



LAKELANDS NEWS

A message from The Headteacher

This has been an action packed half term, particularly for our valiant Year 11s, who are now on the final approach to their GCSE exams. My advice to them at this point is simply to 'keep calm and carry on', as the end is finally in sight. Yes, they need to use the two week holiday wisely, investing in thorough revision, but they also need to rest, re-charge their batteries and make time to enjoy being with family and friends.

You may have seen a number of articles about us in the local press recently. Earlier this week the Shropshire Star ran a feature about our recent "Good" Ofsted rating, hard on the heels (if you'll pardon the pun) of an article about our Extraordinary Becky Lewis, who on Good Friday will be attempting to run a fifty mile Ultramarathon from Manchester to Liverpool, to raise funds for the MND association. As you will have seen in my recent Parentmail, this is a cause very close to all of our hearts, because of long time staff member Ian Crilly's diagnosis. I'm sure there are still some of you who would like to donate, so here is the link to Becky's Just Giving page again:-

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/becky-lewis10>

We also made local (and I believe, national) news following a distressing incident where one of our Year 11 students was made to wait seven hours for an ambulance following a football related incident. I contacted our new local MP to express my concern about the unacceptable delay, and she has been very supportive. She visited us in school earlier this week and has been in regular contact with the parent of the child involved, raising the issue at the party conference and in parliament.

On a far happier note, Friday March 18th saw us marking Comic Relief in traditional Lakelands style, with red noses much in evidence, and a lunchtime fancy dress parade of pupils and staff. Together we raised over £900, on a day which will live long in the

memory. During Covid we've missed laughing together as a community, so it was lovely to hear the peals of laughter as students took in the strange and fantastical sights that greeted them as they arrived in school. Ben Beasley, one of our Year 10 students who became 'Big Dog' for the day, continued his fundraising over the weekend and added another significant sum into the Comic Relief pot.

As you will know from my email last week, as well as your own observation, this term has been extremely difficult, as so many staff have finally succumbed to Covid. This picture has been repeated everywhere, and as you will have heard on the news this week, is impacting on many UK businesses and operations which rely on maintaining safe staffing levels. We're very grateful for your understanding and support, where tough decisions have had to be made.

After Easter, a number of new staff will be joining us. Because of this, and the immunity that many of this term's Covid victims should have - at least for a while - the situation should improve. In Science, Ms Keeling, a highly experienced teacher, will be joining us as a full-time, permanent member of the Science Team and in English, Ms Clewlow will be returning to Lakelands as a full-time, permanent member of the English Team. Finally, while Mr Carson continues to recuperate from the awful injuries he sustained when he was knocked off his bike on his way to work, we have appointed an experienced specialist Teacher of History, Mrs Phillips, who will be stepping in to teach his classes until he is able to return.

Have a lovely Easter wherever you are, and whatever you are doing, and thank you again for the support that you continue to give to us. It's greatly appreciated!

Mrs Bellis



A warm welcome to our new staff: Mrs Aston, Mrs Buffrey, Mrs Clewlow, Mrs Keeling & Mrs Phillips

Rewards 2022

YEAR 10 ~ January & February

SUBJECT AWARDS

English	Maddie Evans & Alex Howens
Maths	Dido Oke & Nicola Kowalczyk
Science	Weronika Cyganik & George Sumnall
PE	Sam Kunne & Lydia Whitley
French	Lydia Whitley & Sam Kunne
History	Rosie Allen & Ben Beasley
Geography	Stela Shishkova & Blake Gruar
RE	Lucy Gaden & Dillon Reed
Drama	Roopa Rajeev & Dylan Pritchard
Music	Bradley Scott
Food	Tom Brunt & Georgia Thomas
DT	Olivia Sekunda & George Sumnall
Art	Weronika Cyganik & Ethan Hanmer-Thomas
IT	Nicola Kowalczyk

FORM WINNERS

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OVERALL WINNERS

Zach Lea & Georgia Thomas





Spring is here and, again, it's been a fabulous but extremely busy half term up in English!

