



LIGHTHOUSE  
SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP



# July 2020 Newsletter

For School Leaders, Teachers, Support Staff, Governors and Trustees



## The Lighthouse Schools *PARTNERSHIP*—A message from the Chair of Trustees

Four years ago we were adding the final pieces in the creation of Lighthouse Schools Partnership, at that time a small family of schools.

Much thinking, consultation and discussion went into the values and ethos for our Trust.

Deciding on the name was a big deal but agreement on using the word Partnership in the name was straightforward.

Did we ever imagine, four years on we would have been through the experiences of recent months? Definitely not, but the partnership between schools in our now much bigger family has shone through as a great strength, I believe we as a Trust have lived out our values and ethos.

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## Continued.....Message from the Chair of Trustees

Staff and governors have been willing to work collaboratively, with an open mind to addressing the new challenges that arrived each day with a positive attitude.

It has been tough, but our family has successfully made it through together and hopefully come out feeling stronger for the experience. For this I want to thank each and every one of you, the partnership is stronger for your contribution.

Thank you for your commitment, please find a way of enjoying the summer break and I look forward to seeing many of you in the next school year.

*Adele Haysom*



***Schools across the Trust have been incredibly innovative and imaginative over the past few months, adapting to the unprecedented situation we have found ourselves in.***

***Scroll on for just some of the amazing things that have been happening during lockdown.....***



## Whitchurch Primary School joins the LSP



We are delighted to announce Whitchurch Primary School has joined the Lighthouse Schools Partnership as of 1 April 2020.

The primary school takes great pride in educating children in a challenging, exciting and purposeful environment - achieving their best together.

Headteacher Carl Hornsby said: "Having already worked with the Trust and attended a number of meetings and CPD events, Whitchurch Primary and all its staff are overjoyed at becoming a fully-fledged member of the

Lighthouse School Partnership. Having worked our way to a 'Good' OFSTED rating in 2018 and achieved our best ever SATs results in 2019, we look at this as the next step in our continuous school development and an opportunity to work even closer with the trust, ensuring that everyone 'achieves our best together'."

Extending a warm welcome, Chief Executive Gary Lewis, commented: "I am absolutely delighted to welcome Whitchurch Primary School to Lighthouse Schools Partnership. We have already been working together for some time now and we share the same beliefs about the importance and life-changing power of education."

## Wraxall students keep healthy during lockdown

Despite the school closure, due to Covid-19, Wraxall Primary still managed to hold their Health and Wellbeing Week in May.

The whole school had the opportunity to take part in a range of activities including ballet, cooking, art lessons and illustration, mindfulness, singing and music and even a 'Health and Wellbeing Big Family Quiz'.

The highlight of the week was the virtual sports day with children taking part in time challenges and skills activities.

In addition to Health and Wellbeing week throughout the school closure period, the children have been set challenges by Miss Townsend, their Headteacher.

These have had an environmental or values based focus and have included 'Wildlife from my window' with children looking for signs of nature in their immediate surroundings, '30 random acts of wildness' linked to the Wildlife Trust's '30 days wild' and reflecting on the school values and producing artwork.

The enthusiasm and effort of the children has been remarkable and a great reflection of the members of the Wraxall School family.



# Wellbeing Support for Staff

The LSP Gateway provides all LSP staff with wellbeing support and guidance.

Offering advice on many topics including; budgeting, exercise (including workout videos) and healthy eating (including recipe ideas) as well as support for mental health and wellbeing.

You can access professional advice and counselling on a whole range of legal, medical and domestic issues - from making a Will and dealing with noisy neighbours, to consumer disputes and seeking nutritional or health advice - at any time of the day or night.

**EASE** provides a 24hr Freephone Counselling and Information Line which gives you immediate access to free and confidential advice from a team of friendly, qualified Counsellors, Medical Advisors and Lawyers. **EASE** can help with issues such as:

- Stress
- Family difficulties
- Money management
- Relationships
- Substance misuse
- Anxiety
- Bereavement
- Depression
- Problems at work

What's more, up to 6 face to face counselling sessions can be arranged for you by your telephone Counsellor when you call the Freephone Line. The cost of these sessions will automatically be covered for you.

If you wish to speak to a Counsellor, Medical Advisor or Lawyer, simply call the 24hr free-phone\* **0800 092 0987** and quote the special Scheme Number **72114**.

