



## OUR CORE VALUES

Aspirational Brave Compassionate Determined Enlightened

### Message from our Headteacher

#### A SCORCHER – what a week at Lucas Vale!

It was a pleasure and a privilege to participate with my colleague and headteacher Mr Gordon at the graduation of the Year 6 students in Lucas Vale, they are a wonderful group of children, and we were delighted to be able to inform parents of their successes and celebrate their transition to the next stage of their learning.



In the Year 6 exams, SATs – we outstripped National results considerably. In Reading the National figure was 74% meeting the expected level. At

Lucas Vale we exceeded this scoring 84% with 30% at greater depth. In Maths we increased the lead with 84% against the National figure of 71%. Our writing, on which we are making great progress came out at 65%.

In Grammar Spelling and Punctuation tests we again exceed the national score of 73% by scoring 84%, also beating the national combined scores. I am so proud of the children and the staff of our school who have put so much into this.

Thank you all for the kind comments and remarks at parents evenings – it is always a pleasure to share your children's progress with you. Next week we will be having a 'meet the teacher' event for all the children so they may be introduced to their new teacher, we will be publishing this information to you on the same day.

On Thursday we will be joining with Grinling Gibbons for our Carnival. Leaving Lucas Vale at around 10:00am we will join with Grinling Gibbons in Deptford before all coming to lunch in Friendly Gardens (The park beside our school).

Arrangements for the little ones in Nursery and Reception will be a little different – but they will be taking part.



I would also like to pay tribute to two staff members who are leaving us at the end of term. Our SENCO Michele Hilton, who greets children and parents every morning. Mrs Hilton is leaving us but is continuing her SEN work in another school in Bexley. Thank you, Michele for your professionalism and dedication. We wish you every success in your next post!

I would also like to thank Miss Stirling who will be leaving us at the end of term has worked for Lucas Vale for the past six years and as a teacher for many more. Thank you, Miss Stirling for the care and love you have always shown our children.

Mickey Kelly MBE NLE

## Francis McKeown died July 15th 1972, Shaws Road Belfast

Thank you for putting up with the pieces of writing I include in the newsletter. Today in Belfast my cousin Marie and her brothers are unveiling a a memorial to their father, my Uncle Frankie. A totally innocent man he was shot dead by Soldier 'A' of the Scots Royal Guards. His family have had no justice or hearing or inquest. I wrote this poem as a teenager and include in in his memory .

### Jam Jar Hero

Uncle Frankie's corner shop  
sold everything ever made-  
Clove rock, black jacks and snuff  
Love hearts and brown lemonade.

Imind the oul dolls in slippers ,  
Shuffling in and out-  
Their hair always in rollers  
A cigarette dangling in the mouth.

If you wanted bread or bandages,  
A needle and thread to mend a tear  
Uncle Frankie had it – somewhere!  
in a shelf, on a shelf, or under a shelf  
On in a box- halfway up the stairs.

Busy, busy ,busy- he was always running about,  
The shop crackled with banter- you had to watch out!  
Frankie, running his hands through his thinning ginger  
hair.  
While all the oul dolls' gossiped, tongues clipping the  
air.

He was hurrying to the shop that morning.  
Whatever the trouble- he was never late  
They be wanting the things for breakfast  
They were always open by eight.

Well they stood outside complaining;  
Hands planted on their hefty hips,  
But the curses had no more meaning  
than the woodbines wagging in their lips.

For Frankie left home early with his van's  
assorted load

But he moved a strand of barbed wire,  
strung across the road.

Two high velocity bullets ripped through the  
side of the van

Splating blood across the windscreen;

The soda farls, the sliced pan

Blood on the packets of hairpins,

On the Gallaher's greens and blues

Blood all over the lollipops and the four a  
penny chews,

Somehow they got him to the Royal

but my uncle didn't last the day

He never really had a chance

Half his head was blown away.

he was buried up in Milltown,

And all the oul dolls came-

As did the army, taking pictures and names.

