Throughout the week, Buzzards have been focusing on East African art. The art that we have looked at is called Tinga Tinga art. It was first created by Edward Saidi Tingatinga who grew up in Tanzania and started painting in 1968, with a brush and oil colours. He usually painted on a 60x60 board.

One day a tourist bought a painting and the tourist introduced Edward to the National Arts Company he later got a job there. In 1972 he was accidentally shot in a police car chase when he was mistaken for the criminal. He later died on his way to hospital.

## Tinga's art.

Tinga Tinga art is a cartoony, abstract style of art, which involves East African animals. Each picture has a story which resembles the natural beauty of Tanzania. We made ours by mixing some water with paint to make the background look natural. Then we drew some animals and other features on paper that had animal prints on them. Some of the animal prints were: Leopards, Crocodiles, Giraffes, Zebras and lots more. Then we stuck them on to the backgrounds and we were done !!!

By William and Harry


By Phoebe


# Read Write Inc Success! 


#### Abstract

This year LMPS used the Read Write Inc programme to get children in Reception and Key Stage One off to a flying start with their reading. We also used it as 1:1 support for the children who we want to keep up and older children in the school who need a more targeted approach.


We strongly believe that reading is one of the most important skills that children can master at primary school. We want our children to read early and quickly so that they can not only enjoy reading, but use reading to learn.

The scheme has been a great success, ensuring all of our children in Reception know their initial Set 1 sounds- at least- and are reading books matched to their phonic ability. Older children in the school have benefited by learning to read and spell even more sounds. We are so proud of the children, the effort they have put into their reading
this year and the progress they have made.
I would like to thank the parents and carers of our school for supporting the implementation of the scheme this year, with a particular thank you to the working group who helped to sort the resources, at the start of the year, for our staff and children. We welcome any feedback from you about the scheme; please email office@lmps.dorset.co.uk.

Moving forwards, we are really excited to announce that because of your generosity at school PTEC events this year, we have been able to buy even more books for each colourband so the children can bring home additional reading books each week with their 'floppy' books.

On a personal note, it has been a privilege to be able to work with your children and be part of their very special reading journeys and I know they will continue to flourish next year.

## Mrs Murray

Read Write Inc Leader

## Year 5 Meet Author Beverly Naidoo!



On Wednesday the 4th of July 2018, year 5 went to Lytchett Minster School to meet the author Beverly Naidoo. We had been reading one of her books (Journey to Jo'berg) and went to find out more about her and her books.

Firstly, we got on the coach to travel there. The coach was exceptionally posh and we were allowed to choose who we sat next to. Once we had arrived, we walked over to the theatre. The seats there were extremely comfortable and soft.

Beverly started off by letting us go and buy some of her books (if we had brought money with us). There was Journey to Jo'berg, The Other Side of Truth, Cinderella of the Nile, Burn My Heart and many more. Then we were told to sit back down in our seats. Ms Naidoo then did a presentation about her books and how she grew up. All of her books are set in Africa and the apartheid because when she published them she wanted to tell people that the apartheid was wrong and that people should stand against it.

After the speech, Beverly sat at a table and we went up to her, one at a time, for her to sign our books. She was very kind and polite to everyone, and everyone enjoyed themselves. "I loved the Beverly Naidoo trip and will remember it forever." This is a quote from Phoebe Sutton in Buzzard class.

By Charlotte and Amelia Year 5

Year 5 trip to Lulworth Cove \& Durdle Door!


#### Abstract

On Wednesday 27 June 2018, Year 5 Buzzard and Osprey- went on a school trip to Lulworth Cove. We went to Lulworth because we have been learning about the Jurassic Coast, along with the rock types and the features of a coast such as stacks, arches, caves and many more.


We got to school with all the kit [sun cream, a hat, lunch and two water bottles] in our rucksacks. We all got on the coach in our groups, and sat next to someone within our group. Most of Buzzards went on the lower level, and Ospreys went on the top. The journey took around 40 minutes.

When we got there, we met a ranger/tour guide called Derry. We went into a classroom and watched a PowerPoint presentation about rocks. At Lulworth Cove there are 5 types of rock. Portland, Wealden, Greensand, Purbeck, and chalk. Some of these types are the house names at the Manor School.

| Portland | 150000000 | Strong |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Purbeck | 147000000 | Soft |
| Wealden | 140000000 | Soft |
| Greensand | 125000000 | Soft |
| Chalk | 065000000 | Strong |



Then we walked to the stair hole. We saw lots of geographical features there, including blowholes, arches, and caves. The blowholes and arches made a smiley face. Along with the coastal features, there were things like 'Lulworth Crumple'. That was made by plate movement.

Then, we went to the world heritage site stone. We found out the actual name for the Jurassic coast is the Dorset and east Devon coast. We were also able to high-five/touch a sauropod dinosaur footprint on the stone (at the top.)


Lunchtime! We ate on a field next to the coast. It was a beautiful view. There were a few strangers on the field and we all had a big year 5 lunch picnic.

After a while, we met up with

Derry again and walked over the massive hills. Then, we stopped at a burial mound and passed round binoculars. It was really enormous, but when archaeologists discovered it, there was only one person in it! He was 6.7 ft tall!

Eventually, after 15 minutes of walking, we reached a place called Scratchy Bottom! Everyone thought it was very funny. In the distance we could see Durdle door. We all sat down and admired the view. Derry told us some facts and we asked him some questions. After, we set off for the coach.

We then went through a breezy woodland walk, to get to the coach. Before we knew it we were back in school and our day was over.

We hope we get to go back one day!!!

