



## GENERAL NEWS

### NEWS UPDATE FOR WEEK ENDING 22 OCTOBER

Dear Parents/carers

At the conclusion of our first half-term, I would like to offer my heartfelt appreciation to all of our families and carers who have supported our endeavours to open a new school in less than desirable circumstances. We thank you for trusting us with the education of your children and for your kindness and patience as we were working out a few kinks. On behalf of the academy staff, we are looking forward to the learning adventures of the next half-term and wish you all a restful break!

Dr Elms

#### Legoland

Our Legoland trip marks the start of our next unit of learning as we move on to explore the concepts of forces and motion. Keep your eyes peeled for more information about our next Unit of learning in the first week back after half-term.

Students had a wonderful time attending Legoland on Wednesday. Hearing students apply their scientific knowledge in their Science of rollercoaster's workshop was just wonderful. We overheard students discussing how increasing the mass of their rollercoaster should increase the gravitational pull, thereby getting their rollercoaster to reach the end of the track they had constructed.

#### PE

After half term students will be moving onto Rugby, Handball or Orienteering. All these activities will be taking part at Meyrick Park and students will need football boots and a waterproof jacket.

#### Curriculum

This half-term has marked the starting point of our 'deeper learning' journey here at LAB. We have had our first taste of Applied Transdisciplinary Learning with our Beach Hut project which required us to work as Engineers in order to respond to a real-life structural design brief. We discovered that, to tackle this design challenge, we had to draw on a range of the mathematical, scientific, artistic and technological concepts which we had learned about in our STEAM curriculum this term. We would like to say thank you to Mr Andrew Emery, the 'Destination Development & Strategy Manager' at BCP council for supporting our project and we look forward to sharing our designs and models with him and his team in hope of inspiring future design work proposed to take place along the Bournemouth seafront.

We've enjoyed developing our Computer Aided Design skills in support of our Beach Hut project. Our students have demonstrated their keen creativity, problem solving and resilience when designing and constructing their models. We've viewed our models in different ways by using architectural software, augmented reality apps and 3D printed models. Thanks to the Arts University Bournemouth for their help with the printing.

#### Covid Update

With the recent rise in cases across our region and also in our school, we have been consulting with Public Health Dorset who have given us the following advice on our return from the half term break:

All staff and students (Y7) to wear masks around communal areas and to take off when sat down, teaching or eating.

Bus Journey for PE- all children and staff to wear masks, sanitise as they get on and off the bus, all windows to be open at all times.

We will continue to encourage children to sanitise as they leave and enter rooms, wipe down equipment they use and raise awareness in advisory groups.

All doors will be propped open, and windows will be always open.

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### LAB STARS

**Achievement points league table: The students with the most achievement points this term are:**

**Zuzanna Dubiel**

**Maria Sevastion**

**Shanzay Baig**

**Joel Benham**

**Arthur Burden**

## Dates for your diary

Half Term

25-29 October 2021

INSET Day

26 November 2021

Anti-Bullying Week

15-19 November 2021





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### School Photos

Proofs will be with us for the first week back after half term and students will bring these home with details for how parents can purchase.

### Extra-Curricular

We have enjoyed a range of activities and clubs as part of our extra-curricular program this half-term at LAB. From football to tennis, drama to debating and business to coding, we have been busy learning new skills and exploring ideas outside of the classroom.

From next half-term, we will be looking to appoint student extra-curricular representatives who will be responsible for publicising and sharing the exciting updates associated with their club. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, we look forward to hearing from you next half-term.

### Specific Notices for Extra-curricular activities

**Mondays/Tuesdays football-** From after half-term, this will be offered as a paid extra-curricular activity. A payment link will be set up and shared with parents/carers. There are still spaces to join. The coaches are excited to set up a football team so please make sure you sign up if you are interested.

**Mondays/ Tuesdays netball -** Although netball has not run due to low numbers this half-term, the sports coaches are keen to set up a netball team. This will be offered as a paid extra-curricular activity. Please respond to the link when shared if you are interested.

**Reminder:** for both football and netball, students can only attend on the day they do P.E and must be picked up or make their own way home from Meyrick Park at 4.30pm. There is no transportation back to school at this time.

### Shout outs for our stars

We think that Oskar deserves a shout out for working so maturely and kindly with EYFS students.

### Zero heroes

We are so proud of our students and how they have settled into year 7. However, the following students have not received any behaviour points, and we want to say a special thank you for conducting yourself in such a brilliant manner: Jack B-N, Fedy, Rebecca, Aleksander M, Yashi, Oscar-George, Talalelei, Jessica T, Emily, Kittima, Nikola, Sarah D, James G, Anton, Poppy, Tadre, Lenny, Cheila, Mahmut, Demi, Valentina, Eszter, Oskar, Isla, Jabbie, Flo, Raul-Nicuser, Indi, Charlie, Zuzanna, Nergiz, Sara M, Alfie, Oliver G, David, Isabel S, Amelia B, Anna, Eila, Elaaidi, Hannah M, Katy and Agnes.

### Black history month

I have felt such pride towards the small group of students who have organised and led presentations this week for black history month. Jada, Agata, Anton, Wellington, Kyron, Tadre, Jessica and Harriet have all conducted themselves with maturity and passion. We look forward to continuing to celebrate our diverse community.

