

LAT Newsletter – Spring Term 2021

As I write this Spring 2021 LAT newsletter, we have just commemorated the first anniversary of the national lockdown and the partial closure of all of our schools. It's genuinely been a year like no other. In previous years this newsletter would have been full of updates on Christmas plays and Year 6 leaver events, sporting success stories, news from school trips and reports from Ofsted visits. But not this year. Almost everything 'normal' has been put on hold. However, we are now fully back, safely open once again and almost without exception, all of our LAT children and staff have returned enthusiastically to their learning. As Lockdown 3 ends and the vaccine rollout continues, we can hopefully begin to look forward to a brighter rest of 2021.

Although I'm conscious that I have said something very similar in the last 3 newsletters, I couldn't be more proud of the way in which our staff, pupils and parents have continued to respond to the challenges of the last year. The way in which we most recently managed to adapt so effectively to remote learning has been testament to the hard work and professionalism of our staff and the willingness of you as parents to adapt to new ways working with us.

As you can imagine, we are all now really looking forward to a calmer summer term where we can begin to return to some sort of normal. Class assemblies, after school clubs, trips, sports days and residential. These won't start yet, but wouldn't it be great if we could at least look forward to doing *some of these* in the summer term and *all of them* in the autumn term? As the national lockdown hopefully continues to ease after Easter, we will of course keep you fully updated on what each new relaxation means for school life in our family of 8 LAT schools.

Please make sure you all stay safe and well over the Easter break and we look forward to welcoming you all back in just over 2 weeks time, for what we hope will be a much calmer and more 'normal' summer term.

For up to date news on our 8 school's activities, you can follow me on twitter @learningatceo, or if you'd like to get in touch directly, please email me at simon.spry@learningat.uk I hope you all have a really great Easter and a safe and happy start to the summer term.

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Simon Spry – CEO – 30th March 2021

In the box above and on the reverse of this newsletter are a sample of pictures taken from each school. There's also a lot more to see on each school's own websites.



PRINCE ROCK



Year 2 have been making soup with our cook, Shane. They have made enough to take home and it was delicious!

SALISBURY ROAD

Year 1 had lots of fun in Science week where they learnt all about the role of a nurse and all the qualities needed to become one.



MOUNT WISE



Foundation recording some addition sentences. They were able to select resources to help them and could count on from the bigger number in order to work out the answer.

MOUNT STREET



Water was the theme in Years 1 and 2 with Year 1 investigating waterproof materials before designing umbrellas for an explorer!



**'Believe you can.
Together we will.'**

Across the school, the children enjoyed their science week investigations. Here are Year 1 investigating waterproof materials before designing umbrellas for an explorer.

KNOWLE

Back on the saddle after lockdown - Year 2 Balanceability at Knowle!



WOODFIELD

Collages in Year 1 - a day of investigating and exploring textures and techniques before creating their own collage linked to their 'Explorers' topic.



MAYFLOWER

Mayflower EYFS have enjoyed exploring this year's British Science Week theme, 'People that help us'.