The biggest headline is that our Accelerated Reader scheme is off to a good start-thank you to year 7 and 8 parents/carers for supporting us with this! DEAR time (Drop Everything And Read) once a day for 20 minutes, or sometimes more. It is vital that students choose books within their ZPD range and quiz within 24 hours of finishing a book-they can do this remotely via the school website or in the school library. We were excited to issue the first certificates to students in each class who have, so far, read the most words. The overall leader is Alexander Barney in 7C with a whopping 1184, 860 words! Well done, Alex! And well done to all of our students who are reading and quizzing regularly.

Next term year 7 will be going back to the 70s with the introduction of our new Grange Hill topic. Students will be exploring the context of the show and studying a playscript before , eventually, creating their own episode and performing it to the class. Another new unit-The Tempest- was added for some year 9 groups this term and has proven a hit. Students studied the history of the British Empire and applied the treatment of slaves to that of Caliban.

Our year 11s are working so hard at the moment in preparation for the final exams, plus a literature mock after Easter. We wish them so much luck, especially after what has been a very disrupted couple of years for them in school. Some of our recent revision topics have looked at the role of housewives, past and present, and traditional values-such as good manners. We've had a lot of fun writing articles in the style of 1950s' women's magazines-all good preparation for English paper 2 section B.

March the 3rd saw our annual World Book Day celebrations. Staff dressed up as famous characters and we had lots of fun chatting to our students about who we were dressed as and the novels they star in. The aim of the day was to get our youngsters thinking about books and, ultimately, the importance of being keen readers.

Have a lovely Easter break , from #TeamEnglish

CONGRATULATIONS KLOE.....



Kloe Bailey 10 W wins Young Carer Award

I cannot tell you how proud it makes me to have this young lady in my form at school. Kloe has won Young Carer of the year for helping to take care of her mum who nominated her. I am delighted she has been recognised for her unflinching selflessness and dedication to helping her mum. To be honest, I am not surprised, though, as she demonstrates every day at school what a considerate, caring and thoughtful young person she is. She represents the form as environmental ambassador and is always the first to help whenever there is a charity event or donations are asked for. She will never allow unkindness to others to go unchallenged and is a good friend to anyone in need. We could all learn a lot from young people like Kloe. Teenagers, often unfairly, get a bad press, but amazing people such as Kloe can reassure us of the capable hands society will be in, in just a few years. Mrs Parkinson - Form Tutor

YOUNG CARER OF THE YEAR

Sponsor: Bluebird Care Shropshire
Winner: Kloe Bailey



Kloe has helped me so often, almost every day since she was a toddler. I am disabled and many days can't get out of bed. Other days I can with help and support, and help with dressing, washing etc. Each day is different. I'm never not in pain and suffer severe fatigue, which impacts my mental health, being in and out of hospital. Kloe has helped with all of this for years, whilst still going to school. Doing housework, making food for me, being a loving, caring, kind young 14 year old. I feel a burden, but she always tells me I'm not, tells me I'm beautiful and the best mum in the world. I feel she deserves recognition for the support and care that a young child shouldn't ever really have to do.

Nomination from Gemma Bailey.



← For more information please see the local Life magazine.



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Year 8 Boys North Shropshire 6 A-Side Tournament

The Year 8 boys were 1 of 8 teams entered into the NS 6 a-side tournament. Split into 2 groups Lakelands won all their group games, beating St. Martins 2-1, Marches 2-0 and Corbet 4-0 playing some excellent football and working hard as a team. In the semi finals they played SJT and did everything but score despite creating numerous chances. At the end of the game the score was 0-0 and so the game went into penalties. Lakelands scored 3 and so did SJT so sudden death penalties. We missed and they scored which meant despite being the better team we were resigned to play in the 3rd/4th play-off game. Despite being bitterly disappointed the boys roused themselves to play a fantastic game against St Martins winning comfortably 4-0 and ending up in 3rd place overall.

