



December 2023

A message from The Headteacher

As we fast approach the end of the first term of the 2023-24 academic year, I have been reflecting on the progress we have made, the plans we have for the future and the amazing work your children have been doing. A quick scroll through our new social media reminds us of just some of the excellent opportunities and experiences our students have had and of the superb contributions they have made. There are far too many to mention but some of the highlights include:

- BBC Radio Shropshire's visit to discuss with our staff and students, the fabulous remembrance display that was created using crochet poppies made in school.
- Supporting charities including Brain Tumour Research, Young Minds, Save the Children, Children in Need and The Royal British Legion.
- A visit from Ian Byrne MP who wanted to meet our Year 11s following their inspirational letters to him regarding The Real Truth Project.
- Our superb school performance of High School Musical.
- Our DofE students from The Kettlemere Centre who have completed the volunteering component via their creation and selling of items at the Ellesmere Winter Fayre.
- A visit from Bosch who have very kindly donated some of their excellent tools for our students to use in their Technology lessons.
- Scholastic book fayre which sold over £1000 worth of books resulting in £500 worth of free books to school.
- Supporting our local community in collaboration with the Ellesmere Community Christmas Campaign to 'Buy a tin and drop it in.'
- The 'Recommend a book competition.'

- Anti-bullying Week assemblies led by our students.
- A range of sporting participation and achievement.
- A number of trips and visits

Your children continue to live our values (safe, smart, responsible, kind) each and every day and continue to be a credit to themselves, their families and their school throughout the term.

I have reiterated the importance of our school values, reminded them of my 'pride in our badge' mantra and also of the need to achieve 'relentless consistency' whilst developing 'excellent relationships.' There is more planned for the coming months to help us further embed these values and expectations and I look forward to sharing these with you all as they happen.



A reminder please, all students return to school on **Thursday 4th January 2024**





LAKELANDS NEWS

December 2023



As you know, we introduced some changes to how and where our children move around the school building between lessons and this has made a real and continuing difference. After the Christmas break we will also be introducing new arrangements for social times (before school, break time and lunch time) that will ensure closer supervision. The Lakelands Academy site is a large one with lots of areas to supervise and with a relatively small staff team it can be challenging, especially at times of staff absence, to have staff on duty everywhere needed. The new plans will be shared with your children before we break up for Christmas ready for January.

We are in the process of writing a completely new 'Behaviour for Learning and Relationships Policy' to replace the current 'Behaviour Policy.' I hope to have this in draft form to share with our staff before the end of term. Following their feedback, it will be shared with our student council to seek their views and input and then with yourselves for the same reasons. The new policy has at its heart, our school ethos, vision, values and the specific roles of each group of stakeholders. There is a huge focus on support, rewards and recognition as well as providing clarity and consistency regarding possible consequences for behaviour that fails to meet our standards and expectations. I believe that this policy will have a great impact on our school community and I look forward to consulting with you on this.

Having mentioned our student council, I am also excited to share with you that we will soon be launching a new format for this crucial aspect of our school. More to follow in the new year! This structure will form an integral part of our stakeholder voice engagement which will also include student, staff and parent/carer surveys amongst other things.

As is almost always the case, the end of a school term sees some movement of staff. This term is no different and we are saying goodbye and good luck to Mr Cooper, Miss Barnes, Ms Vardy, Miss Jack, Miss Salt and Mrs Worthington. We thank them all for their contributions to Lakelands Academy and wish them the very best of luck for their new challenges and opportunities. We are looking forward to welcoming our new staff in January and are excited to begin working with Ms Rees, Mrs Martin, Mr Clark and Ms Smith.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very enjoyable Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Mark Hignett
Headteacher



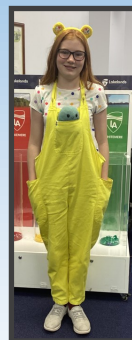
School Activities this term

Children In Need 2023

Lakelands Academy have raised an amazing
£410.18...!!!

