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together

Welcome

Lakeside is a thriving two-form entry, all through primary and nursery school, with ages ranging from 2 to 11. In September 2018 the school was inspected by Ofsted and it was rated as good. We pride ourselves on our inclusive nature ensuring that all children are challenged at an appropriate level and are given the right tools in which to succeed. Happiness lies at the heart of the 'Lakeside Learner' and is key for our vision that every child will achieve their full potential and that high teacher expectation is required to fulfil this aim.



Curriculum

The curriculum at Lakeside has been designed to ensure that, as the children journey through each year group, the qualities seen in the 'Lakeside Learner' are developed as well as the knowledge expected for each group from the National Curriculum. Underpinning this are our curriculum drivers: wellbeing, the great outdoors, community and wider opportunities. These have been chosen to ensure that children are provided with opportunities to develop skills and qualities that will lead them into secondary school and beyond. It is our intention to give an equal status to all the subjects we must cover while recognising that proficiency in Literacy and Mathematics underpins a person's ability to make sense of the world. We have a specialist music teacher for all children as well as running additional clubs such as choir, orchestra and ukulele. Our specialist French teacher teaches children from Y3 to Y6 and provides them with a range of experiences.



In order to provide all children in our care with full access to the National Curriculum and the wider curriculum we ensure that children's special educational needs, whether through learning difficulties or exceptional ability, are identified, assessed and provided for. More able children are identified and provided with challenges within their learning and opportunities to partake in extracurricular activities. Our emotional and wellbeing support (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) is available to every child at those moments when they need it. We believe that if we are able to help minimise some of the external worries children face, then this creates space in their minds to learn.

Facilities

Our school has a wide range of facilities set out in a fantastic green and open space. Although we look very small from the front of the school, once inside, the children have plenty of areas to explore and learn in.



Little Duckling Nursery and our Reception unit promote a love of learning through their spacious indoor and outdoor provision. Children are free to explore a range of areas within the spaces with their learning being developed through their play while building their independence, curiosity and confidence. Key Stage 1 and 2 children have their own buildings as well as their own separate playgrounds.

All children have access to wooded areas and quiet areas at lunchtimes too. Lakeside is proud to have three large hall spaces, a computer suite where every child has opportunities for learning as well as a brand-new purpose-built library, music room and sensory room.



In our wooded area, hidden from view, we have a wonderful area where Forest School and Outdoor Learning regularly takes places. The children partake in Forest School activities led by our fully trained Forest School leader. They are able to learn skills such as using a variety of tools, tying knots, creating works of art, building dens and making campfires where they make hot drinks and cook food.

Trips

All children will have the opportunity to go on educational visits during their time at Lakeside. These are chosen to enrich and consolidate children's learning. Recent visits have included places such as The Lookout, Wisley Gardens, Legoland, Stonehenge, London to see a theatre show and the Council offices. Children in KS2 are all able to experience overnight adventures where they are able to explore and develop the characteristics of the Lakeside Learner. In Year 3, the children have a themed sleepover at school to encourage independence and collaboration. In Year 4, they are offered a two-night residential where they take part in outdoor activities to build upon their interactions and perseverance. The Year 5 children experience a camp night on the school field to embed their Forest School skills. In Year 6, the children take part in the ultimate experience of a 4 day residential where they experience a range of activities that encourage co-operation, communication, risk taking and resilience.

Wrap around Care

At Lakeside, we understand the need for an extended day for some working families. Early Bird Breakfast Club and Tree Tots, an externally run after school club, are both available for children from Reception to Year 6.

Clubs

At Lakeside, we believe that extra-curricular opportunities help to enrich the school and learning experience. Children have strengths and talents beyond the curriculum areas and we endeavour to develop these as well as providing opportunities for new experiences. Opportunities differ from term to term and can include: Football, Judo, Dancing, Creative Writing, Gymnastics, Art, Board Games, Chess, Computing, Choir, Cookery, Mindfulness.

PTA

The Friends of Lakeside Primary School (FoLPS) is guided and organised by parent volunteers. FoLPS organise fundraising and social events throughout the year to raise much needed funds towards additional equipment and facilities for the Lakeside children. These include events such as school discos, quiz nights, Christmas and Summer Fairs and cake sales.