

We have great news at this festive time of year!

Ofsted inspectors visited The Lakes School on 19th and 20th November and we are delighted to share that they graded us as **Good** in all areas! What wonderful news for everyone connected with The Lakes School.

This grading is a fantastic reflection of the years of hard work and dedication by staff and governors who have worked tirelessly to ensure that The Lakes School provides a high quality education for young people in the local community.

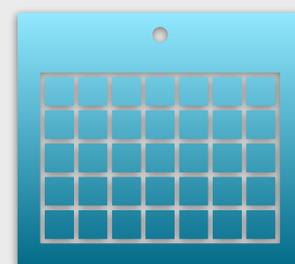
We know that the partnership we have with parents has been instrumental in securing this judgement and we send you all a warm Lakes School thank you for your support. You will be pleased to know that we're not done yet! In all that we do, we will continue to reflect the *caring, learning community* that has brought us to this point as we continue to improve the school for our students.

The final report has now been published and it makes wonderful reading. You can find the report on our website or by clicking the link to the right. Enjoy the rest of our newsletter and we wish you a peaceful Christmas break.

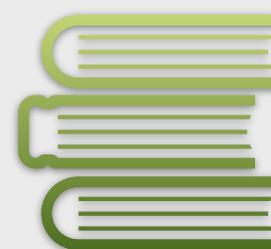
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The Quality of Education	2
Behaviour and Attitudes	2
Personal Development	2
Sixth Form	2
Leadership and Management inc Governance	2
Overall Effectiveness	2



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Year 7 Parent Survey

We are so pleased to say that our new Year 7 students have settled in so well and very quickly found their stride. Seems unfathomable that they should already be arriving at their first Lakes School Christmas. We thank all of our Year 7 parents for working so closely with us to ensure that your children are well cared for. As we all know, happy and well cared for children enjoy their learning and achieve well.

Thank you to the 36 Year 7 parents who were able to respond to our Office 365 survey. As you can see from the charts to the right, the overwhelming majority of Year 7 parents feel that their child is happy at school, safe and would recommend the school to other parents. We also noted that the majority of parents feel that The Lakes School does much to support your child's personal development through the extra-curricular and enrichment activities we offer.

Some parents said that they did not know if the school supports their child's wider personal development so we have added links on page one of this newsletter which will take you to our curriculum statement and our extra-curricular timetable.

We are also working on the subject pages on our website which will provide you with more detailed information about the curriculum your child studies in each subject area. Take a peek in the 'Learning' menu to find out more!

Ofsted Parent View

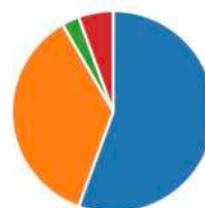
The two graphs to the right show again the positive view that parents have about life at The Lakes School. The orange bar in graph 4 shows that 77% of parents felt that their child had never been bullied. As a school, we recognise that bullying does occur and it was pleasing to hear that students had told inspectors that bullying is rare but teachers deal with it quickly when it does happen.

Graph 12 shows that parents really value the clubs and activities available at The Lakes School. This is perhaps a good opportunity to say a huge collective thanks to all of the staff who work tirelessly to provide so many amazing opportunities for our students.

1. My child is happy at The Lakes School.

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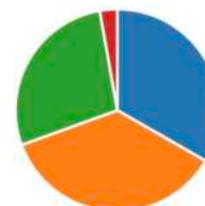
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Agree	13
Don't know	1
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0



2. The Lakes School supports my child's wider personal development.

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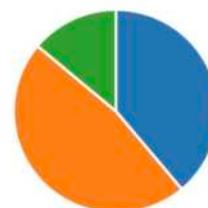
Strongly agree	12
Agree	13
Don't know	10
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0



3. My child is safe at The Lakes School.

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Strongly agree	14
Agree	17
Don't know	5
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0



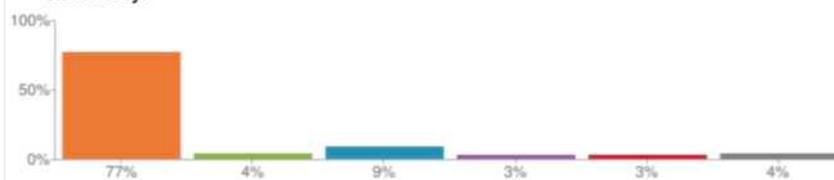
4. I would recommend The Lakes School to other parents.

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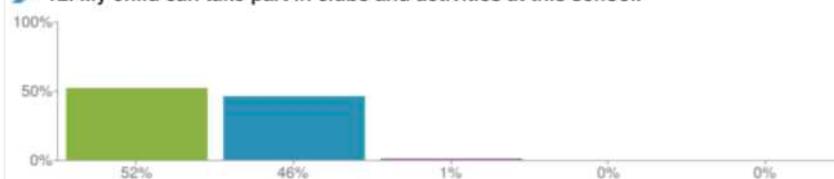


4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.



Figures based on 69 responses up to 20-11-2019

12. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.



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The Lakes School Community Partnership

It seems like only five minutes ago since a small team of parents set up the Lakes School Community Partnership (LSCP) and they have certainly had a huge impact on life at The Lakes School. The LSCP is a Charitable Trust which was set up to organise fund raising and attain grants with the purpose of improving resources for students. The Charitable Trust is made up of a committee of eight volunteers who work alongside the Lakes School Governing Body and the Parent Forum.



£18,000

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We are pleased to provide you with an update about everything the LSCP has achieved in its first 12 months and we would like to begin by saying a huge thank you to Tracey Hogg, Chair of LSCP, and her team of parent trustees and volunteers. We would also like to say a warm thank you to the Bowness and Windermere Care Trust and the numerous local businesses, service clubs and grant-making bodies who have provided such amazing support to the school.