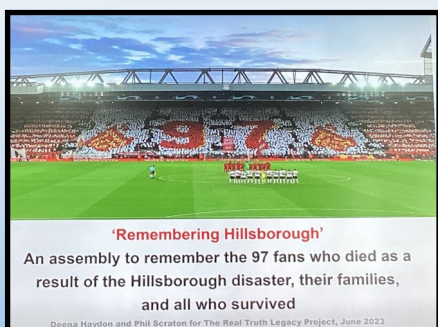
Thank you to everyone who donated.

Well done Lakelands! An amazing amount raised!!



Thank you to all our students and staff that helped raise funds for the Poppy Appeal.

Today we were delighted to be able to present a cheque for £200 to Caroline Ford from the Ellesmere branch of the Royal British Legion. An amazing effort, I'm sure you would agree.



'Remembering Hillsborough'

An assembly to remember the 97 fans who died as a result of the Hillsborough disaster, their families, and all who survived

Photos: Haydon and Phil Scruton for The Real Truth Legacy Project, June 2023




Ian Byrne, the Member of Parliament for Liverpool West Derby, who came to speak to Year 11 about the 'Real Truth Legacy Project', a campaign to educate all generations about the 'real truth' and injustice of Hillsborough. Ian is a survivor of Hillsborough.

After a powerful and inspiring talk to all of Year 11 from Ian, the students asked him questions about Hillsborough and about his career in politics.

We cannot thank Ian enough for his visit and for his interest in Lakelands Academy and our children.

School Activities this term

Ten pupils from year 7-10 were lucky enough to go and see Sleeping Beauty at the Theatre Clwyd in Wrexham.

Students from **10B** have been working very hard in putting together little presents for all the residents at Ellesmere House.  Form tutor, Miss Molloy said "We wanted to give something back to the community and they came up with this idea. They have all made such an effort by chipping in to get this completed, I'm very proud of them all."



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Millie Miranda and Elana practicing their navigation during a circular walk from school during the training days.

Congratulations to Tegan, Tirion, George, Anton, Tom, Jacob and Millie who have completed their Bronze Award.

Tom, George, Anton, Jacob and Millie are now enrolled for Silver, which, because they have completed their Bronze Award may take as little as 6 months. **Very Well done!**

Tom, Jacob and Will cooking s'mores at camp near Llangollen on their assessed expedition



Tom, Ioan, Anton, Jacob and Will on the walking expedition day 1 near Chirk canal tunnel



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Football news

Good effort by the Year 10 and 11 students this afternoon in the rain.

They played Meole Brace in the Shropshire Schools Presidents Trophy but unfortunately they lost. They were a credit to the school though.



Some of our Year 7's enjoyed a visit to the Arthog Outreach Centre. A lot of them were quite anxious to begin with, particularly with regard to the climbing wall. However, they all committed 100% to every challenge, and by the end of the morning, those students with the greatest fear of heights had managed to get themselves at least halfway up, if not all the way to the top!

Our students showed resilience and amazing teamwork in the freezing cold and they even managed to make a few new friends along the way.



Football news

The year 9 boys played incredibly well this afternoon at Oswestry School.

They played 5 games, winning 2, drawing 2 and losing 1, which meant we came 3rd overall. I couldn't fault their commitment to each game.



The Year 9 girls were a credit to the school this afternoon at the tournament held at Oswestry School. They showed great determination and teamwork and played really well against Corbett, Oswestry School and the Marches.





Students Performing and Excelling in 'Out of School' Activities



Huge congratulations to Louie Kynaston Bradbury who represented Wales in the Victory Shield against Ireland, Scotland and Northern Ireland. He also scored a cracking goal!



Well done to Suzanna, Hayden and Rueben in year 9, who helped to organise and run a stall at the Ellesmere Winter Fayre on Friday. These students are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and preparing for and running the stall was part of the Volunteering element of the award.





Crisp Packet Project 8C

Well done...!!!

8C have been collecting crisp packets for a charity called The Crisp Packet project. They recycle crisp packets and turn them into bivvy bags for homeless people.

