

Lordship Lane Primary Newsletter 9

Friday 4th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we complete another term, it's been wonderful to reflect on all the exciting opportunities and experiences our children have enjoyed recently – from environmental projects and sports competitions to cultural performances and fundraising events. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and involvement in school life.

On behalf of all the staff at Lordship Lane, I'd like to wish you and your families a **lovely**, **restful Easter break**. We hope it's filled with joy, chocolate, and plenty of time to recharge.



Warm regards,

Mr Patterson

Headteacher





Tiny Forest Project – Year 4 Tree Planting

We are proud to share that Lordship Lane Primary School has been fortunate to take part in the Tiny Forest project – a nationwide initiative led by Earthwatch Europe to bring miniature, fastgrowing forests into urban spaces. You can find out more about the project here: tinyforest.earthwatch.org.uk

Last Friday, our Year 4 pupils visited New Road Park and helped plant a Tiny Forest of their very own! This hands-on experience was not only a fantastic opportunity for the children to contribute to a real environmental project, but also a powerful way to bring their learning to life.

Taking part in this initiative reflects our school's ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability and helping our children grow as responsible, green-minded citizens of the future.















Year 5-6 Basketball Competition – Well Done Team Lordship Lane!



Last Friday, a group of our pupils represented Lordship Lane in a borough-wide basketball competition, competing against 20 other schools from across Haringey. The children played brilliantly, showed fantastic teamwork, and demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout the event.

We're incredibly proud to share that our team finished 8th overall – a fantastic achievement! Well done to all the children who took part, and a big thank you to the staff who supported them on the day.





✓ Year 5-6 Hockey Tournament – A First for Lordship Lane! ✓

We were excited to take part in our **very first borough-wide hockey tournament** this week! Representing Lordship Lane with pride, our pupils had the opportunity to develop new skills, enjoy healthy competition, and experience the thrill of trying something new. It was a fantastic experience for all the children involved, and we're so proud of their enthusiasm, effort, and teamwork on the day. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this opportunity possible – we're looking forward to taking part again next year!



Our World, Our Sound – Celebrating Culture Through Music

As part of our *Our World, Our Sound* initiative, we were delighted to welcome two talented students from the **London Academy of Excellence** to Lordship Lane this week. They performed a beautiful traditional **Hindi folk song** centred around the theme of *friendship*.

The performance captivated our pupils, who responded with great enthusiasm and curiosity. It was a joyful and enriching experience that gave our children the chance to explore music from another culture and reflect on the universal values that connect us all.

We are so grateful to the performers for sharing their time and talent with us – and we look forward to more musical experiences like this throughout the year!













Rhino Dress-Up Day – Fundraising Success! 🐔

A huge well done to everyone who took part in our **Rhino Dress-Up Day**, led by our brilliant **School Council** as part of our fundraising efforts for this year's chosen charity, *Save the Rhinos*

The School Council were inspired to support this charity after learning about the threat of extinction faced by rhinos and the urgent need for conservation efforts. They wanted to take action – and they certainly did!

Pupils and staff showed amazing spirit by dressing up in rhino colours – grey everywhere you looked! – and we're thrilled to announce that we raised £188 for this important cause. Your generous donations will go towards protecting endangered rhinos around the world, and we know *Save the Rhinos* will be incredibly grateful for our support.

If you'd like to learn more about the work of *Save the Rhinos*, visit their website: www.savetherhino.org

Thank you to everyone who dressed up and donated – another fantastic example of the Lordship Lane community coming together to make a difference!



Governor Spotlight

At Lordship Lane, we know how important it is for our families to feel connected not just to the staff and pupils, but also to the people who help shape the direction of our school behind the scenes – our **Governing Body**.

To strengthen those connections, each newsletter we'll be profiling one of our governors, giving you the chance to get to know the people who help support and guide the strategic vision of Lordship Lane.

This week: Jolene Georgiou – Chair of Governors

I am also the link governor for SEND, and have oversight of the school's arrangements and provisions for children with additional needs. I also get involved in as many school activities as I can, and I feel privileged to be part of the Lordship Lane family.



Debate Mate Grand Finale

A massive congratulations to our **Debate Mate club**, who took part in the **Grand Finale** event last week! Competing against schools from all across London, our pupils showcased their speaking skills, teamwork, and passion for debate.

Out of four intense debates, our team came away with two fantastic wins:

- **Debate 1:** Should we ban the use of technology in classrooms?
- **Debate 2:** Should there be a four-day school week?

Our students tackled these challenging topics with thoughtfulness and flair. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the confidence they've gained through the Debate Mate programme.







Smartphone-Free Childhood – Parent Talk on 23rd May



We know that many parents are thinking carefully about when and how to introduce smartphones to their children. At Lordship Lane, we want to support our families in making informed, confident decisions that protect children's wellbeing, relationships, and development. That's why Lordship Lane are proud to be joining the growing movement for a **Smartphone-Free Childhood** – a national campaign that encourages delaying smartphone use until at least Year 9.

To support this, we'll be holding a **Parent Talk on Thursday 23rd May at 9:00am**, where we'll be sharing more about the campaign, discussing the impact of early smartphone use, and offering practical advice on how families can set boundaries and stick to them.

This is a brilliant opportunity to hear from other parents, ask questions, and feel supported in what can be a tricky and often pressurised area of parenting. We'd love to see as many of you there as possible.

To find out more about the campaign in the meantime, visit:

www.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk



Nursery Stay and Play – A Wonderful Morning!

Last Friday we were delighted to welcome so many families – both current and prospective – to our **Nursery Stay and Play** session. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our warm, nurturing environment and the exciting, engaging experiences our nursery offers every day.

The children loved showing off their space, and it was a joy to see our nursery buzzing with happy faces, laughter, and learning.

If you know any families looking for a nursery place for **September 2025**, please do recommend **Lordship Lane** – we'd love to welcome them into our wonderful school community. For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact the **school office**.

look out for our next Stay and Play session coming in May − we'd love to see even more families there!



- Tuesday 22nd April Children come back to school
- Thursday 24th April 2C trip to nature reserve

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