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Attendance



Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.

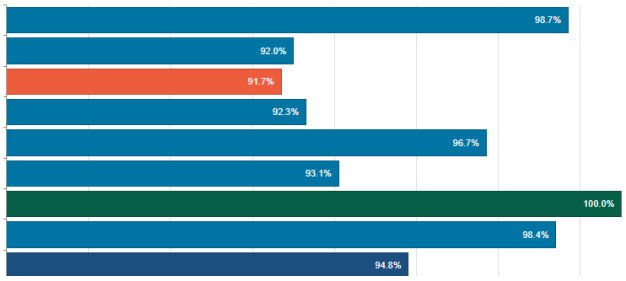
SCHOOL BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 8.45am FOR YR AND 8.50am FOR KS1 & KS2. The learning starts at 9am so we need the children in class and settled for then.

We need every child in ON TIME every day!

School average: 94.8%

Local Authority average: 95.4%

Well done to all the classes this week who beat our target of 96%.

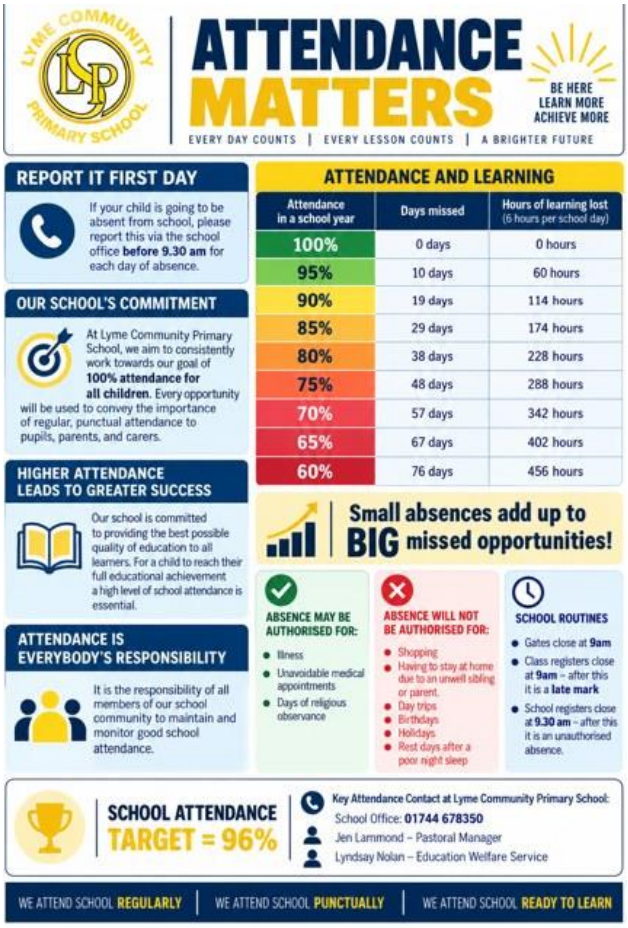


Please read our Attendance Guide - the full updated Attendance Policy can be found on our website. Our aim is for every child to be in school every day - with a target of ***at least 96% attendance.*** *Please note that holidays in term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances - we need to receive notification (by filling in the form on the website/from the School Office) two weeks prior to their absence.*



1 - **If your child is off for a medical reason, please can you bring the appointment letter/card or medication into the office so that we have a record of this. Thank you.**

Please see our updated Attendance Policy on our website or the summary for parents below.



Award winners

Congratulations to this week's achievers :)

***YR:** Cora and Edward*

***Y1:** Stephen and Carter*

***Y2**: Lottie, Isaac and Cody*

***Y3:** Jason and Khaira*

***Y4:** Freddie and Lexie*

***Y5**: Savhannah and Adrian*

***Y6:** Winter and Tommy-Joe*

Team Points



The team with the most points this week are the UNICORN team.



Headteacher's Awards



*I will be awarding children across the school with a special certificate in our Celebration Assembly on a Friday who have demonstrated our school's **I CAN values - Inspire, Challenge, Achieve, Nurture**.*

***Inspire -** Adeline (Y4) for inspiring us all with her achievements outside school.*

***Challenge -** Florence (Y3) for challenging herself to lead a Bonfire Safety assembly with the Safety Squad this week.*

***Achieve -** Reagan (Y6) for achieving a near perfect arithmetic score in her assessments.*

***Nurture -** Willow (Y4) for being an excellent friend.*

Secret Student



Well done to this week's winners!