The packets are collected washed and cut down one side to make a rectangle. They are then ironed together – no glue, no stitching, just the heat of a hot iron. These rows are then turned into bivvy bags with an additional plastic sleeve added. The foil on the inside of the bag acts as insulation whilst the plastic keeps the wearer drier. Carefully placed holes allow for the movement of air. The charity also makes bags and luggage out of the packets to sell and support the homeless community.

8C collected more than 500 packets between September and the end of October. We washed them all and cut the bags up. Mrs Clewlow then ironed a whole sheet together to send to the charity completed and ready to be used. 5 rows of 15 packets and the remaining have been bundled up and posted to the charity to use as they see fit.

An excellent project to get involved with.



Please Only Send in;



*Cleaned, dry and cut opened landscape way crisp packets.
@ CPP Hastings HQ
Thank you for your understanding and continued support so that we can help others.*



*CPP HQ
@ The Y Centre
Saint Paul's road,
St Leonard's,
TN37 6RS
Please only send in from the UK*

The best packets for us to use are regular size packets that are soft



The Globe Theatre Project

And The Winners are ...

Best Cake Model of the Globe Theatre

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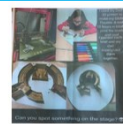
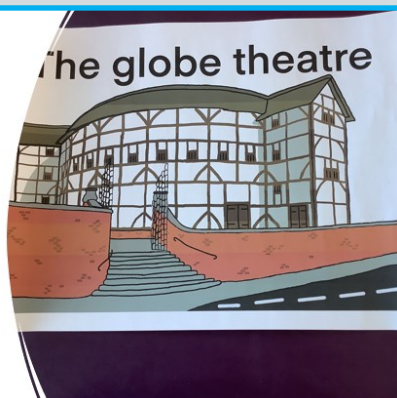
Year 7 have been learning about Shakespeare's theatre before moving on to read about Macbeth. Mrs Clewlow set them the challenge of building their own version of the theatre in any format that they wanted.

The library was FULL to the brim with entries – the pupils of Year 7 far exceeded our expectations and produced some exceptional work!

And The Winners are ...

Best Globe on paper

LEA COLEMAN 7B



And The Winners are ...

Best Model of The Globe

"3D PRINTED GLOBE"

POPPY DAVIES 7C

The tiny skull on the stage was a winner!



Amazing work!!

As a result of there being so many entries, we have decided to create the following categories:

1. Best cake Globe
2. Best Globe on paper
3. Best model of The Globe

Most interesting design

There will also be several

Highly Commended and **Commended** students.

And The Winners are ...

Most Interesting Design
"GLOBE IN A GLOBE"

KATARINA PERKS 7B



COPING AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be tough. That's why it's important to know there's always someone you can talk to.



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📍 Helpline
🌐 mind.org.uk



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📍 24/7 text service
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☎ 116 123
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We'll be open throughout the festive period

- Call Samaritans for free – **116 123**
- For anyone struggling to cope **Text SHOUT – 85258**
- For young people under the age of 35 or concerns a young person is thinking of suicide Call Papyrus Hopeline247– **0800 068 4141** or **Text 07860 039967**
- For more support and advice visit <http://bit.ly/3SSbK9M>

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LAKELANDS PRE-LOVED CLOTHES SHOP

To make pre-loved school clothing available to our school community we have set up a school shop. All items available will be free of charge.

How it works!

- Families kindly donate any old, unused or unwanted school uniform they no longer require. If you would like to donate any school uniform please drop it in at reception. Please make sure all uniform has been cleaned and washed prior to donating and any name tags removed.
- Uniform can be ordered using the Microsoft Form below and can also be found on our school website. Please copy the link and paste into your browser.
- You will receive an email confirmation when your order is ready to be collected.
- Orders can be collected from reception by the Parent or the pupil. We ask that orders are collected as soon as possible and will only be held for 5 days.
- If the item is not in stock you will be added to a waiting list and contacted as soon as it becomes available.

