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Dear Parents and Carers

What an amazing Spring Term – Thank you! So much achieved, so many successes and, despite the relentless rain in the first half of the term, we kept smiling and achieving. My staff have been truly outstanding; providing a great provision and trying their best to give every child a nurturing, exciting and broad set of learning activities. We have also networked with other schools

Staffing News

Next week, we say farewell and **Good Luck to Mr Upham!** He will be leaving us to take us his well-deserved first Headship post at Walton Primary after Easter. Even though he is leaving us on 1st April, it is no April Fool, as Farrah asked him! Lucas' final task will be to help at the Easter Bingo – so let's make it a good one!

Thank you, Lucas, for all your hard work, dedication and commitment to our great school and we all wish you the very best of luck. You will be sorely missed at Lyngford Park, but this is a fantastic opportunity for your career, and you will be great! Walton is lucky to have you leading their school into their next stage of development.

Our Open Morning – Popular!



Lovely to see so many parents and carers fortunate to have the opportunity to see what their children are learning in class. Sadly, some children struggled somewhat when parents left, but they quickly resettled and continued with their learning.

It is an impossible task with working parents to visit, and we are so sorry we are unable to accommodate everyone. This is why Parents Evenings, and other events are also so vital to celebrate our wonderful school community.

Health & Safety Inspection

On Wednesday, we received our **Annual Health & Safety Full Inspection**. We await our results, but the Inspector remarked how clean and tidy the school was (well done everyone), and how many tasks had been sorted since the last Inspection. Awesome job, Mr Barry!

Centre of Excellence for Oracy – Our Aim!

Miss Noone, Mr Bawden and I visited a Primary School in the centre of Bristol this week.

The Junior School is an **Oracy Centre of Excellence**. It was lovely to observe their excellent practise, and to reflect on our ever-improving provision. We will magpie some of their ideas to our school and were proud to compare their provision to ours – we are doing a great job at Lyngford Park! It was lovely to visit another school, but it was great to be back at Lyngford Park!

Assessment Week – Proud.

This week, the children have taken part in an Assessment Week; an opportunity for children to show off what they know and understand, as well as providing vital information for teachers to assist in their planning. Without exception, every class performed studiously. For some children, they may well not have achieved what they hoped to achieve, so it will be their chance to reflect, work harder and achieve an improved grade next time.



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Citizens Somerset Event – SUCCESS



On Tuesday evening, we took a group of children to The Brewhouse as we were invited to represent our school for the **Annual Town Council Awards** event, presented by Taunton's Mayor. It was a prestigious event where Councillor Tom Deakin (friend of our school!) spoke about the progress Taunton is making in relation to the independent shops, arts and improvement plans.

We were awarded a certificate in recognition to our local community work, including our safer parks initiative. Whilst it was a late night our children made us so proud. Thank you to Kim and Mr Bradley who attended with me, along with **Dylan, Lexi, Maddie, Phoebe, Toby and Charlotte.**

Year 3 Beech Class Trip – Opening of Library Garden

Year 3 pupils from Beech Class had the pleasure of attending a special celebration on Wednesday morning for the opening of the **new outdoor library garden at Priorswood Library, created in partnership with Somerset Art Works.**

The children had previously worked with **artist Lucy Oates** during an inspiring workshop at school, helping to design the patterns and prints now featured on the garden's mural and library bench. It was wonderful for them to see their own artwork brought to life, with more of their creations also proudly displayed inside the library for the community to enjoy. During the visit, the children took part in planting activities, explored the new space, and even managed to encourage the Taunton Mayor to join in the fun!



Golden Mile – another wonderful event!

Well done to all who took part, and to the marshals who helped keep everyone safe. It truly is a great event...thank you Mr Bawden.

Nut Allergy. We are a NO NUT school

Please don't forget...

- ✓ We break up on Wednesday 1st April, but we have the **Easter Bingo** in the evening – starting 5.30pm.
- ✓ Thursday 2nd April is an **INSET Day** for staff & Nursery. **No children in School or Nursery.**
- ✓ The **Clocks change** on Saturday 28th / Sunday 29th...we'll have 1 hour less in bed.

No Newsletter next week, as it is 3 days. Have a great Easter break and we return on Monday 20th April, with Nursery returning on Tuesday 7th April from 8am.

Take care

Nick Arnold