***Brilliant Behaviour:** Elliot (Y4)*

***Amazing Attitude:** Ella D (Y4)*

Perfect Presentation: *Cameron (Y2)*

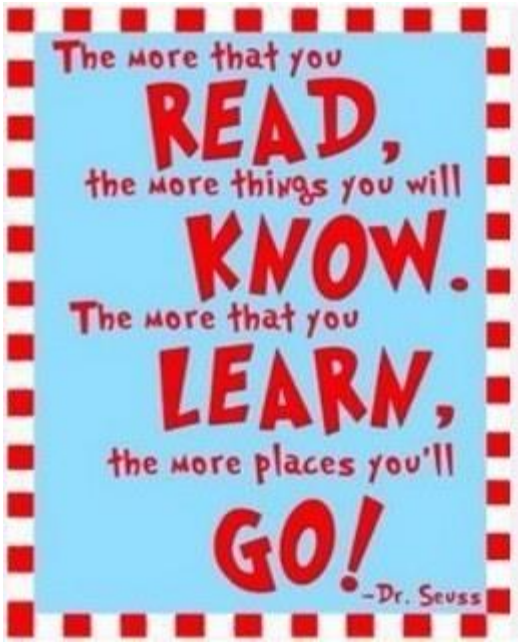
Marvellous Manners: *Tommy-Joe (Y6)*

Reading Stars

Well done to this week's book winners for reading AT LEAST 3 times per week at home. ***Please can we ask parents/carers to sign your child's reading record so that we can see that they have read at home with you and return it on a THURSDAY. Thank you.***

We have been really pleased with the increase in the number of children reading at home - thank you for your support.





Lyme Superstars

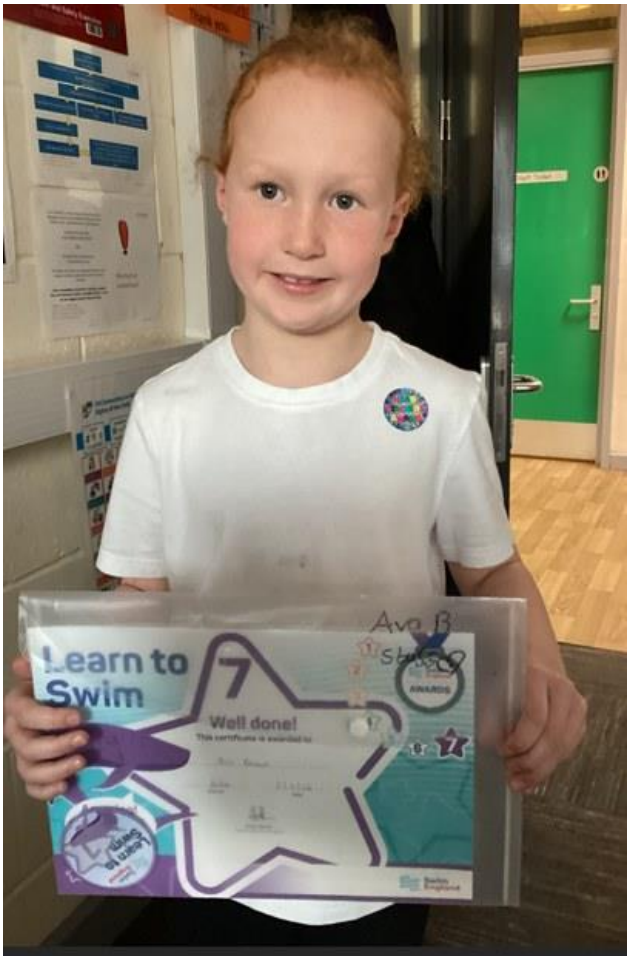
Our amazing children always love to share how they are demonstrating our ICAN values outside of school. This year we will be sharing their achievements on the newsletter! Please encourage your child to bring in their trophies, medals and certificates.



