



Livingstone NEWS

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A message from Mr Thornes

Hello everyone! It's been a busy busy time here at Livingstone with lots going on in the last few days and weeks.

We had teachers here from Finland and Denmark last week looking at teaching and learning, and meeting the pupils which was really exciting and very eye-opening for both the teachers and the students that were lucky enough to work with them. Our school council have been busy, both meeting the teachers from abroad and being part of our interview processes, they are really growing into their roles and I've been very pleased with their work.



Our visitors from
Denmark and Finland
with the school council

Speaking of interviewing, we appointed a new teacher last week to replace Mr Taylor, who has moved on to a new challenge, we wish him well and are looking forward to Mr Cordell starting in January. In the

meantime we've been very lucky to have Mrs Brown, who is a fully qualified teacher, step up into Mr Taylor's role for half a term and she's doing a grand job.

As many of you know we have tried to expand the clubs and after school options we offer pupils so it's so nice to see such a large uptake from our pupils.

You may have seen that we've expanded our social media into Facebook as well as Twitter and both are really good ways of keeping in contact with us in a busy modern world. You can't beat speaking in person though and I must say I've thoroughly enjoyed speaking to parents and carers in my positive phone calls home on a Friday. My simple mantra for the year is for pupils to 'Work hard and be kind'. It's really lovely recognising this with parents.

Thanks for all your support, it's very much valued here at Livingstone as we work in partnership to improve and deliver the best possible education for all our pupils.



Our first 'phone call home' prize draw took place recently with lucky winners receiving prizes including basketballs, headphones, goggles, backpacks, pencil cases and footballs. To be entered in the draw a pupil must have earned a phone call home to congratulate them on a particular achievement. We will be doing the draw a gain in December and remember, you get entered into the draw once for each time you are nominated.

Sports News

We have had a good start to the year having attended both the LKS2 and KS1 festivals. Our Tag rugby team played particularly well after the extra lunchtime coaching.

For the first time we have taken part in both the Netball and Football Leagues. Out of a total of 4 games the boys have won two games. We have had both a year 5 and year 6 team playing netball. The year 5's winning two games, year 6 one. There was great commitment shown by all these players staying late after school each week and training at lunchtime.

Goalball was the biggest success story so far where our team won the competition. This was made up of children from years 5 and 6.

This term we shall be embracing Quickstix, another first for us with our League beginning next week.

We are having 30 Y5/6 pupils trained as sports leaders starting this term and they'll be coaching and running competitions. Also we have ordered full size football goals for 9-a-side and have marked the pitch. We hope to have that up and running very soon.



Our year 5/6 Goalball team enjoy celebrating two wins a row. Well done to you all.



Sinclair Sports Coaching

Introducing Sinclair Sports Coaching...

We are delighted to now be working with Sinclair Sports Coaching for our PE.

Run by Rob Sinclair, a former professional footballer and current semi pro, his team are providing a range of excellent clubs and running fixtures and training pupils as sports leaders.

The aim is to ensure that our PE is inclusive and inspires ALL of our pupils to enjoy sport and take part.

The LIVINGSTONE Bulletin Board

Please remember to wear correct school uniform. Flat hairclips and plain hairbands allowed. No leggings – just plain black, grey or white tights.

Please remember dinner money needs to be paid BEFORE OR IN THE MORNING that your child has dinner.

School dates to Christmas

Christmas break begins
Friday 21st Dec at
3.30pm
pupils back to school on
Monday Jan 7th.

Please ensure that children are wrapped up warmly with appropriate footwear in cold weather

We raised more than £300 for our chosen charity, the RSPCA, with our Mufti Day recently. Well done!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

20th and 29th November
9.30 a.m.

Open morning in Parrots

22nd November
9.00 a.m.

**Flu nasal vaccinations for
Yr R – Yr 5**