



Monday 7th October 2024

Dear Families,

We hope you are well and that you have had a good few weeks. It has certainly been a productive few weeks for us at Lonsome.

Sayers Croft

Last week, Mrs Jenkins, Mr Boylan and I took 27 of our Year 4 children to Sayers Croft for three days with a group of children from William Morris. The children took part in a range of outdoor activities where they had to really challenge themselves. Activities included: caving, rock climbing, orienteering, pond dipping and high ropes. We were incredibly proud of how well the children took part in the activities. In the evenings, we had a campfire and we were taken on a night walk, which was a little scary for some of the children. However, they all enjoyed a warm mug of hot chocolate on their return. Overall, it was a fun packed few days and we have no doubt that the children slept well on their return.



Phonics Workshop



Miss Bull delivered a fabulous phonics workshop to the families of children in Reception and Year 1 and it was so nice to see so many families turn up for this. Miss Bull explained the importance of phonics when reading and writing and shared some of the key elements of phonics teaching. In addition to this, she shared the importance of our cursive handwriting script and how this is taught to our youngest children. A big thank you to all those families that attended.

Head Boy and Girl Team

Over the past few weeks the Year 6 children have been through a very challenging process in order for Mrs Bull to choose the Head Boy and Girl team. This year's process was slightly different to the previous few years. The children were asked to write a speech at home about why they felt they should be part of the team. These speeches were then shared with the class and a select few were chosen to go through to the next stage. The next stage



meant that the chosen few had to film their speeches and then Mrs Hart, the Head of School at Singlegate chose four boys and four girls to be interviewed by Mrs Bull and Ms Willison, our Chair of Governors. Our Head Boys this year will be Kaseem and Ishmaell and our Deputy Head Boy will be Enoch. Our Head Girl will be Safa and our Deputy Head Girl is Carmen. A huge congratulations to you all. We look forward to seeing you lead by example and develop many new important initiatives and ideas.

PALS and JTAs

In addition to our Head Boy and Girl team, we have selected our PALS and JTAs for the year ahead. These have been selected from our Year 5 children.

Our PALS (Playground Leaders) are: Jimmy, Swaylie, Anusha, Myra, Riyadh and Melek.

Our JTAs (Junior Travel Ambassadors) are: Sharon, Imani, Arwaa and Dominik

Watch out for updates from all of the teams over the coming weeks.

Pizza Parties

A huge well done to Lincoln Class, who have had excellent attendance so far this year and have won the Pizza Parties two weeks in a row.



Please do remember that we expect to see the children in school every day. If your child wakes up and says they feel poorly but you are not sure, please do send them in and we will always call you if they get worse as the day progresses. Please also remember that school starts at **8.30 am**. It is really important that all children are in at the start of the day, as they miss out on some of our key learning when they are late and this has a huge impact on them.

Gather to Give contributions

We welcome any donations that families are able to make for our harvest table. Please may we ask that all non-perishable items are with us by **the 18th October 2024**



Class	Percentage %
Einstein AM	86%
Einstein Full Time	88%
Livingstone	93%
Donaldson	80%
Ennis	94%
Wonder	94%
Palin	92%
Lincoln	98%
Milne	91%
Mandela	93%
Pankhurst	94%
Wilberforce	99%
Roots	98%
Da Vinci	87%
Buble	98%
Total	94%

Online Safety – KNOW YOUR STUFF!

Important online safety information about Setting Boundaries around gaming from The National Online Safety Association.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com>

Ms Revell and Mrs Bull