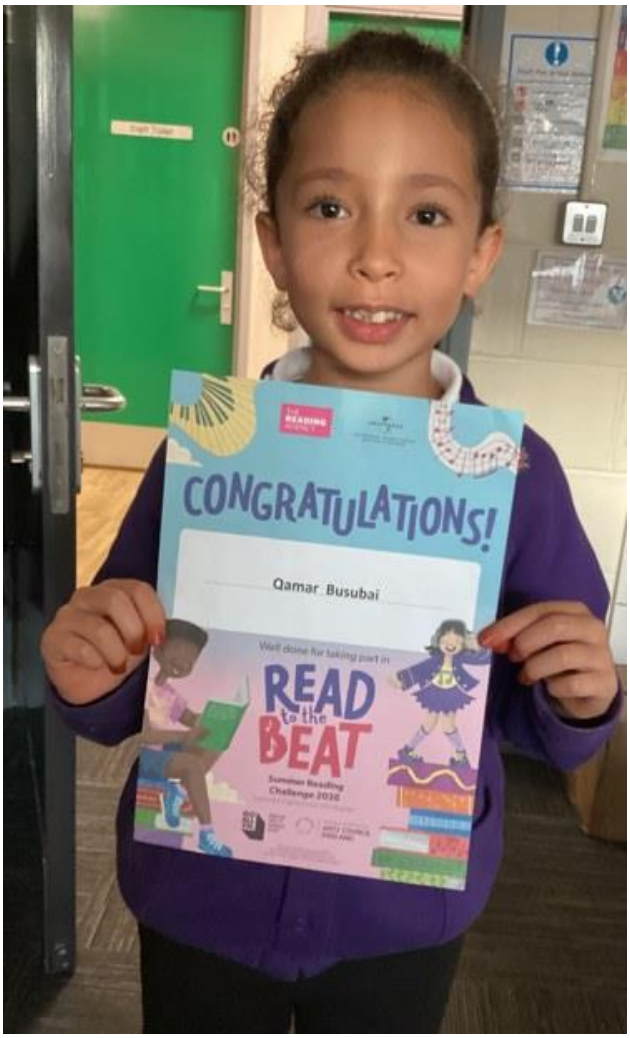

CONGRATULATIONS!
READ
BEAT






Learn to Swim
Well done!
AWARDS




CONGRATULATIONS!
Qamar Busubai
Well done for taking part in
READ to the BEAT
Summer Reading Challenge 2020



Home Learning

We are now no longer using Timetable Rockstars. To access activities to support your child with maths at home please use the wealth of activities on Purple Mash and/or activities such as Hit the Button https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button which will help with learning timestables.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Pupil Leadership updates



Our new Pupil Parliament have met this afternoon to discuss their plans for the next school year including actions for each Pupil Leadership group. Each group will share what they have achieved in each term's meeting and display their progress on our 'You said, We did' notice board.



Safety Squad

The Safety Squad have led an assembly all about staying safe on Bonfire Night this week. We hope that everybody listened to their advice.







Picture News

As a gold Rights-Respecting School, our children discuss different issues each week using Picture News. ***This week's question has been: Is the journey more important than the destination?***



TAKEHOME

2nd – 8th November

In the news this week

British adventurer Karl Bushby has returned to the UK, after spending almost 28 years travelling around the world on an incredible journey home. Since leaving Chile in 1998, he has travelled through jungles, deserts and icy landscapes, even swimming across seas to continue his adventure. Karl's journey has been filled with amazing experiences, challenges and achievements.

Things to talk about at home ...

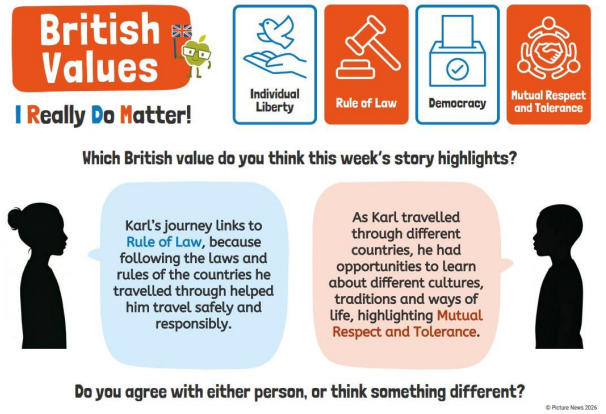
- Karl spent almost 28 years travelling. Why might he have chosen to take on such an enormous challenge?
- What do you imagine Karl may have learned about himself during his journey?
- Can you think of a time when you enjoyed working towards something more than actually achieving it?

Is the journey more important than the destination?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others — www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

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British Values

I Really Do Matter!

