

Parent Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 18 October 2021 – Week 1

Dear parents and carers,

This week we approach the end of the first half term of the school year. It's been a challenging time for us all, as individuals, as families and as a whole school community. There has been a real feeling of progress and development in school: the change to year groups has gone smoothly and is working well, and we were pleased to hear objective evidence from Ofsted that we are moving forward. Outside events have brought us together as a school community, and have given us the opportunity to take a hard look at who we are and what our values are, and to reaffirm that we stand for trust and respect, courage and ambition. In our assemblies together, we are exploring what these values mean for our lessons and our lives.

We are hugely looking forward to our school production of *Les Misérables – School Edition*. We will be performing a dress rehearsal to around 300 primary school students on Monday, and then our first night is on Tuesday. The production is almost sold out, so if you have not bought your tickets yet, I urge you to hurry! I have seen rehearsals in action, and I can tell you that this is going to be a wonderful production, masterminded as ever by Miss Brown and the Performing Arts Team.

As the weather changes, with cold mornings and rain more prevalent, please can I ask you to make sure that your child leaves home with their coat in the morning. The sight of children arriving at school wet and cold is not a good one, and it does not set them up well for the day.

Finally, please can I ask that you continue to help your child use lateral flow COVID tests twice a week. If your child needs another pack of tests, please get them to ask their form tutors. Regular testing is our best way of detecting the virus early and preventing it spreading further. Virus numbers are extremely high in the community at present, and we need to slow the spread so that we can all keep one another safe.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully

Mr A Fowler
Principal

European Day of Languages

This half term, students in KS3 took part in a Fascinating Facts scavenger hunt, organised by the MFL department for European Day of Languages (26 September). Mrs McDowell asked staff to give a fact about themselves with a link to languages.

We had lots of interesting replies from staff, from Ms Craig who can count in Maori, to Mr. Billingsley whose mother was a French teacher called Miss Fish (Madame Poisson in French)!

We gave the students a list of facts, but we didn't tell them which member of staff they related to. Over the course of a week, they had to ask around school and find as many people on the scavenger hunt sheet as possible and hopefully have fun talking to lots of members of staff about languages in the process.

Congratulations to our eventual winners: Jamie Atay - year 7, Harry Scott and Rebecca Smirk - year 9, who won the competition with the most correct answers!

Bien fait/gut erledigt/pai te mahi/bien hecho/da iawn/well done – to all who took part!

Mrs McDowell
Teacher of MFL

Scholastic Book Club

We are once again running an online Scholastic Book Club. To view the latest books on offer please visit:

<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/lord-lawson-of-beamish/digital-book-club>

Scholastic Book Club is a great way of keeping your child engaged with reading and supporting literacy in the academy. For every £1 spent on books from Scholastic, the academy receives 20p in rewards to spend on new books for our academy library.

The book club will run until the 25 November – payment is made online direct to Scholastic Book Club via the link above.

Thank you.

Miss B Dixon
LRC Coordinator

School Production: 'Les Misérables – School Edition'

The academy is proud and very much looking forward to presenting our 2021 Academy Production: 'Les Misérables - School Edition' this week, from Tuesday 19 - Friday 22 October 2021. Performances begin at 7.00pm.

There are a limited number of tickets still available for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening performances, which can be purchased from the academy reception for £6.00 each.

The final Sunday rehearsal for all cast is this Sunday, 17 October: 10.00am – 4.00pm.