Well done to the following players; Josh Smith, George Butler, Isaac Hughes, Ollie O'Connor, Owen Ross Edwards, Louie Kynaston Bradbury, Dylan Roberts and Oliver Doleman.



Year 8 Football v Ellesmere College

On Tuesday 22/3/22 the Year 8 football team took on Ellesmere College away and put in a fantastic performance. Although the team were missing a couple of the stronger players the other boys upped their game and played really well. As a team they worked incredibly hard for each other and in the windy conditions managed to play some lovely football. Despite dominating the first half the scores were level at 1-1. Mr Warder then made 4 substitutions but this didn't affect the players at all as the pattern of play continued from the first half with Lakelands dominating and playing the better football. It took until the final minutes for the breakthrough to come though, after a good run into the box, Nick Bruce skilfully laid the ball off to Isaac Hughes who smashed the ball home. Lakelands finished the game strongly to run out 2-1 winners.

All the players did really well with George Butler, Luke Tinsley and Will Clarke having outstanding performances. Well Done!



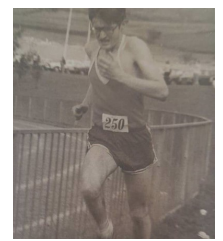
Year 8 Netball Tournament

On Monday 14th March, Our Year 8 girls attended the Under 13s North Shropshire Netball Tournament held at Oswestry School and were an absolute credit to Lakelands Academy. Despite a tough competition, the girls played with resilience, determination and above all, great team spirit. Throughout the afternoon, we really settled into the games and began passing, moving and creating space with much more authority. Well done Girls! :-) Mrs Campbell



Young Leaders - Year 8

Tuesday 5th April Miss Croxon organised a Sports hall Athletics competition with the support from 13 wonderful year 8 leaders. There were 99 primary school children involved from 6 primary schools, all competing for a place in the county finals in May. The young leaders ensured the afternoon ran very smoothly and showed great leadership skills. Feedback from the Primary School staff was extremely positive and they should all be proud of themselves.



Many of you will know Ian Crilly, as teacher of Science at Lakelands for over two decades, and as an exceptional Head of Year. Countless young people have benefited from the support and encouragement Mr Crilly has given to them, and his tenacious yet caring approach has been credited by countless students, past and present, as setting them on their course to future success.

No member of staff can ever have given more of themselves to Lakelands. Whether it's been his relentless pursuit of young people in school who he needed to 'have a chat with', his legendary marathon evening phone calls to parents, or his annual appearance in the Dalmatian dog costume in the staff pantomime at Christmas, Ian has been at the heart of everything that matters, for many, many years.

Sadly though, after a long, hard path to diagnosis, it has now been confirmed that Ian has PLS, which is a form of Motor Neurone Disease. I'm sharing this news with you with his blessing and that of his lovely wife Judith. It seems wrong, unfair and frankly unbelievable, but it's true. He won't be returning to Lakelands.

Ian's philosophy has always been to see the good in everyone, and to find the positives in every situation. I am in awe of the fact that he is still optimistic and still determined to stay positive. Always modest, he's utterly amazed at the outpouring of affection for him, and particularly at what one of our wonderful admin team is preparing to do in his honour, and to support MND research.

Ian – an incredible runner himself - supported and encouraged 'our' Becky Lewis who is now in training to attempt her first ever Ultramarathon. On Good Friday she will be running from Manchester to Liverpool – a distance of **50** miles. All the money Becky raises will go to the Motor Neurone Disease Association, and of course, she's running in honour of Ian, her dear friend and colleague.

I suspect that there will be many of you reading this email who will also feel that you want to do something, so I'm attaching the link to the Just Giving page where you can learn more about Becky's brave endeavour and maybe make a donation of your own.

