



LAKELANDS NEWS

Lakelands Academy

A message from The Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

Christmas is fast approaching, and the Lakelands community have been getting into the festive spirit – the Christmas Concert, *A Christmas Carol* theatre performance for Year 7 and 8, Christmas Jumper Day, to name but a few. Our community spirit shone through in the recent Operation Christmas Child and Food Bank collection – a huge thank you to all those who made donations.

It's certainly been an eventful term. The recent snow deluge came as a surprise to all of us, and I would like to thank you for your understanding with regard to the closure of the academy. The decision to close was, of course, based on the need to ensure the safety of the school community. The clearing of the site was a major operation and our amazing Site Team must be commended for their hard work in ensuring the site was safe for the return of students and staff last week.

The Headteacher interviews took place recently, and I would like to congratulate Mrs. Bellis on her successful appointment to the role, which she will be taking up from the start of Summer Term 2018. Thank you to all those who were involved in the interview process – students, staff and Governors. There are also a number of other staff I would like to congratulate. First of all, Ms. Moorhouse, who was successfully appointed to the post of Head of English in October; Mrs. Parkinson, who has been appointed as English Teacher; and finally, Mollie Croxon, our SGO (School Games Organiser), who has won the national *Emerging SGO of the Year* award – a truly impressive achievement, and one that is testament to the fantastic work Mollie has been doing in supporting schools to raise sports

participation.

Our Year 11 students have been immersed in the Mock exams over these last 3 weeks. Of course, there will be some disappointments when they receive their results – this is inevitable, but an important part of preparation for the GCSEs, to avoid the danger of complacency. What is clear is that the coming Spring Term will be the most important of all for every one of them – this is the time when they must look rigorously and honestly at how they are doing and work hard to prepare for the GCSE exams, which begin in May. We will provide the right level of support and challenge to ensure they fulfil their potential. Open lines of communication between school and home are vital, so that we can work together to ensure that every student fully understands how to close the gap between current performance and Target Grade. I am confident our Year 11s will rise to the challenge. They certainly deserve recognition for the way in which they have conducted themselves during the exam period. They also deserve a good rest, as do all the students and staff for their hard work this term.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Mr. Pyburn

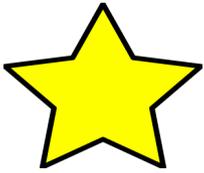
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NOVEMBER 2017 REWARDS



Vicky Bailey 11N: an extraordinary performance of 'Lay Me Down' at Mr. Colley's Memorial Event; representing the school at Open Evening; positive attitude to learning.

Faculty **SUPERSTAR** Awards - voted by faculty staff members

ENGLISH KS3 - Ffion Jarvis 8C

KS4 - Tom Gough 11C

MATHS KS3 - Lilliee Dulson 8N

KS4 - Emily Warr 10N

CREATIVE ARTS

Music KS3 - Grace Parkhurst 7B

KS4 - Lilli Nixon 9C

Art KS3 - Rafi Gibson 7W

KS4 - Pip Bowers 11W

Graphics KS3 - Charlotte Bird-Roberts 7B

KS4 - Ellie Robinson 10B

Food KS3 - Olivia Bell 8W

KS4 - Amelia McBride 11N

Drama KS3 - Oliver Greenaway 7N

KS4 - Josh Selby 9N

IT KS3 - Charlie Jumar 8B

KS4 - Chelsea Williams 11N

SCIENCE KS3 - Dennis Cripps 7W

KS3 - Eva Jones 8C

Physics KS4 - Daniel Roe 10C

Chemistry KS4 - Ross Fenner 11B

Biology KS4 - Jacob Griffiths 11B

PE KS3 - Edmund Stokes 7W

KS4 - Adar Temur 10W

WORLD STUDIES

MFL KS3 - Tom Staley 8B

KS4 - Chloe Jones 11W

Geography KS3 - Nadim Khan 7B

KS4 - Jack Hayward 10N

History KS3 - Adam Sweeney 7B

KS4 - Devon Kelly 10B

RE KS3 - Ebony Tomkins 7W

KS4 - Leo Slack 10B



NOVEMBER 2017 REWARDS



Jack Squire 7B: incredibly high number of achievement points; representing the school at Open Evening with a confident and humorous speech to parents; active contribution to lessons and all round positive, have-a-go attitude!



ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

Winning Forms		Individual Winners	
YEAR 7	BLAKEMERE	YEAR 7	Harry Ankers
			Lacey Williams
YEAR 8	NEWTONMERE	YEAR 8	Troy Sznober
			Paige Thomas
YEAR 9	BLAKEMERE	YEAR 9	Guy Bennett
			Anna Parkhurst
YEAR 10	COLEMERE	YEAR 10	Luke Smith
			Rebecca Ayres
YEAR 11	NEWTONMERE	YEAR 11	William Austin
			Molly Twigg

OVERALL WINNER

NEWTONMERE



Commemorating and celebrating Craig Colley's dedication and commitment to Lakelands Academy and volunteering work

Lakelands Academy lost a much loved member of staff during the summer holidays. Craig Colley's sudden and untimely death had a profound impact on all who knew him. To celebrate his life and contribution to Lakelands, the Academy held a commemoration and celebration of his commitment to Lakelands Academy, on Saturday 4th November.

Members of Craig's family, together with Staff, former staff, Students, ex-students and parents came along to join together in remembrance. Stories of Craig's time at Lakelands were shared, current students paid their own tributes in song, and there was also the opportunity for those attending to add their own, personal memories of Mr Colley to a memory tree.

To celebrate and in recognition of some of his incredible volunteer work, Craig was also nominated for the Local Hero Award at this year's annual Energise Awards which celebrate and recognise people that promote, volunteer, work, support and take part in, all types of physical activity and sport, across Shropshire Telford and Wrekin.

Students bringing Mobile Telephones in to the Academy

As from Tuesday 9th January 2017 students will no longer be able to leave their mobile phones in reception.

Should you choose to let your child bring their phone in to the Academy, please make sure that they know that they must take **COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY** for it. Academy insurance will not cover any loss or damage which may occur during the school day.

All phones must be switched off and placed in students' bags **from the time they arrive on site** until the time they **leave** at the end of their school day.

Under no circumstances are phones to be used at any point during the school day.

If students are found using phones, these will be confiscated and given to the Achievement Team, who will decide – on a case by case basis – when they will be returned.

We recognise that for safety reasons, many students need to be able to communicate with parents/carers outside of school hours, so phones can be brought into school. However, we would be very grateful if parents/ carers could emphasise that for the protection and wellbeing of students and staff during the school day, this privilege must not be abused.



Dylan Ashley defends his Tae Kwon Do British Champion Title and takes home the WKU English Championship for Kickboxing

Lakelands Academy, year 8 student, Dylan Ashley has pursued and reclaimed the title of Tae Kwon Do British Champion, for the second year running.

After only attaining his Black Belt First Dan, on 1st of October this year, Dylan was entered by his Tae kwon Do club, Ady Jones Martial Arts, into the Black Belt, Lightweight Continuous Competition for his height category, at the British Taekwondo championships, held at the Birmingham Barclaycard arena. He fought 4 bouts in all, within a knockout competition against other black belt, First Dan contenders, to regain his title of British Champion.

“The first round felt fairly easy, as I was more competitive and I think I wanted to win more”, said Ashley, “the second fight was a bit more difficult though, as my opponent had also already won a bout, and so like me, was feeling more confident.” After this success, he competed in his third bout, against an International Competition winner on the Welsh Tae Kwon Do squad. “I got a much higher points score in this round, as I managed to get in some good head height kicks and managed to get him outside of the ring”.

“I was really nervous about the 4th fight and this one was against someone from the English squad but I’d got this far, so I was really determined.” The bout ended time on a draw, so was extended for a further 30 seconds in which Dylan asserted his dominance and again gained the higher points score, re-crowning him the Tae Kwon Do GB Association champion.



Dylan has also won the U13s kickboxing English Championship for his height and weight category.

The Kickboxing championships took place in Solihull on Sunday 26th November. To win his title, Dylan competed in 2 bouts of points stop fighting.

“The first fight was pretty straight forward. The second was a lot more tiring because there were two rounds with only a 30 second rest in between.”

“The event was a really good day. I love kickboxing and I really like dedicating a whole day to it at competitions. It feels like I’m part of something great.”

Already, during November, Dylan has competed and won the British Tae Kwon Do Championship plus a further silver medal, 2 further medals in a Chester competition and the English Kickboxing belt and 2 silver medals.

“I love kick boxing and Tae kwon Do, equally. They are very similar, although kickboxing feels freer in some of the moves you can make. The training is the same for both and I want to keep competing in both and retaining some of these titles.”





Year 7 and 8 Girls Rugby Taster Session

Year 7 and 8 girls had the opportunity to participate in a rugby taster session at Oswestry Rugby club in November. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience, even in the muddy, cold, windy conditions. This was a great opportunity for them to try contact rugby after being coached how to tackle and land safely.