Link to form - <https://forms.office.com/r/Z19NqNvuRg>

ITEMS AVAILABLE

These will all be free of charge
Lakelands Black Sweatshirt
Lakelands PE Polo & PE Rugby Top
Lakelands PE Fleece
Navy Skort

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Wednesday 6th September - Wednesday 20th December

HALF TERM: Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November

PD Day - Monday 6th November

CHRISTMAS: Thursday 21st December - Wednesday 3rd January

SPRING TERM 2024

Thursday 4th January - Friday 22nd March

HALF TERM: Monday 12th - Friday 16th February

EASTER: Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

If we are expecting your child to be in school and they are unable to attend, please telephone, **not email**.

If your child is absent for more than one day, please note that we require you to phone **every morning**, not just on the first day of absence.

These are safeguarding requirements.

To report an absence please ring 01691 622543

Reminder

Pupils must arrive at school on time in the mornings and be on site ready for the 8.55am bell.



Thank you!



A massive thank you to **BOSCH** who have very kindly donated some of their tools for our students to use in their Technology lessons

UNIFORM REMINDER

Please see below a list of areas of concern to focus on as part of our uniform and appearance code. A reminder of the uniform code is in your child's diary.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and for helping us to support the strong values of Lakelands Academy.

Please label all uniform and belongings. This really helps us when trying to reunite lost property with its owner.

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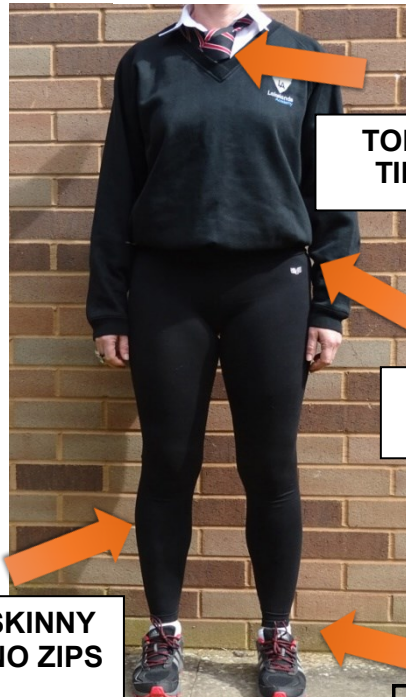
TOP BUTTON / TIE FASTENED

BLACK KNEE LENGTH SKIRT

BLACK SENSIBLE (FLAT) SHOES - NOT BOOTS OR PLAIN BLACK TRAINERS

Single small stud in each ear is permissible but no other piercings are allowed.

BAD



TOP BUTTON / TIE UNDONE

JUMPER TUCKED IN

LEGGINGS/SKINNY TROUSERS/NO ZIPS

BAD



LOGO/ COLOURED TRAINERS

TOP BUTTON / TIE UNDONE

SHIRT UNTUCKED

SKIRT TOO SHORT/ TOO TIGHT OR LYCRA

TRAINERS

Is your child eligible for free school meals?

If your circumstances have recently changed, you may find that your child is now entitled to free school meals.

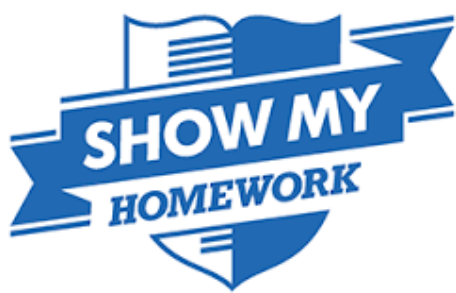


When in school, children who receive free school meals are entitled to a daily spend of £2.70 on a meal deal in the school canteen.

Did you know that children who receive free school meals are also entitled to a number of other benefits including discounted music tuition and support with the cost of revision guides?

If you are not currently in receipt of free school meals and would like to check your eligibility, please apply online at:

[Apply for free school meals | Shropshire Council](#)



PARENTS/CARERS PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK SHOW MY HOMEWORK. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE WHAT HOMEWORK HAS BEEN SET AND IN SOME CASES IF THE HOMEWORK HAS BEEN HANDED IN.

Attention All Parents!

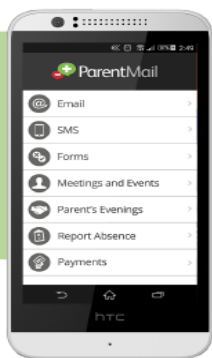


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