Thank you

Mrs Bellis

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/becky-lewis10>



Year 10 students held a Cake Sale on Friday 1st April in support of the Motor Neurone Disease Association in honour of Mr Crilly.

Well Done :-)



Lakelands Academy & AICO 2022



Having worked with Jane, Lily and the AICO team for a couple of years; welcoming them into our school both in person and virtually as recently as 16th March, I was really excited to finally be able to introduce half of our year 9s to the AICO Centre of Excellence and what it has to offer.

To say they were impressed in an understatement! They spent the day experiencing the world of work in a business that is local to them, yet multinational in its reach. The premises alone wowed them, they appreciated that AICO clearly cared for their employees and had “beautiful mood-lighting” and “super comfy egg chairs”, with one child in particular commenting, “my favourite bit was the hall with the awards and how long people had been working there, it’s like they’re really celebrating it”.

What made the biggest impression on the students, though, was the simulated work tasks that had been organised for the students to undertake:

“I found out I have a hidden talent for wiring”, “I liked that I helped my team to crack a code and unlock the safe”, “working as a team and presenting my ideas was a lot less scary than I thought it would be”.

The experience will last a long time with that group of students and it has really got the other half of the year group keen and excited to visit soon, with the two best messages from the day being: “I hope AICO will let me be an apprentice there”, and, “I give it a 5 out of 5 star rating, and I’m fussy, they really keep you entertained”. The trip for the other half of the year group will be taking place in the near future and we’re all confident it will be just as enjoyable!

On 16th March, we engaged with AICO again, this time for our World of Work focus in Maths morning. Lily and Jake visited and presented to some very keen and excitable year 7s. Again, these youngsters were amazed by what AICO has to offer its employees and the way that things are done day-to-day, can be transferred to the world of work. Supporting staff commented on how students engaged with the tasks and how Lily and Jake had the students in the palm of their hands.

AICO’s thoughtful and encouraging engagement with Lakelands Academy is certainly having the desired effect AND really giving students food for thought about their futures.



Careers Week

The month of March has been ‘Careers Mad’ at Lakelands Academy. The first week was national Careers Week, so we went from there...

We have had one of our successful World of Work extended PSHEE sessions with contributions from Wrekin Housing, Biogen, Perspective Wealth Management, Shropshire 3d print, AICO, Berwyn HMP and our Governor Louise Chadwick.

Our Year 7s had their first encounter with apprentices from AICO, our Year 9 groups found out about using Maths in Wealth Management and Laboratory work, whilst our year 8s explored 3D printing and housing, and our year 10 groups looked at decision making and what working in a prison was like.

As well as this, we’ve had some virtual career focus sessions from Rolls Royce, and the Crown Prosecution Service; both well attended and appreciated by our y10 and y11 groups. Where students with interests in these areas were able to discover pathways into these companies and work within these industries. We are looking forward to another of these sessions on 5th April from BUPA, so years 10 and 11 will be welcomed to find out about different career options, pathways and roles within private and public healthcare and medicine sectors.

Many of our year 10s have found some work experience for their summer placements and are focussing on honing their skills and abilities ready to impress their employers. If you are able to offer a placement or know of someone who might be able to, please get in touch with me: Vicky.wilkinson2@taw.org.uk so that we can put forward the suggestions to our students.

RED NOSE DAY FUNNY IS POWER
18 March 2022



WOW!! We had a fantastic response for Comic Relief, many thanks for your support. The breakdown is as follows:

	£
Form Group Collections:	437.96
Parentmail Red Nose Day 2021:	123.31
Staffle:	101.45
Ben in Yr 10 Fundraiser:	90.00
Guess The Cakes:	39.00
Red Noses Sales:	119.20

= £910.92



WORLD BOOK DAY
3 MARCH 2022

Fun had by all on Word Book Day, the students had to identify which book characters were around the school



Lakelands students and staff rose to the occasion again to provide donations for those stuck in war-torn Ukraine or fleeing the conflict to safe zones. Two deliveries were made from the donations which, once sorted, were going direct to Ukraine and Poland from Telford and Wem. A large donation of necessities was made by two students, as well as a generous donation of sanitary towels from the school. Goods donated were basic items, such as nappies, sanitary towels, wipes, pasta and cereals which made us all realise how difficult it must be to be in a situation without those basics.