God knows what they thought they'd see-

I can tell you what they did-

A lot of crying women;

One with a bunch of ginger headed kids.

Mickey Kelly MBE NLE



# Achievements

## From Nursery

Mariam - Tasnim – For being a helpful member of the class and she is able to explain how she feels!

## From RW

Gabriel– For his determination to learn his sounds during phonics lessons- Well done!

## From 2H

The whole class for being kind and caring towards each other.

## From 3K

Chi – For focus and effort in maths.

Lara– For fantastic effort and attitude to learning.

## From 3S

The whole class for excellent results in their learning.

## From 4N

The whole class for their hard work and perseverance in the classroom and at home all year.

## From 4O

4O for an outstanding attitude towards their learning. They have worked extremely hard, defying the odds of Covid and shown that they are unstoppable. I am so proud of everyone of them and I wish them the best of luck in year 5.

Mrs Anti - For her support and consistency for the children of 4O. She makes sure that the children are provided with what they need and always there when they need a shoulder to cry on. She is an amazing asset to Lucas Vale

Primary School and to me as well. Thank you for all that you have done.

## From 5F

Jeslin – For always being so polite and considerate of others.

Halimah – For always working hard and being a true role model.

## From 6A

The whole class for an amazing of year performance

## From 6D

6D- The whole class for their effort, contribution, and excellence this year. They will be missed!

# Attendance



99%



97.80%

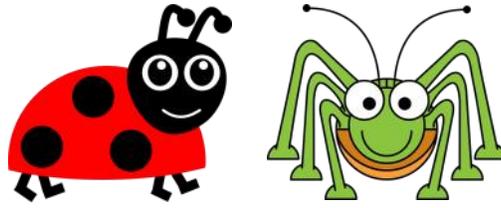


96.60%



## Nursery

We have learnt about different types of minibeasts and how they have special features.



We dug the minibeasts out from sticky gloop.



For maths we have been revising matching numbers to amounts.



We are practising for graduation day and carnival. We are excited about the events to end the academic year.

## Year 6



A wonderful time was had in the sunshine celebrating the graduation of our Year 6 students.



LUCAS VALE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Limited Nursery Places Available!

Do you have a child turning **3 years old** soon?  
(or younger to be added to our waiting list)

We currently have a **limited** number of places  
available for our **renewed nursery** class at

Lucas Vale Primary School.



Our class offers a **positive** atmosphere,  
to aid your child to **learn** and **develop**  
to the best of their **abilities**.

For further information, please contact  
the main school office

on **0208 692 4660** or email  
**admin@lucasvale.lewisham.sch.uk**

## School contact details

Main school number: 020 8692 4660

Email address:

admin@lucasvale.lewisham.sch.uk

From next half term, both offices will be open from  
08.00 till 4.00pm.

## Upcoming Dates 2022

### Summer Term 2 2022

Monday 6th June to Friday 22nd July 2022

### EYFS Graduation

Wednesday 20th July , 2pm - EYFS Graduation

Parents welcome

### Year 6 Disco/Prom

Wednesday 20th July

### Carnival

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### EYFS Teddy Bears' Picnic

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 11:30-1:00

### Autumn Term 1 2022

#### Inset days

Thursday 1st and

Friday 2nd September.



Next week will also be hot so a  
simple white tee shirt and shorts  
or a light summer dress would be  
best- shoulders covered please.

# SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2022



- FOR **YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 6-16**
- **FREE** TO YOUNG PEOPLE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS & LEWISHAM HOMES RESIDENTS

## ACTIVITY 1 INFO

### **SUMMER ARTS CLUB**

**FOR AGES 8-12:**

**DANCE, ACROBATICS & GARDENING**

**Dates/times:**

25-28 July, 10am - 2pm

## ACTIVITY 2 INFO

### **SUMMER ARTS CLUB**

**FOR AGES 10-16:**

**DRAMA, CRAFT & GARDENING**

**Dates/times:**

1-4 August, 11.30-3.30pm

## ACTIVITY 3 INFO

### **SUMMER ARTS CLUB**

**FOR AGES 6-8:**

**DRAMA, CRAFT & GARDENING**

**Dates/times:**

8-11 August, 10-2pm

**HOW TO APPLY FOR A PLACE?** Please complete this online application form to apply for a place on any of the activities above: <https://thealbany.typeform.com/to/t53yO4E6>