During the 12 months since the LSCP was born, the Trust has raised and received over £18,000 of funds which has helped to purchase valuable resources to support the curriculum and student interests. Key events have included a Camel Racing evening in May 2019 which raised over £1600, a vegetarian cooking event, a donation of £10,000 from Lakeland Ltd, circa £5000 from the three Rotary clubs in the local area, £1600 from other service clubs and grant making bodies including the Hadfield Trust, Cumbria Community Foundation and Bowness WI. An amazing year!

You can follow the work of the LSCP on their Facebook page. Simply search for @LSCPCharity

So, how have these funds been used? You will remember fondly the refurbishment of our catering room which was part funded by the very generous donation from Lakeland Ltd. The funds raised and received by the LSCP have also been used to purchase a 3D printer for the engineering department, sewing machines for textiles, tools and an embroidery machine and tablet for the technology department, headphones and splitters for music, and bicycles for a

refurbishment project. This is just the tip of the iceberg and we look forward to sharing more with you in 2020.

Are you interested in supporting the work of The Lakes School Community Partnership? The LSCP are always keen to receive offers of support from parents and other members of the local community. Feel free to register your interest via the LSCP email address lakeschoolcp@gmail.com. The LSCP has ambitious plans for the future and they would love to have you on board.

We're Seeking a Treasurer!

The LSCP is seeking a Treasurer.

Basic Excel spreadsheet skills are all that you need.

Please email your interest to the address below.

Thank you!

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor and we would like to invite interested parents to express an interest by email to our Clerk to Governors, Mrs Taylor, at clerk@lakes.cumbria.sch.uk. This is a truly exciting time to be joining The Lakes School and we would welcome expressions of interest from any parent who feels that they would like to support our journey in the years ahead. You would be joining an ambitious and forward thinking governing body with a proven reputation for school improvement, a governing body that has a strong desire to ensure that the school continues to strengthen its provision for children and families in the local community.

If you would like an informal discussion about the parent governor vacancy then feel free to contact reception and Mr Smith, Chair of Governors, or Mr Cunningham, Headteacher, will be only too pleased to arrange a meeting or a phonecall with you. We would welcome expressions of interest by 4pm on 10th January 2020.

'Becoming a Lakes School governor has been an incredibly rewarding experience. The role challenges me, provides me with an opportunity to develop and learn new skills, all whilst supporting the school as it grows from strength to strength.'

Hannah Irwin
Governor at The Lakes School

'Participating in the governance of this extremely important asset within our community provides opportunity to ensure that the quality of the education provided is sustained, enhanced and responsive to the diverse needs of our students with the objective of achieving the best of outcomes for all.'

Bill Smith
Governor at The Lakes School

'Schools are an important part of local communities. Being a governor at The Lakes School has given me the opportunity to help the school along on their journey of continual improvement, providing the young people in our community with the quality of education that they deserve.'

Sarah McGraw
Governor at The Lakes School

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Total raised so far	Target
£25.00	£2,500.00
Total plus Gift Aid: £31.25	Raised offline: £0.00

My story

Hi, thanks for visiting my page. Through Virgin Money Giving, you can sponsor me and donations will be quickly processed and passed to Crohn's and Colitis UK.

This is a charity very close to my heart as I am one of the 300,000 people in the UK living with a type of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). In my case, Ulcerative Colitis.

Back in September I was invited along to a patient involvement research day organised by Crohn's and Colitis UK. I was moved by how much the charity are doing in collaboration with healthcare professionals and patients to find ways to improve the lives of people who suffer with IBD.

By the end of the day I felt compelled to offer my support to raising funds for this worthwhile cause.

So, here I am about to embark on my first ever marathon!

I'm planning to organise some local fundraising events in Cumbria over the coming weeks and months in the lead up to race day on 26th April.

Virgin Money Giving is a not for profit organisation and will claim gift aid on a charity's behalf where the donor is eligible for this. I really appreciate all your support and thank you in advance!

Best wishes,
Robin

Mr Sharp is up and running!

We are very proud to share the news that Mr Sharp will be running in the London Marathon 2020 having gained a charitable place with Crohn's and Colitis UK. We look forward to supporting Mr Sharp with his fundraising goal of £2,500 and we wish him every success with his training programme. You can read more about Mr Sharp's charitable efforts in the screenshot to the left or by clicking [here](#) which will take you directly to Mr Sharp's fundraising page.

Local Events!

We are pleased to draw your attention to a couple of fantastic local events that are sure to capture your interest at this festive time of year.

The Lakes Players will once again be gracing the stage at The Lakes School with their wonderful recipe of humour and magic as they perform Snow White: The fairest panto of them all. Visit www.lakesplayers.co.uk for more information and tickets.

And if that wasn't enough, we are so excited to advertise a very special exhibition of paintings, drawings, sculptures and photography by three super talented ex-Lakes School students.

Izzy Richards, Anna Clough and Jenny Wood will be launching a local exhibition of their work at the Ladyholme Centre on 21st and 22nd December 2019. Check out the poster below for more information.

EXPLORE and EVOLVE

an exhibition of paintings, drawings, sculptures and photography

21st & 22nd December
 Sat 11am-7pm
 Sun 9:30am-6pm

50p entry

free tours! Three local young artists
 Izzy Richards, Anna Clough, Jenny Wood

ladyholme centre, lake road, windermere

THE LAKES PLAYERS PROUDLY PRESENT

SNOW WHITE

TICKETS ONSALE NOW!!

THE FAIREST PANTO OF THEM ALL

22ND TO 26TH JANUARY 2020

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