Emerging School Games Organiser, Mollie Croxon scoops up prestigious National Award

School Games Organiser Mollie Croxon, based at Lakelands Academy, has won the prestigious National Award of Emerging SGO of the Year for her tireless dedication, demonstrating tremendous passion, determination and resilience to develop School Games in North Shropshire.

Nominated by the Development Coach Team, the award recognises SGOs who having been in post 18 months or less and have made significant impact and progress in their area since starting the job.

Development Coach Chris Wood nominated Mollie for the Award. "Mollie has worked tirelessly to develop relationships in her area, in what at times, have been challenging circumstances. In the Summer Term of 2016 Mollie's area had very little Secondary school engagement, despite it being held within her area. By the end of 2017 she had achieved full engagement and her overall data results in last terms, summer return, was one of the highest in the County."

Newcomer, Mollie Croxon is one of 450 SGO's who work across the country to support schools in their local area. SGOs have several key roles: to coordinate appropriate competitive opportunities for all young people from Key Stage 2-4, to recruit, train and deploy a suitable workforce, and to support the development of club opportunities for all young people. Mollie is the School Games Organiser for North Shropshire covering 65 schools and organising Primary and Secondary School sports competitions across 23 different sports, the winners of which, then go onto represent North Shropshire at the Shropshire Homes School Games County Finals. She also organises training opportunities for teachers, with organisations such as the Youth Sport Trust, The Lawn Tennis Association and Maths of the Day.

"School Games focuses on giving every student the opportunity to be involved regardless of their ability. I organise a calendar of competition to support those with low ability, have a disability or additional needs, as well as giving students the opportunity and responsibility of being young leaders where they officiate and organise the events."

Being the SGO for North Shropshire has its challenges; North Shropshire is a wide spread rural area and this creates many logistic difficulties just in getting the schools together. Having started just 18months ago, Mollie has created a School Games programme that has expanded in both events hosted and the different sporting opportunities being offered.

"More students are now having the opportunity to participate in sports and represent their school and county, not just in the traditional school sports but sports such as Archery and New Age Kurling."

Mollie's focus has been on giving students opportunities, which they would not normally get. She has been successfully been working with the England Rugby Football Union and Oswestry Rugby Club Mollie has been able to significantly promote and support Secondary School girls to play contact rugby in a controlled environment at their local club. From this, many of the girls have gone on to play rugby for local clubs and several have been picked for county and regional teams.

"Being nominated and becoming one of three finalists nationally came as a shock and I am ecstatic to have won it. I felt I have just been doing my job however, it makes me incredibly proud to know that I have made a difference to students across North Shropshire and given them opportunities which they might not have had without School Games. I am also thankful for the hard work of all the Teachers and Schools who continue to support me and the School Games programme."



Olivia Mooney Tennis Triumph

Lakelands Academy Year 8 student, Olivia Mooney, has been presented the Endeavour Trophy for attendance and improvement by the Criftings Tennis Club at their annual presentation evening.

Olivia, after enjoying a Tennis taster session at Ellesmere Primary School, has been playing Tennis, every Saturday with the Criftings Tennis club for the last 2 years.

"I enjoy Tennis a lot. I love being able to improve and being able to beat my little brother."

"We have inter club matches, monthly and I have recently won a gold medal."

"I didn't know that I had been nominated for this trophy. When my name was called out during the presentation evening, I was really shocked because I wasn't expecting it but I'm really happy."

Olivia gets her to keep the trophy for a year.



Lakelands Students Finding Joy at Theatre Severn

Lakelands students enjoyed the incredible rollercoaster of emotion portrayed in the dynamic, masked performance of Finding Joy at the Theatre Severn.

To support their GCSE drama course, Year 10 Lakelands students were invited to experience an exciting alternative performance of Finding Joy by the Vamos Theatre Company, at the Theatre Severn. This modern and dynamic theatre company performed a full masked, humorous and poignant story of a teenager's decision to care for his Grandmother who has Dementia.

Karen Williams, Head of the Creative Arts Faculty and Drama teacher was really impressed, "The fully masked production was really exciting and entertaining to watch but it also gave our students the opportunity to see something presented in a different way and to see an extraordinary range of emotions portrayed through acting, in a completely different way, without the use of facial expressions. We all laughed and cried, at some point during the performance. It was an invaluable experience for our drama students."

Student Alden Alexander said, "It was very clever how they used speech to convey their emotions and extremely empathetic and emotionally clear. I was really impressed with how they were able to portray so many feelings, with the use of so few obvious performance techniques."

Student Madeleine Porritt also agreed, "It was amazing, very cleverly put together with lots of emotion. I loved it."