Alternatively, email [summerarts@thealbany.org.uk](mailto:summerarts@thealbany.org.uk) for a paper copy

**GOT ANY QUESTIONS?** Please email [summerarts@thealbany.org.uk](mailto:summerarts@thealbany.org.uk) or call/text/whatsapp **07984 355826** for more info

## Lewisham Swimming: Free Top-Up School Swimming Lessons

### For Year 4 and above.

Saxon Crown Swimming Club, funded by Lewisham Council and supported by 1Life and GLL, is providing free school top-up swimming sessions to students of Lewisham primary schools. The sessions are provided to help swimmers achieve the National Curriculum standard in swimming, which requires children to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, use a range of strokes effectively and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations. The sessions are for Lewisham Primary School Pupils in Year 4 and above, and will be running at various leisure centres during the Summer holidays on the dates below:

#### **Downham Health & Leisure Centre – Tues 26<sup>th</sup>-Fri 29<sup>th</sup> July & Mon 1<sup>st</sup>-Fri 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

Session times: 12pm-12:45pm, 12:45pm-1:30pm, 1:30pm-2:15pm, 2:15pm-3pm.

#### **Wavelengths Leisure Centre – Monday 8th-Friday 12th August 2022**

Session times: 9am-9:45am, 9:45am-10:30am, 10:30am-11:15am, 11:15am-12pm

#### **Glass Mill Leisure Centre - Monday 22nd-Friday 26th August 2022**

For Non-Swimmers to Improvers only (Swim England Stages 1, 2, 3 & 4)

Session times: 9am-9:45, 9:45-10:30am, 10:30am-11:15am, 11:15am-12pm

**To register interest please email: [developmentofficer@saxoncrown.org.uk](mailto:developmentofficer@saxoncrown.org.uk)**

**Bookings can only be made via this email address, not through the centre directly. Each top up course runs from Monday or Tuesday to Friday and participants are expected to attend every day.**

When registering your interest, please include the following information in your email:

Leisure centre name and, if for Downham, please indicate which week

Contact name and mobile telephone number

Your child's name, date of birth, the school they attend and their year group

Stage level of swimmer: ASA Stages 1 – 7 or equivalent, if known\*

Any relevant medical information or special requirements

\*If you are unsure of your child's ability, please select from the following:

1. **Confident:** can swim lengths (25m) comfortably on their front and back and in deep water, and all four strokes.
2. **Improver:** can swim comfortably on their front and back for 10m + unaided.
3. **Beginner:** comfortable in water but cannot swim on both front and back unaided.

**Non-Swimmer:** no or limited previous swimming experience.

**NB:** Please select carefully. If the wrong session is chosen, your child may not be able to swim in that session and we may not have a place available for them in the correct session.

After you apply, and if we have a place available in the appropriate sessions, you will be assigned a time slot. Session times will be based on swimming ability; therefore, you must attend the session you are allocated. This will be the same time slot daily for the week.

South London and Maudsley



NHS Foundation Trust



We are Lewisham Mental Health Support Team (MHST) and we work within your school to support emotional wellbeing and mental health. Our focus is on early intervention, prevention and promotion which means supporting everyone to understand how to look after their mental health and wellbeing, as well as addressing difficulties as soon as they begin.

Some of the things we help with are:

- Feeling sad or numb
- Anxiety or fears
- Friendship difficulties
- Managing emotions
- Dealing with change
- Not going to school

For further information on the type of support we offer as well as how best to contact our team please visit

[www.slam.nhs.uk/mhst-home](http://www.slam.nhs.uk/mhst-home)