Individual Liberty | Rule of Law | Democracy | Mutual Respect and Tolerance

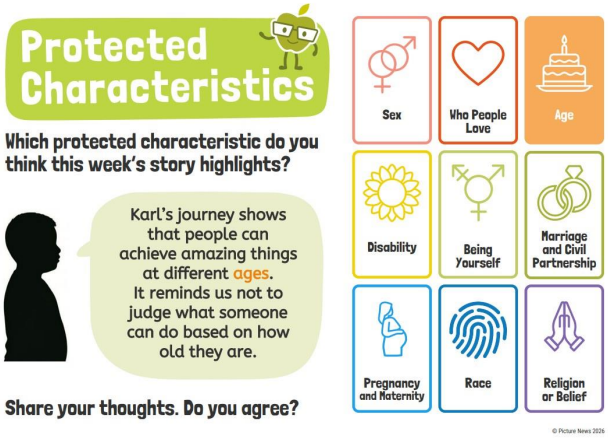
Which British value do you think this week's story highlights?

Karl's journey links to Rule of Law, because following the laws and rules of the countries he travelled through helped him travel safely and responsibly.

As Karl travelled through different countries, he had opportunities to learn about different cultures, traditions and ways of life, highlighting Mutual Respect and Tolerance.

Do you agree with either person, or think something different?

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Protected Characteristics

Which protected characteristic do you think this week's story highlights?

Karl's journey shows that people can achieve amazing things at different ages. It reminds us not to judge what someone can do based on how old they are.

Share your thoughts. Do you agree?

Sex | Who People Love | Age

Disability | Being Yourself | Marriage and Civil Partnership

Pregnancy and Maternity | Race | Religion or Belief

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Safeguarding

- ***The school car park, is for staff only. Parents are not allowed to park or turn around in it.***

- *If your child(ren) are late, they must be signed in by an adult and not left to come into school by themselves.*

- ***If someone different is collecting your child from school, you must contact the office so that the staff are aware when dismissing the children.***

- *Please do not park over resident's drive ways on Lyme Street as they need access at all times.*

- ***If you are picking children up from KS1 AND KS2 at home time, please wait on the KS2 playground after collecting children from Y1 and Y2 as it is causing an issue for staff when leading Y3,4, 5 and 6 out.***

- *Can we also ask that vapes are not used on playground - we are a no smoking site.*

Healthy snacks

*In **KS2** the children can bring a healthy snack to eat at break times. This includes: breakfast bars, brioche, fruit (fresh and dried), vegetable sticks, yogurts, cheese strings, bread sticks. We will offer any children who bring snacks such as chocolate and crisps an alternative of a piece of fruit.*

*Children in **EYFS and KS1** will still be able to have milk (if you choose to pay for this) and fruit each day.*

As we are a NUT FREE school, please check the ingredients before sending foods into school for snacks and lunches. Thank you for your understanding.





As part of this statutory guidance we have Epipens in school to be used to treat Anaphylaxis. Please inform school if you do not consent to use for your child if needed.

Community news



SEND support



Family support

Help Us Plan Future Childcare in St Helens St Helens Borough Council has a duty to ensure there are sufficient childcare places for children aged 0–14 years, and up to 18 years for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). This includes childcare provision such as breakfast clubs, before and after-school childcare, and holiday activities.

To help us understand what families need, we are asking parents and carers to complete this survey.

Your feedback will help us identify gaps in childcare provision and plan future services across the borough.

All responses are confidential and will only be used to help assess childcare needs in St Helens.

School Age Childcare Sufficiency Survey for Parents and Carers – Fill in form

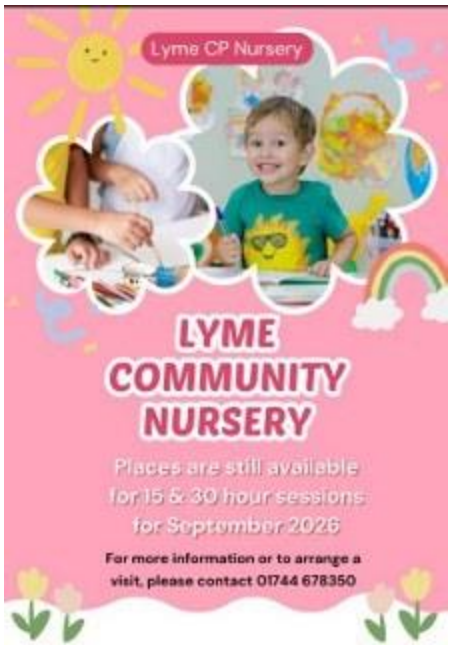


Nursery Places



If you or someone you know would like a place in our Nursery for September, please access our website for details on how to apply https://www.lyme.st-helens.sch.uk/page/school-admissions/19886

Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a visit.