Many thanks to all who donated and we will keep looking for any future requirements so we can help again.



On the 10th March 134 boys and girls from 9 local primary schools attending a Tag Rugby competition at Oswestry Rugby Club. The standard of rugby that was played during the morning was outstanding, all the children demonstrated the School Games Values and were rewarded with medals. Whittington Primary School A & B teams, Oswestry School and Bryn Offa all qualified for the next round which took place on 24th March on a very sunny day! With Whittington's Year 6s winning the tournament and will represent North Shropshire at the County Finals in May. This fills the PE staff with excitement for our future Year 7 rugby team!



Next up was the Year 9 & 10 girls rugby competition where the girls put into practice what they learnt at the training session back in February. Lakelands, The Marches, The Corbet, The Grove & Sir John Talbots all attended and put on a great show of rugby, with Sir John Talbots coming out on top ready to represent North Shropshire at the County Finals in April. All the girls demonstrated pure determination to implement their new rugby skills. From this event 12% of the girls have now joined Oswestry Rugby Club and attend training on a Monday evening which is fantastic!

The Ellesmere College Tennis Academy facility hosted the **North Shropshire School Games Years 5 & 6 Tennis Festival** run by Shropshire Tennis Coach, Henry Broadhurst.

Five local schools - under the School Games initiative - including Cockshutt C of E Primary School, Criftins C of E Primary School, Newton C of E Primary School, Welshampton C of E Primary School, and Moreton Hall, brought over 113 children to the Indoor Tennis Centre.

Mollie Croxon, North Shropshire School Games Organiser, said: "This was a fun afternoon for the children to experience a tennis festival to help build their skills and confidence while playing mini games. It will be one of the first events these students would have attended for a few years so it was wonderful to see so many enjoying the events and fantastic facilities."



On Monday 28th March Miss Croxon visited Criftins Primary School to deliver some leadership training to their year 5 & 6 children. This was in preparation for them to lead an afternoon full of activities at the Year 3 School Games County Engagement Event which took place at the Shrewsbury Sports Village on Wednesday 30th March 2022. This event was a non-competitive afternoon and consisted of a range of multi-sport activities for year 3 pupils to be involved in all lead by young leaders from Shrewsbury and North Shropshire.

"The young leaders from Criftins Primary School did a wonderful job at learning and delivering their activity to over 100 year 3 pupils. They worked tirelessly from the moment they arrived. I cannot wait to see many of them in September and watch their leadership skills continue to grow as Lakelands leaders" Miss Croxon



Miss Croxon our School Games Organiser & Girls Football Schools Partnerships Strategic Lead for North Shropshire has been busy increasing the opportunities for all students. The first event this half term was part of the National Biggest EVER football session as part of the FA's #LetGirlsPlay campaign. 124 girls from 8 Primary schools attended a festival at Shrewsbury Town Football Club for a morning of football. They then had the opportunity to head into the football stadium and take a seat in the stands to receive their certificates and medals. Over 90,000 girls took part in football on the 9th March either at events or within their schools.





Ellesmere Yard Opens its Doors!

Ellesmere Yard is a stones throw from Lakelands school and is the most outstanding surviving example in the UK of a purpose-built canal yard. It dates from circa 1806 and was the office and workshops of the Ellesmere Canal Canal Company where pioneering civil and canal engineers William Jessop and Thomas Telford were employed in the golden days of canal and bridge building. The buildings, equipment and related artefacts are nationally significant

It remains an important operational yard for the Canal & River Trust and is therefore not normally open to the public. This Spring-Summer the team at the yard will be offering the opportunity to explore the yard and learn about canal history with a local tour heritage guide. Monthly tours will start this 14th May and happen every second Saturday of the month.