In addition to this helpline all staff now have access to an online health Hub and App:

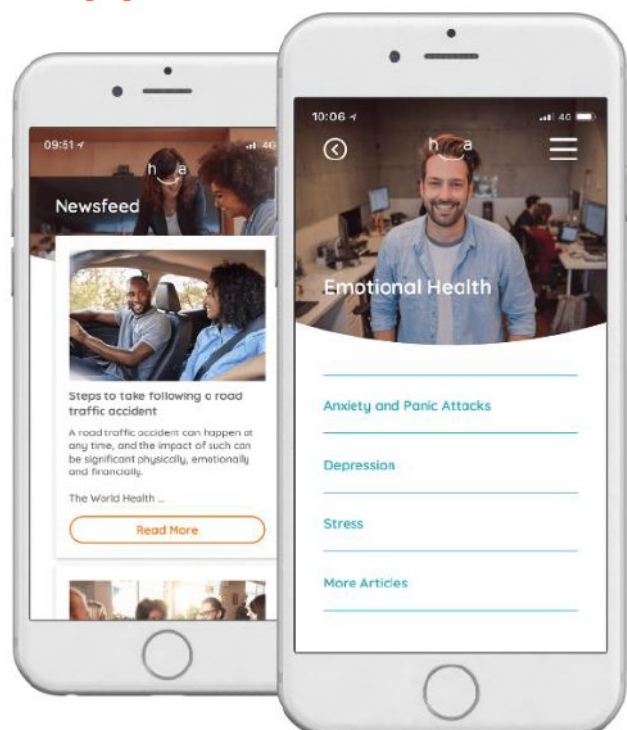
## Online Health e-Hub & App

[www.healthassuredeap.co.uk](http://www.healthassuredeap.co.uk)

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- Online CBT course
- Online trauma course
- Video counselling
- Counselling support via email
- LiveAgent Instant Chat
- Accessible 24/7 without an internet connection
- Mini health assessments
- Additional fact sheets and four-week programmes
- Drives EAP engagement through 'contact us' page, outbound calls within two hours



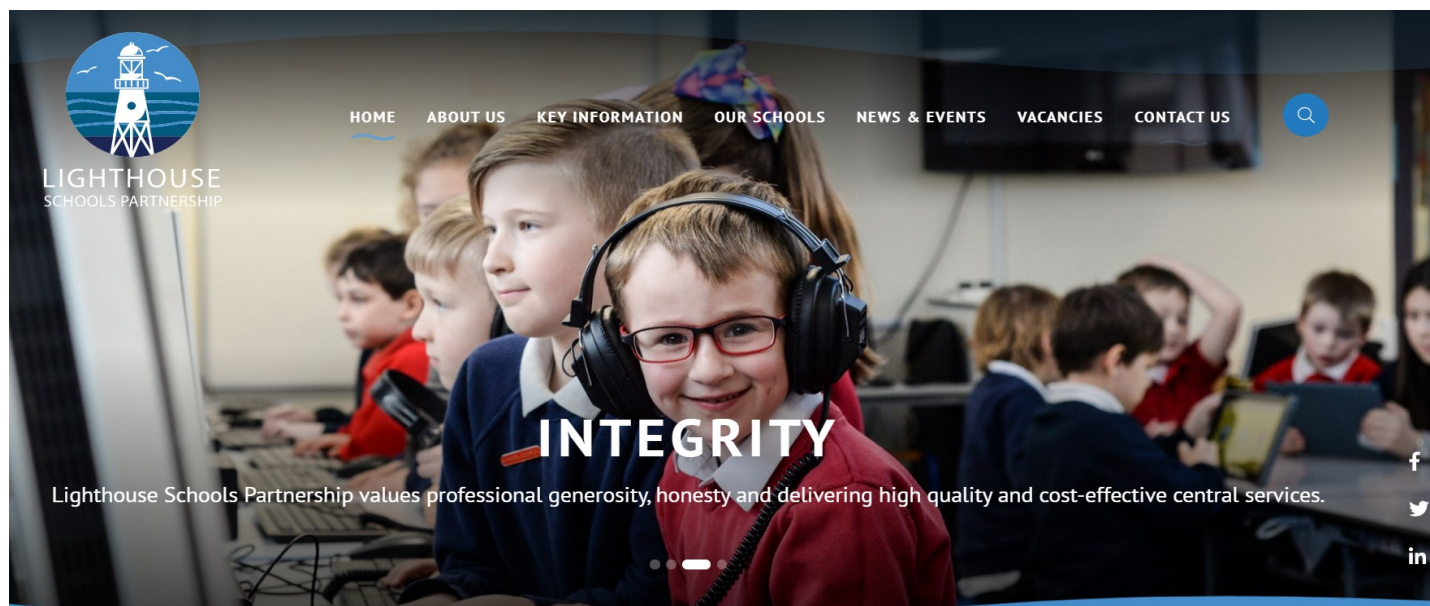


## Launch of new LSP Trust Website

Over the past few months we have been working on designing and building a new website for the Trust.