Lakelands experiences Michael Morpurgo's award winning War horse

Lakelands students from Years 8, 9, 10 and 11, embarked on a trip to the Liverpool's Empire Theatre, to experience the extraordinary, award winning theatre production of Michael Morpurgo's War Horse. The production features the ground-breaking puppetry work by South Africa's Handspring Puppet Company and portrays and brings horses to the stage for Michael Morpurgo's incredible and highly emotional story.



During the Autumn term, Year 10 and Year 9 have been studying Conflict Poetry, with a particular focus for Year 9 on War poetry. This production shared the same historical context, reflecting upon the horrors of trench warfare, juxtaposed with the impact of the conflict on those at home in 'Blighty'.

Lakelands pupils were moved to tears during the performance and most of the staff members were also seen to glance away a tear or two. Pupils were heard to comment, "Tremendous", "I couldn't stop crying..." "The puppets were amazing!" "I loved it!" It really was a superb performance, and a rich sensory spectacle.

Head of English faculty, Ms Moorhouse said "As always, our pupils were a glowing testament to the Academy – well done on such well-mannered and polite behaviour – you were a credit to us all!"

Finally, a huge thank you to Mrs Parkinson for doing such a marvellous job organising the event.



Lakelands Academy poppy Field

In support of the Royal British Legion 2017 Poppy Appeal, Lakelands Academy have been creating their own field of remembrance. Students and staff have been exploring and remembering the stories of their own friends and family who have made sacrifices within the Armed Forces, past and present. This whole school, collaborative endeavour has been displayed on paper poppies and exhibited in reception for everyone to read and explore. The display has garnered huge interest from visitors and those within the school and evoked a great deal of reminiscing and conversation.

Coinciding with this, Year 9 students have been studying war poetry, by authors such as local Poet, Wilfred Owen and 'In Flanders Field', the poem written by Lt Col John McCrae that inspired the creation of the first poppies made and the inspiration for, the creation of the British Legion Poppy Appeal, and have been creating some incredibly sensitive and thought provoking conflict poetry of their own.

English Teacher Emma Parkinson said "I am enormously proud of the original poetry some of our students have written. They have demonstrated a depth of understanding and empathy with those who have suffered as a result of war and conflict through their writing and it is a real privilege to work with the students as they develop their own values and interests in the wider world."



Future Film Stars for Rocking Horse Studios

Lakelands Students, Hollie Edwards, Rebecca Dunn and Tom Gough, have been cast in some of the leading roles for *Run for your Life*, an upcoming anti-bullying film being made by The Rocking Horse Studios in Oswestry.

The 3, Year 11 students, were tagged the audition opportunities on face book and through word of mouth and after attending many auditions and call backs, all 3 students have been successfully cast in some of the leading roles. Rebecca has been cast as the young version of the main character, Hollie will play the part of one of the bullies sidekicks and Tom as one of the college students.

Tom said, "This is really exciting and I'm looking forward to it. I hope this will open a door to more acting roles. I'm really interested in drama and this is a good way into it."

Holly cried when she got her part. "It felt like such a long process to get a part in this film. I was so pleased when they told me."

Becky had to come into school, after her early morning audition, "The panel told me then and there that I had got the part. I was so excited, I was practically bouncing in my seat throughout my lesson."

Run for your Life, is about an autistic college student, who with the help of an athletics coach pursues competitive running as an outlet, in order to get away from a group of bullies. The film Director has had initial support from The Prince's Trust and Sport Relief to fund the setting up of the Rocking Horse Studio, which in turn creates business promotional videos, in order to make his initial storyline idea into the final film.

Rehearsals and filming begin during the February half term and will continue through Easter and the summer, so as not to disrupt lessons for the cast, who are older school or college, students. The Rocking Horse Studios are still looking for further cast extras and funding, so if you are interested take a look at their face book page.



Lakelands Students cram shoe boxes with Christmas Gifts for Operation Christmas Child

Once again Lakelands Students have taken great delight in filling their shoe boxes with all kinds of imaginative and carefully chosen gifts, even knowing that they will never meet or see the recipients.

Every year Lakelands students support the Samaritans Purse, Operations Christmas Child, to help provide some of the poorest and most in need children, around the world, a Christmas present. Students wrap the box and lid of an old shoe box and then fill it with toys and luxuries for a boy or girl, from a range of age categories.



Lakelands librarian, Mrs Taylor, who promotes and organises the collection of these shoe box gifts from students said "I am always completely staggered by the generosity of both of Lakelands Academy students and their families, which incredibly, increases with each passing year."

