

# Keeping You Posted



25th September 2020

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to welcome back our Year 4 'bubble' today—all safe and well. We have missed them and school is not the same when there are people missing. It has been challenging because of the impact on staffing within school with people taking on extra responsibilities and providing cover for colleagues. Year 4 have been the first class who have needed to isolate but they have been able to access remote learning from Seesaw. Miss Craven has been pleased with the engagement from all of the children and how they have taken ownership of their Seesaw accounts. She has also been in regular contact with parents and received positive feedback.:

*'Your videos and your words of encouragement and support have such a positive impact on all and we appreciate it.'*

*'I was impressed with how everything was handled and how the last 2 weeks home schooling has been approached. Seesaw seems like a fab way to keep in touch and I know that \*\*\*\*\* has found it a positive learning tool. I was dreading having to home school again, especially now I'm back working from home but the way which you have done it has been fab. So thank you for making it easier for us as parents and the kids.'*

This is a new way of working that we have needed to adapt to and we will always be looking at ways to improve.

In the mornings the new routines seem to be running more smoothly with parents dropping off their children outside classrooms. We are continually reviewing our procedures and adapting to an ever-changing situation.

Mr Melling

## Infant Milk



Due to Covid-19, individual cartons of milk are now to be given to pupils. Please ensure that you have made further payment via ParentMail. If your child does not receive milk but you would like them to, please contact the office at [office@bgl.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@bgl.lancs.sch.uk) .

## Flu Vaccine

Children's flu vaccinations will take place on Tuesday 3rd November. A link for your consent will be sent to you nearer the time.



## Local Authority Questionnaire

We will soon be sending out a link to the LA questionnaire as a follow up to the one completed in July. It is proposed to run this questionnaire on two further occasions across this term so that we will have the opportunity to show changes in attitudes from pupils over this period. Please could you encourage your child to complete this so that we have as many responses as possible.

**YOU'RE A STAR**

Star of the Week

Y1	Koda Bolton	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆
Y2	Evie Campbell	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆
Y3	Matilda Baron	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆
Y4	All of Year 4!	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆
Y5	Isla Potter	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆
Y6	Logan Kershaw	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

Miss Craven has asked for a special mention for Josh Holland (Y4) who got the award during isolation!



## Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night

Please note that the next three weeks of lunch menus have gone live today. These will include two themed days for Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night (Thursday 22nd October and Thursday 5th November respectively). I'm sure the children will find a special treat in their picnic bags!

### Birthdays at BGL!

Your child can wear non-uniform on their special day and continue to have the option of bringing in treats for their classmates but please follow these simple rules:

- \* Food is individually and commercially wrapped.
- \* Food made at home may NOT be distributed within school.
- \* Please do not send cupcakes, doughnuts or sharing cakes as these items are not individually wrapped.
- \* Please bring in any items (food OR non-food) 72 hours prior to your child's birthday in order for the items to be quarantined before distribution.



### Primary Admissions

Online applications are now live: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/> for parents applying for both Primary and Secondary school places for September 2021.

Closing dates (statutory) - the online application system closes at 11.59pm on:

31st October 2020 - Secondary School applications  
15th January 2021 - Primary School applications

To avoid disappointment, please ensure that you submit your applications on time as late applications are considered a very low priority.

## LHA Virtual Experience

We are delighted that you are considering Lostock Hall Academy for your child.

The last 8 months have been unprecedented for all of us. Under normal circumstances your child would have had the opportunity to join us during the Summer term for a taster day with their primary school in Year 5.

Current National restrictions and responsibility of LHA to maintain a COVID-19 safe and secure school for our current students and staff means that regrettably we are unable to host and invite you to our usual Open Evening format.

We recognise that this will be disappointing, and we wish the situation would allow the usual visits to our school.

To assist you at this very important time in your child's educational journey we have put together a virtual experience of Lostock Hall Academy and hope that you will 'feel' the vibrancy, opportunity and professionalism that you can expect from LHA. **Our virtual event will be ready to view on our website from 5.00pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September.** You will be able to view at your leisure after that.



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