Working closely with E4Education, the new look website launched just a few days ago!

Please take a look at our [new website](#) - we are really pleased with how it looks.



Colleagues in the Central Team will continue to work with E4Education, and other schools in the Trust, to develop and deliver new websites for a number of our primary and secondary schools.

Keep your eyes peeled for these new designs; Gordano School, and a number of primaries, will be using their new websites from the end of September.

## Backwell School Staff assist with COVID-19 PPE

Staff at Backwell School have put their skills and talent into use by designing and making PPE items for local Medical Centers and Care Homes.

Staff made scrubs and wash bags for scrubs for medical staff in the local community as well as visors/face shields.

The School also donated their eye protection goggles, usually used in DT and Science lessons, to the local medical group and care homes.



## Backwell School collaborates with the Zakhele group to raise funds for charity

Pupils at Backwell School have been involved in a collaboration with South African vocal group Zakhele. This project was the culmination of a scheme of work learning about the life, music and activism of South African singer Miriam Makeba and in particular her track “Pata Pata”, meaning “Touch Touch”.

The video can be seen on [Youtube](#).



Recently, as a Covid-19 health message, UNICEF released a version of this track by Benin born singer Angelique Kidjo, called “No Pata Pata” meaning “No Touch Touch”. After discussing the project with Zakhele, they agreed to perform a new version of “No Pata Pata” specifically for the project. Backwell students and staff added the music and dances to accompany the amazing voices and dances of Zakhele.

Currently, the infection rate in the region of Mpumalanga in South Africa, where the group are based, is still increasing, and the Za Foundation have had to suspend their program of after school clubs. Instead, Zakhele and other members of the community are working with the children, offering hygiene advice, food and friendship where needed. Members of the group and those involved in these projects are still being paid, however, fundraising opportunities are extremely limited for the Za Foundation currently.

If you enjoy video and wish to learn more about the area, as well as the music and projects of Zakhele and the Za Foundation, please visit [www.zafoundation.org](http://www.zafoundation.org)

## Portishead Primary—Healthy Schools Award

Congratulations to Portishead Primary School on their Healthy Schools Award.

Staff worked together, earlier this year, to embed and develop schemes and initiatives in the school to promote wellbeing.

From individual greetings for each student, to introducing a mood mapping system to enable children to reflect on their feelings and emotions and show teachers if they are feeling particularly low and require further support. Year 6 children were also trained to check in with their peers in their role as anti-bullying ambassadors.

Looking after the environment, both the school's, and the wider planet was also a key focus. Increased recycling, monitoring of food waste to inform menu choices and a fruit trolley to make sure that fruit is eaten and not wasted. Students signed up to be light monitors and litter pickers on the school site and several eco-groups have been set up in school to encourage people to think of the environment.

Their hard work and dedication has been recognised in the award report “these whole-school approaches combine to create a positive, caring ethos where each child is recognised and valued, and where the school community are actively encouraged to support each other's mental wellbeing”





## Students across LSP primaries create art work inspired by the Harlem Renaissance

Pupils across the Trust have been working on Art Work inspired by Lois Mailou Jones.

Jones is known for her vibrant works inspired by Africa, the Caribbean and her life experiences.

Showing great talent from a young age, she held her first solo exhibition when she was eighteen, and fought prejudice and discrimination throughout her career, her paintings were some of the first paintings by an African-American artist to extend beyond the realm of portraiture.

A small sample of some the excellent creations are below—these have been created by key-worker children at Northleaze Primary.



## Reconnect Sessions at St Mary's, Portbury

*Colleagues at St Mary's, like us all, have been finding ways to reconnect with their pupils prior to the summer holidays:*

Having established that we had both the capacity and space to invite all of our St Mary's children back to school, the biggest hurdle was the securing of suitable portaloos! They finally arrived and we welcomed our first Year 2 bubble back on site.