"The Shoe Box appeal, year in and out, causes great excitement amongst the Lakelands students, in using the boxes to build a wonderful, festive, gift wrapped wall, in the library which completely surrounds my desk and hides me from view."

One of the first Christmas events in the Lakelands Calendar, was packed up and collected on Friday 24th November.

Primchurch Boarding Kennels, Cattery and Stray Re-homing Centre, Christmas Hamper Collection

To help spread the Christmas cheer, Lakelands Students in Miss Barnes' tutor group 8W, decided to create a Christmas hamper to provide some festive treats for the stray dogs that are brought in and will then be put up for rehoming, at the Primchurch Kennels in Whitchurch.

Over the last several weeks, 8W have been collecting their doggy donations of dog food, treats, bedding and toys, together into a huge hamper. During a special assembly guest visitors, Primchurch Kennel owner, Paul Evans and his rescue dog Binny, came in to receive the hamper. Paul and our local Dog Warden from Shropshire Council explained to students the importance of having proper identification on pets and microchipping and all of the amazing rehoming work they do for dogs who do need a new home.



Lakelands Christmas Collection for the Oswestry & Ellesmere Food Bank

Lakelands Year 10 students, working toward the volunteering section of their ADAN certificates, organised a seasonal, Christmas Food Bank collection, donating a whole host of food essentials and Christmas treats to the vital Oswestry & Ellesmere Food Bank Christmas hampers and Christmas dinner.

The students designed posters and promoted the collection throughout the school and 16 festively wrapped boxes of almost 100kg of food was presented to one of the Charity's organisers.

"Our food reserves, collected throughout the year are now running low so this donation is a really big help."

The students chose the Oswestry and Ellesmere Food bank as their selected charity, who provide invaluable support to our local community year round, but particularly at this time of year. The Charity, last year prepared and gave out around 100 Christmas hampers and a sit down Christmas dinner for over 150 people.



**Please make a Note of :
Remaining School Term
And
Holiday Dates
For
2017/2018**



AUTUMN TERM
5th September -
21st December

Half Term:
23rd - 27th October

Christmas Holidays:
22nd Dec - 7th Jan
PD Day-8th Jan

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- Black skirt (knee length) or black tailored trousers
 - Striped Tie
 - Black V-neck Sweatshirt (with embroidered school badge)
 - Black or grey socks or black or flesh coloured tights
- Keep your shirts tucked in and your ties done up!*



Lakelands Academy PTA

SPRING TERM
9th January - 29th March

Half Term:
19th - 23rd February

Easter Holiday:
30th March - 13th April

The PTA Panto trip to Theatre Severn to watch Snow White and the Severn Dwarfs was enjoyed by all and I think we managed the biggest shout out again this year.

Our next meeting will take place on the 10th January 2018, 5.30pm at Lakelands. Please do come along to see what we have planned for the New Year.

On behalf of the Pta, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Jennifer Wright

SUMMER TERM
16th April - 20th July

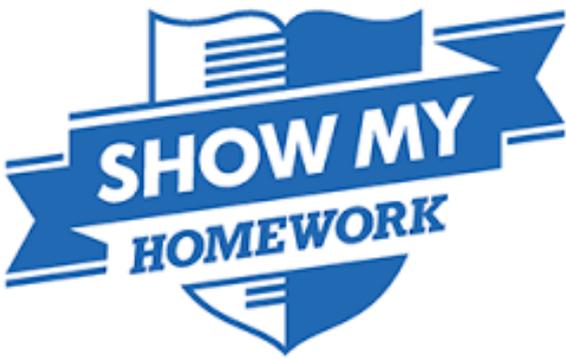
Half Term: 28th May -
1st June



Many thanks to **Winston Farm** for very kindly donating our beautiful Christmas tree in reception.



Polite notice
Please refrain from walking dogs on the school premises



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.



Lakelands Academy and Susie Q have teamed up to bring a Zumba group to the local community on Thursday evenings 6.00-7.00pm. Sessions cost £4.00 each. Class available for 16 years +.

Term time only



GYMNASTICS CLUB



Lakelands Academy Gymnastics classes every Friday during term time, run by Border Counties Gymnastics.

Places are available for students aged 4 years & 6 months - 10 years old.

Classes are 4:30 - 5:15pm, 5:15 - 6:00pm. Please contact the Academy on 01691 627039 to book a place.

Term time only

For a full list of all the classes we have available and events going on in the Academy please visit <http://lakelandsacademy.schoolbookings.co.uk/>. To book any of our available spaces please click on the 'Enquire Now' button on the top right of the page.