



The Shared Learning Trust

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Message from the Head of School

It has been a busy first half term and I am glad to say that the children have settled well with their new teachers and into their classes. I would like to say a huge thank you for your contributions to the Harvest collection, our hall was overflowing with your generosity. Also MacMillan final total was £443.60 – Well done!

We are all looking forward to a busy second half leading up to the Winter Break.

As the winter nights draw in and it turns colder please ensure your children are wearing coats that can be fastened and gloves/scarves as necessary. We will be conducting uniform checks early this term so please take time to ensure your child has all the appropriate items.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the initial parent meeting in November. This half term, we are also continuing our Parents Focus Group; this will be a good opportunity for you to ask me any questions directly in a smaller forum. I look forward to getting to know you better at these.

For those of you who are celebrating the many festivals taking place this term, the staff and I hope you enjoy celebrating Diwali, Guru Nanak's Birthday, Hannukah and Christmas!

I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Lesley Whittle

Head of School



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Meet our admin staff...



Linda Ludlow – PA to the Head of School and Executive Principal. Linda is also a safeguarding deputy for the Academy.



Emma Dibben is a new addition to the team as the Business Data Lead.

Emma joined us this September and is a valued member of the team.



Anne Fright – Is our office Administrator who also focuses on attendance.

Anne has been with the Academy for many years.



Bryn La Riviere – Is a new addition to the team as a receptionist on the front desk.

Bryn is warm and welcoming and happy to deal with any parent queries.



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Harvest Festival

Assembly for year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils took place on 19th October. This year our harvest donations went to the Salvation Army. Thank you for all your support and generosity.

Dress up days:

Ancient Egyptian dress up day was on 18th October Year 4 pupils looked spectacular!

Roar Moo and Buzz – Year R pupils dressed up as an animal or mini beast of their choice on 19th October.

Dates for your diary:

7th November Parents Evening.

16th November SEND Coffee morning – Led by Miss Cullen SENDCo

21st November Parent Focus Group Meeting 5:30pm – 7:00pm – Led by Ms Akram

5th December Year R and Year 1 Disco

Thank You!

A big thank you to all the parents that supported us with the STEM careers day for Year 6 pupils on the 17th October. We had a great day where we inspired our pupils and got them thinking about their futures at such a young age. Vauxhall Motors Volunteers joined us on the 18th October and the children worked tirelessly to design cars/vans and build factories in their teams.



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Meet Mr Gayle

How long have you been with us at the Linden Academy?

I started working at Linden in September 2018

What originally inspired you to teach?

I was working in a museum preparing activities and teaching small groups of young people. I loved the excitement in the children's faces when they learnt something new. Teaching was a natural path.

When you were at school, what was your favourite subject?

Science - I originally wanted to be a doctor, but after my job at the museum, I decided teaching was the profession for me.

What did you get up to before you started teaching?

I worked in a museum-teaching pupils.

What do you like to do outside of school?

Keen sports person. I love cricket and football. Working in the community and supporting charities.

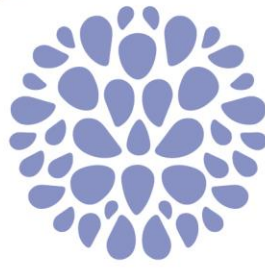
What is your favourite song of all time?

There are three songs I connect to:

1. Believe
2. Will I am – Hall of fame.
3. This is me.

If a genie magically appeared in front of you and granted 3 wishes, what would your wishes be?

1. Have wisdom and understanding
2. Good health and happiness
3. World peace



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