To book a place go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ellesmere-yard-tours-tickets-303781196737>

2022 TERM DATES

SPRING TERM 2022

EASTER - Monday 11th - Friday 22nd April

SUMMER TERM 2022

Monday 25th April - Wednesday 20th July

Bank Holiday - Monday 2nd May

HALF TERM - Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June
First day of Summer holidays - Wednesday 20th July

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.

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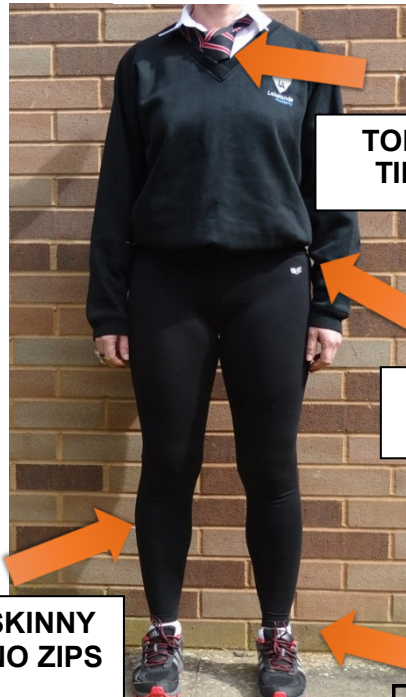
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Single small stud in each ear is permissible but no other piercings are allowed.

BAD



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JUMPER TUCKED IN

LEGGINGS/SKINNY TROUSERS/NO ZIPS

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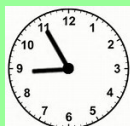
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If your child is absent for more than one day, please note that we require you to phone **every morning**, not just on the first day of absence.

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Lakelands & Lakeside Academy

Lakelands Academy has teamed up with Lakeside coaches to bring Lakelands students exclusive travel to and from school.



COACH 1 PICK UP/DROP OFF	PICK UP	DROP OFF	COACH 2 PICK UP/DROP OFF	PICK UP	DROP OFF
Oswestry Coach Park AM/Railway Tavern PM	07:55	16:17	Park Hall Inglis Road	08:20	15:50
Oswestry Park Gates	08:00	16:14	Whittington Rose Hill Drive	08:23	15:47
Oswestry Cabin Lane	08:03	16:11	Whittington Three Trees	08:25	15:45
Oswestry Unicorn Road	08:05	16:09	Penybryn Avenue	08:27	15:43
Colour Supplies	08:07	16:07	Hinford Junction	08:28	15:42
Gobowen Co-Op	08:12	16:02	Ellesmere The Brow	08:32	15:38
Gobowen Fern Hill Lane	08:14	16:00	Lakelands Academy	08:35	15:35
St Martins Stans	08:19	15:55			
St Martins Coopers Lane	08:21	15:53			
Criftins Parish Hall	08:27	15:47			
Lakelands Academy	08:40	15:35			

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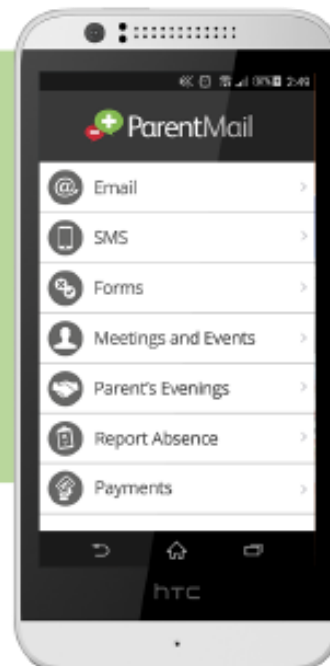


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