Seeing the children's faces as they approached the field gates was most certainly one of lockdown's silver linings; truly ecstatic to be connecting with their teachers and friends once again. It made us reflect on the crucial role that education plays in the social and emotional development of our young people.

Comments from the children and parents really show the benefits of these sessions:

"The weekly class meets on the field are a highlight for my child and I believe this has really helped her have a more -positive outlook. Thank you"

" This isn't just good...it's absolutely the very best thing I've ever done..."



## Gordano School Students embrace #DofEwithadifference



During lockdown, Gordano School pupils have been busy carrying on with their Duke of Edinburgh awards. With restrictions disrupting lots of their activities, students have taken the initiative and have been doing tackling many projects under the banner of #DofEwithadifference.

From helping neighbours and family, who are shielding at home, with shopping and errands to volunteering at the local food bank; tutoring siblings at home and helping with online lessons. Many students are changing their sport section to running and cycling with a number of students taking on 5k challenges and cooking and baking being a popular choice to do at home with families.

Students this year who complete all three sections at home (Volunteering, Skill and Physical) will be awarded a Certificate of Achievement by the Duke of Edinburgh charity to recognise that they have gone above and beyond to complete these sections during this challenging year.

Pictured here is Louis V. in Year 9. For his volunteering section Louis took on a 'community support' challenge and he has been helping elderly neighbours with shopping and running a reading book exchange for the street, collecting pre-loved books, sterilizing them and then making them available for his neighbours to read during lockdown.

Colleagues at Gordano were delighted to receive a certificate of social value from the South West Duke of Edinburgh's office in the past few days. The certificate highlights the total hours DofE participants from Gordano school have donated to their local community in the last year. During the year Gordano students contributed an impressive 3,120 hours of volunteer work, which equates to a social value of £13,572.00.

Well done to Mr Cartwright, all of the staff volunteers and the incredible DofE participants who have made, and continue to make, such a positive impact in our local community.



## Over the Rainbow—virtual DT showcase



Students at Gordano School used the lockdown period to create and complete a wide variety of DT and Computing projects.

From bespoke hoodies, dress designs and overalls to magazine adverts, cartoon characters and some highly skilled examples of students working with plastics, wood, and ceramics to create an array of products.

Gordano School has some really talented and creative students, and wants to ensure that their achievements could still be celebrated.

Over the Rainbow, a virtual exhibition was created, to allow their hard work and skills to be shared by others.

Click on this [LINK](#) to watch the virtual exhibition.



## Winford Primary celebrates sporting achievements



Despite Covid-19 restrictions, Winford Primary's annual sports dinner still went ahead.....virtually!

Normally this is a formal affair in the school hall to celebrate the year's sporting achievements. However, this year it was held online, using Microsoft Teams, with parents presenting the winners with their awards live on screen as they are announced.

The highlight of the year has been the school football team - who won all 4 local tournaments (including the Chew Valley girls tournament),

then became North Somerset Champions, followed by winning the Somerset County Champions. At this point they should have gone on to represent Somerset in the South West finals, with a chance to then progress to the national finals at a Premier League ground. Unfortunately, at this point the lock-down started and they never got to play these games.

Despite this disappointment, 6 trophies and an unbeaten season leaves a lot to celebrate, and, even given the unusual nature of proceedings this year, all students involved should be rewarded and celebrate their successes.

## Good Morning Yatton!

Yatton School have been documenting life during lockdown, and keeping students and their families updating and engaged with Good Morning Yatton.

What started as a bit of fun to help engage the children has grown into a showcase of children's learning and interests. Led by Yatton's very own 'Silver Fox' (aka Mr O) and with the help of an amazing parent volunteer - Rob Cox from WestCoast Films - we are now on to Episode 18! During the series, various staff have made it to the purple sofa- physically and virtually- to share learning, fun ideas, competitions, cooking, work outs and have their face splatted with cream!



Regular items such as birthdays, news, Spin to Win and Mr O's jokes have kept the children entertained. We've had all sorts of items sent in from children additional to their learning including videos, poems, stories, art, music and one Y2 who keeps us informed on what we can see in the night sky. All gets shared and celebrated.

Our Year 6 Bubbles have now taken over the production and presenting of the program and we have learnt all sorts of new knowledge from them from dinosaurs, farming and how to drive a bull dozer! They have amazed us all by their confidence and professionalism.





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