Social Media



Please follow us on Social media!

Facebook: Lyme Community Primary - new

Instagram: ***lyme.communityprimaryschool***

Dates for the diary



Monday 9th November: Anti-Bullying week/ Nursery Rhyme Week

Tuesday 10th November: Flu immunisations

Tuesday 10th November: World Science Day assembly

Wednesday 11th November: Remembrance Day

Wednesday 11th November: Individual photographs - please arrive from 8.30 am if you would like younger siblings who do not attend Lyme to have photos together

Wednesday 11th November: Maths workshop for YR parents - 2.30pm

Thursday 12th November: Nursery Rhyme activity session for YN children and parents

Tuesday 17th November: Animal Club experience for Y1 (please pay on School Money)

Wednesday 18th November: YN class assembly - 9.15 am

Wednesday 18th November: Live online orchestra performance for the whole school

Thursday 19th November: Y1/2 Multi skills competition (letters to be sent out to individual children)

Friday 20th November: Children in Need (merchandise to be sold be Y6 Prefect during this week)

Friday 20th November: DT/Music workshop online for Y5 and Y6

Monday 23rd November: ASSESSMENT WEEK

Wednesday 25th November: YR and Y6 Height and Weight screening

Thursday 26th November: DT/Music workshop online for Y3 and Y4

Friday 27th November: Visit from David Baines MP

Saturday 28th November: Christmas Fayre

December dates to follow



OPAL updates

This week our OPAL team have introduced whiteboards and pens to the provision on the playground which many children have enjoyed.

Please remember to send in wellies/waterproof shoes for lunch time play.

Please visit our new OPAL website page to find out more about how our plans are developing.
https://www.lyme.st-helens.sch.uk/page/opal/170683

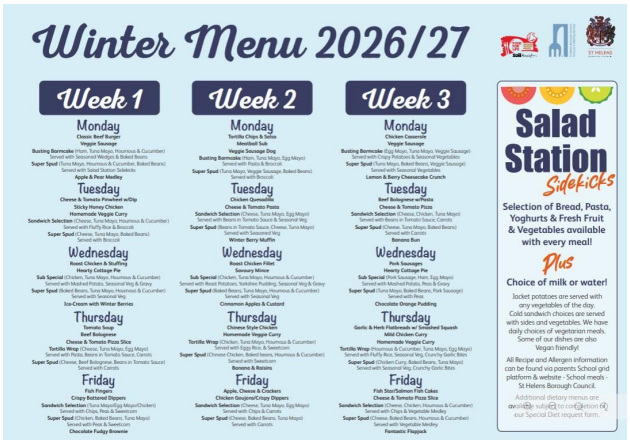


Lyme PSA


Lyme
Community PSA
Christmas Fayre
Donations of toys and teddies for the tombola can be sent to school anytime from Monday.
Donations of toiletries and any raffle prizes
RAFFLE PRIZES
Friday 20th November will be own clothes day for selection box donations.
Friday 27th November will be own clothes day for bottle donations.
The Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 28th November from 11 am to 2 pm.
There will be lots of stalls and games, music from the brass band, refreshments and a special visitor (Father Christmas)!

School Lunches





A few reminders....



Y6 Diwali workshop

On Tuesday Y6 enjoyed an art workshop linked to their RE learning about Diwali.


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Control Signals



Coming up next week...



And finally...

This Wednesday is individual photographs day - please arrive from 8.30 am if you would like younger siblings who do not attend Lyme to have photos together. All other photographs will be taken throughout the morning.

Next Friday is Children in Need. Our Y6 Prefects will be selling items on Thursday and Friday. If they have a themed Children in Need top they can wear that with their black joggers/leggings and school jumper otherwise it is school uniform.

As Y2 parents are already aware, Mrs Vaughan will be leaving Lyme this half term. Miss Gaffney has been spending time in Y2 this week and will be doing the same next week to support transition for the children. Mrs Vaughan's last day at Lyme will be next Friday. From

the week of Monday 16th November Y2 will continue to be taught by Ms Clisham on a Monday and a Tuesday and by Miss Gaffney on a Wednesday. Thursday and Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Roberts