

September 2024

Happy weekend everyone!

Well, what can I say! It has been three weeks of fun, friendship building, curiosity and caution where needed. The team has worked wonders in helping our children settle and feel safe in their environment whether they are new to Lake Haven or whether they have been pupils before the summer. It is always a period of transition after the six week break for all of our students, but they have been supported and are all settling incredibly well.



After the initial transition period and usually as the school work increases, we often have a lull where the wobbles can creep in. This is all completely natural. The children will feel exhausted getting to know the new routines and dealing with the expected demands placed on them in school. But as always, we do allow for this to take place but if you are concerned, do talk to us if we need to support further to aid the emotional regulation but

please understand that this can be expected and is understandable by all.  
However, so far, so good!

### Squirrels Class

Have completed all of their initial assessments and are ready to start making progress in all areas. We are all loving the cooking on a Friday morning - thanks Team Squirrel. Claude the Dog with his best friend, Sir Bobblysock are making a great impression in English and Place Value is the focus for mathematics. I was incredibly impressed with the work on their laptops this week building up their Google Workspace skills.

### Badgers Class

Have been very busy in their lodge working on The Barnabus Project in English which fits so wonderfully with the science work and classifying animals. This story is beautiful with glorious illustrations and worth a look. In mathematics, money is the focus building on the knowledge of decimal places before they start place value.

### Rabbits Class

An awesome working environment where it has been a hive of busyness. The stories they have written and then created their own powerpoint presentations are just amazing and it has been lovely to see the children so proud of their work. The caterpillars have hatched and the concoctions of food prepared for the butterflies is a delight!

### Owls Class

The blood capsules and cells are quite unnerving as I walked through the classroom the other day in their work to support their work on the human body. English has been a revelation to us all and the hexapod designs based on the film, Avatar and the world of Pandora. Alongside lobster pot fishing for mathematics (I'll let them explain to you!), a solid start to their mathematical journey!

As you can see, we have been so busy and only three weeks in. I'm excited to see how the term progresses.

As a request, if there are any changes at home, it would be useful if you could just give us a 'head's up'. Not that we want to pry, it's just so we can understand if things feel different for the children which inevitably has an impact on their day.

As the weather starts to feel very autumnal, please can we ask that we have clothing and footwear for all activities and spares if possible. No one at Lake Haven ever remains clean and that is usually Mrs Hill! But if we can plan for all eventualities, this would be great.

The gate at the bottom of the park has worked really well. After reviewing for a couple of weeks, we will be locking the gate at 9:10 and anyone arriving after that time, please use the main gates and ring the bell, thank you.

I am sure that as the weeks progress, there will be more to share, but for now, a huge well done to all of our students and a great big thank you to the team. Lake Haven is truly a 'Special Place to Learn'.

Have a lovely weekend,

Lindsay