By Isabelle, Phoebe and Rhiannon, Year 5



## Ladies and Gentlemen! Hold onto your seats... you're about to witness the greatest show on earth by the greatest Year 6!

You will be treated to the finest entertainment including magic that will mystify you! You will watch dances that astound you! Songs will be sung that will make you cry! Jokes will be told that make you laugh till it hurts. The LMPS Year 6 will all demonstrate their unique talents and together you will see why they are - The Greatest Year 6! Using songs from the film the Greatest Showman, the Y6 pupils created a marvellous production. The show finished with the whole cohort signing to the song 'This Is Me'
whilst a PowerPoint showed slides of each child and their favourite memory of their time at LMPS. Memories included running the Manor Mile, singing in Reception, the trip to Leeson House, Sports Days and participating in the productions.

There was not many dry eyes in the audience as the children finished their Leavers Assembly. It was a fantastic end to a fantastic year. We will truly miss The Greatest Year 6!

The Greatest Year 6


## Year 6 @PGL



Over the last weekend in June, Year 6 headed off the Isle of Wight for their PGL adventure. For four days and three nights, the pupils threw themselves into adventure activities such as the Giant Swing, Jacob’s Ladder, and the Zip Wire. Other activities included archery, fencing,
aeroball and getting completely soaked on the sensory trail. One of the favourite activities had to be the Dragon Boat Race where the staff became just a little bit competitive! Mr Burton's boat came first, followed by Mrs Hancock's with Mr Noyce 's boat trailing a respectable third. PGL just wasn't about the activities - it was also about having fun in the cabins and eating great food and complaining about being woken up by Mrs Hancock's dreadful singing! The trip finished with a disco on the last night. Everyone agreed that it was an amazing time - a great way to
celebrate the end of Year 6 and the end of our time at LMPS!

Year 6 Team


On Tuesday 10th July, Year 6 had a brilliant day at Boscombe Beach completing the Swim Safe course and having lots of fun completing water-based activities - including having a go at surfing!

The children arrived at school earlier than usual in order to arrive at Boscombe Beach by 9.30am. They were split in to 4 groups, with the groups rotating round several different activities.

One of the activities was an hour long Swim Safe course, which is a national course set up by the RNLI and Swim England. This aims to teach children water safety skills through a fun session which is delivered by trained instructors, and it included beach safety, in-water tuition and teaching the children essential skills that they need to know how to use when they are in and around open water.

The next session that the children participated in was a surfing trial session, which was run by Surf Steps instructors at Boscombe Beach. The

Year 6s loved learning how to ride a surf board, playing fun games such as running across a group of boards and even watching some of the staff have a go at 'riding the waves' - although I think Mr Noyce and Mr Spence might need a bit more practice to be able to stay on their feet!

The rest of the day was spent relaxing on the beach, taking part in sandcastle competitions and playing games such as cricket, football and handball.

All in all, the whole day was a really lovely way to spend time together at the end of the year, and we all had a lot of fun.

Huge thanks to all of the staff who were able to come along and help out, and to the brilliant Surf Steps instructors at Boscombe Beach.

Miss Meacher
PE Leader



## Work Experience!!

Emails from some of our recent work experience pupils:

Hi Mrs Dominey,

I just wanted to say a very big thank you for the last two week it was an amazing opportunity and a real eye opener to how PE teaching really works. I have realised that a lot more than just the teaching aspect of it is needed in order to become successful in the teaching career. And I will take with me into my future some skills and tips I have learned whilst doing my work experience at your school.

I want to give a big thank you to Mr Noyce for always being friendly and making work experience a real joy. And to Miss Meacher who made me feel very welcome into her wonderful Year 4 class.

I am extremely pleased to have completed my work experience at Lytchett Primary school and wish everyone all the best and a big thank you to everyone who made the experience that much better.

Dear Mrs Dominey,
I wanted to email you just to say how much I enjoyed doing my work experience at your wonderful school. Just one week made me realise how fulfilling and frustrating the job of a teacher can be! The placement also made me realise that I should at least consider training to become a teacher due to how I felt while helping out.

First of all, I must thank you for this brilliant placement which has now firmly instilled my belief in the power of education in the new globalising world.

I should thank Mrs Hancock and Mr Burton as I can safely say -without a shadow of a doubt- that without them helping me through the week I wouldn't have enjoyed it as much as I did.

Last but not least, I would like to give a special thank you to both classes of year 6, whose behaviour was superb and whose energy I felt was limitless. I wish them the best of luck in their production as I know how much effort has gone into it and how much talent is possessed by those on and off stage. I'm sure they will thrive in their new school, wherever they go. To those going to the manor, I have two pieces of advice: plan your time wisely and whoever says the manor is haunted they're wrong. Probably...

Best wishes Ryan


## Sure Start

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## PQRMAnEnt ScyOOL CROSSING PALROL

Urgently required for Lytchett Matravers Primary School Hourly pay: £8.50

Contact the Safer Travel Team on: tel: 07747180741 or email: roadsafety@dorsetcc.gov.uk to register your interest.

## Website information:

https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/ roadsafety/SCP

## Dorset County Council



## Meals

To make an application for Free School Meals (FSM), please ring 01305251000.

You will be asked your name, date of birth, national insurance number and your child's name, date of birth and address.

If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Marsh in the school office.

## £100 Allowance

Any child that is entitled to free school meals via pupil premium, (i.e. in receipt of free meals because you are in receipt of benefits), can now claim £100 per school year to use towards costs related to their child's education. This funding can be
used for items such as school uniform and educational school trips/experiences like swimming for example. In order for you to claim part or all of your £100 allowance, please speak to the school office, or contact Mr France or Mrs Dominey.



