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Message from SLT

Welcome Back to Our Weekly Newsletter!

By popular demand, we're delighted to announce the return of our weekly Lime Academy Ravensbourne newsletter! You asked, and we listened. This will be your go-to space for updates, reminders about upcoming events, and celebrations of the amazing things happening across our school community.

We recently had one of our regular shared learning days with families on Children in Need day. It was as always lovely to see so many families in class, and it sparked a whole range of spotty fun, engagement and activity across the school.

We have an exciting term ahead! On **10th December**, we welcome back **Bamboozle Theatre Company** for their enchanting performance of *Airship* with 24 of our PMLD learners. Bamboozle's ethos aligns beautifully with our vision of creating meaningful, respectful experiences for our pupils. Parents will be invited to share the magic, and we're thrilled that Bamboozle will return in the spring with a new show designed for our ASD learners.

The festive season is just around the corner! Next week, the hall will sparkle with Christmas hoops, leading up to

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner on Thursday 4th December. Then, from **15th–18th December**, Santa will take up residence in our Ravensbourne Grotto.

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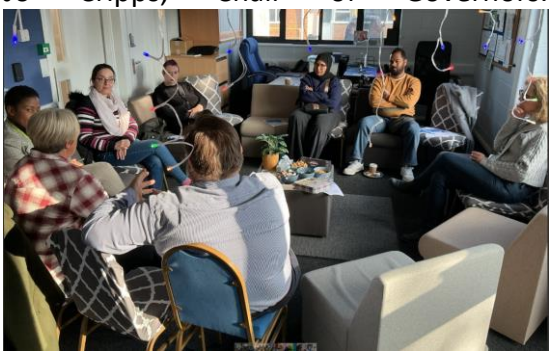
Families can visit during the school day, and this year we're opening the grotto to the local community from **4pm–7pm**. A small £5 donation per child includes a gift, with all proceeds supporting much-needed renovations to our Hydro Pool. Expect festive cheer with mince pies, mulled fruit juice, tea, and coffee—we'd love to see you there!

We're also thrilled to share that, thanks to Lime Trust funding, we've expanded our stock of AAC devices using GRID software. Around 30 learners will benefit from iPads to enhance communication, and staff have received training to ensure these tools make a real impact.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to **Angi and Kevin**, Maxwell's parents, for their incredible generosity. Their collection at Maxwell's funeral raised **£620**, which will help us create a new sensory garden opening in the spring term. We also appreciate everyone who joined our recent Family Forum coffee morning with Jo Cripps, Chair of Governors.



Your questions and ideas help shape our future, and we have more coffee mornings planned, with some workshops planned to be led by parents —watch this space!

Thank you for being part of our vibrant community, we have lots more exciting things to come over the spring term. Here's to the next few weeks of learning, joy, and festive sparkle!

Pupils of the week

Logan in Alexander Class: for sharing resources with his peers and interacting so well during his problem-solving session in the physical learning space.

Michelle in Reeve Class: for doing so well in her use of her walker, even managing a few steps with support.

Bernard in Hawking Class: for fantastic interaction during his Tac Pac session this week.

Additionally, well done to the following learners that were awarded pupils of the week during the month of November. You have all very much deserved the praise and recognition from your teachers and

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class staff for all the hard work and engagement you have all displayed.

Naomi in Adepitan Class
Mason in Bayley Class
Harry In Grey Thompson Class
Sarah in Hamilton Class
Souad in Hawking Class
Ammaar in Weir Class
Lucy in Wonder Class
Noah In Grey Thompson Class

01/12 – Advent Hoops go up in Hall
02/12 Parent coffee morning
04/12 – Christmas jumper day
04/12-- Christmas dinner
10/12 Bamboozle Theatre 'Airship' performance for some PMLD classes
16-18/12 Grotto for school classes daytime and open to public 4pm-7pm.
19/12/25 Autumn term last day
05/12/26 first day of spring term

Safeguarding

This week in safeguarding training we have been doing meaningful work in fostering a nurturing and safe environment. Revisiting the principles of our **Unconditional Positive Regard (UPR)**. Our aim is that every member of the community, whether pupils, staff, families, or visitors, feels respected, valued, and safe.

In a PMLD complex environment, the importance of UPR becomes even more pronounced because:

Vulnerability and Trust: Many pupils with complex needs are highly dependent on the adults around them for care, learning, and emotional support. Upholding UPR builds trust and ensures they feel consistently respected and cared for, regardless of challenges or behaviours.

Modeling Respect and Empathy: For staff, maintaining UPR sets a standard for how everyone should interact with each other- modeling empathy, patience, and understanding in all relationships.

Creating a Positive Culture: When all members of the community (families, staff, and visitors included) see and experience a commitment to UPR, it fosters a culture of inclusivity and mutual support. This is particularly powerful in breaking down barriers and reducing stigma that might otherwise exist.

Supporting Well-being: Both pupils and staff thrive in environments where they feel valued unconditionally. This approach supports mental and emotional well-being by reducing stress and promoting a sense of belonging.

For us the visible reminders like posters around the school can be incredibly effective in reinforcing this philosophy. They act as daily affirmations of the shared commitment to UPR and ensure that it stays at the forefront of everyone's interactions.

Welfare

In briefing last week, we did some work with staff around the ways in which we can be mindful and observant with regard to the environment and resources in the spaces to ensure all areas are constantly clear and safe ad ready for learners to have the best time through the school day. Everyone had a very good discussion and from it we have some new ideas about the way we use our spaces.

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And finally…

Hawking class embraced tree making and decoration this week.

We had a visit from EE our media partner. They supported us to get some fabulous images of the school and learners and staff in action.

A group of staff had first aid training this week to ensure that all classes have at least one first aider always in attendance.

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