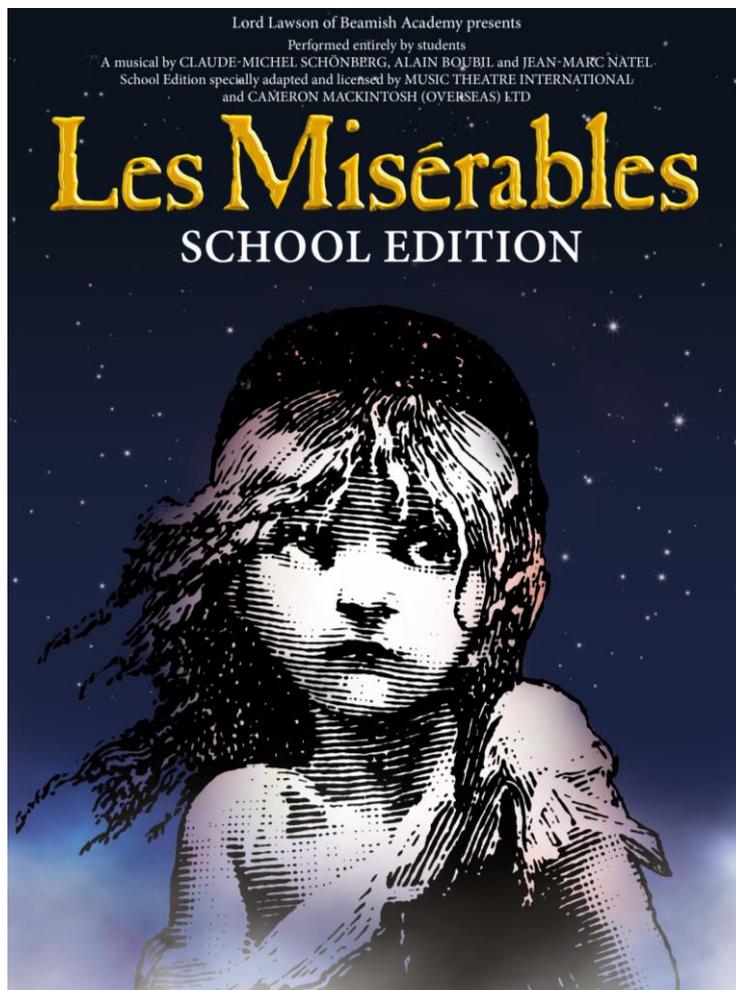
Cast members will be involved in a primary school transition event on Monday 18 October; cast members will need to have all of their costumes and props for this performance and have permission to arrive to the academy in their basic 'all black' costume on that day. Cast members involved are required for the normal school hours on Monday. There will be no after school rehearsal on Monday 18 October.

We look forward to welcoming our audience next week and hope you enjoy the show.

If you have any questions regarding the production, please contact Miss Brown - Subject Leader Performing Arts - via email at: sbrown@lordlawson.academy.

Best wishes

Miss S Brown
Subject leader – Performing Arts



Learning Resource Centre: Upcoming Events

Halloween Competition - Closing date 3 November

This year's Halloween competition asks students to create a 3-D model based on a scene from a scary book they have read, or are currently reading. An explanation of the scene should accompany all entries and students should also explain why they decided to recreate it.

Entries should be brought to the LRC no later than the end of Wednesday 3 November. For inspiration on which scary stories to read and respond to, students can visit the Learning Resource Centre to browse our selection of fantastically horrible horror books!

Year 7: Spelling Bee - Friday 5 November

Year 7 students are invited to participate in the Year 7 Spelling Bee, which will be held in the LRC during lunchtime on Friday 5 November. Students should sign up with Miss Dixon in the LRC. It is advisable for the students to bring a packed lunch for that day.

Thank you

Miss B Dixon
LRC Coordinator

The PE department would like to hear from you!

We are interested to know if your child is involved in any extracurricular sports outside school. Please let us know what your child has been up to, as we would love to celebrate their successes.

A huge shout out this week to George Lavery. George is a talented swimmer and swims for Gateshead and Whickham Swimming club. George competes in both individual and team galas. Keep up the hard work George, we are super proud of you!

If you have anything you would like us to know about so we can add our support and praise to, please email: htroughton@lordlawson.academy

Thank you

Miss H Troughton
Teacher of PE

Lost Property

A reminder for parents/carers of the importance to label all items of uniform, PE kit, footwear, outdoor coats etc., for their child.

We regularly accumulate many items of clothing which are easy to return to students or year leaders if they are identifiable.

Any uncollected items of lost property that are not identifiable will be disposed of during the half term holidays.

Kind regards

Mrs S J Wakefield
Office Manager