



# October 3

## Attendance



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*Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.*

SCHOOL BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 8.45am FOR YR AND 8.50am FOR KS1 & KS2. The learning starts at 9am so we need the children in class and settled for then.

*The whole school attendance target is 96%.*

YR: 95.3%

Y1: 90.3%

Y2: 90.3%

Y3: 96.7%

Y4: 93.1%

Y5: 84.5%

Y6: 96.1%

*The overall whole school attendance is 90.8%.*

*Well done to Y3 who have achieved at least 96% (our target).*

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*Please read our Attendance Guide - the full updated Attendance Policy can be found on our website. Our aim is for every child to be in school every day - with a target of **at least 96% attendance**. Please note that holidays in term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances - we need to receive notification (by filling in the form on the website/from the School Office) two weeks prior to their absence.*

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**Attendance Policy Overview 2023-24**

At Lynn Community Primary School, we aim to consistently work towards our goal of 100% attendance for all children. Every opportunity will be used to convey the importance of regular, punctual attendance to pupils, parents, and carers.

Our school is committed to providing the best possible quality of education to all learners. For a child to reach their full educational achievement a high level of school attendance is essential.



**'Attendance is EVERYBODY'S responsibility'**

It is the responsibility of all members of our school community to maintain and monitor good school attendance.

**REPORT IT FIRST DAY**

If your child is going to be absent from school, please report this ASAP via the school office.

**Key Attendance Contact at Lynn Community Primary School:**

School Office: 01744 678350

**Jon Lammont** - Pastoral Manager

**Hayley Hewitt** - Education Welfare and Engagement Officer

**We attend school REGULARLY**

**We attend school PUNCTUALLY**

**We attend school READY to learn**

Absence from school **may** be authorised if it is for the following reasons:

- Illness
- Unavoidable medical appointments
- Days of religious observance
- Exceptional family circumstances

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET OF 95%**

**Attendance Ladder**

Outstanding	100%	Outstanding	★
Very good	98%	Very good	★
Good	96%	Good	★
Satisfactory	94%	Satisfactory	★
Needs improvement	92%	Needs improvement	★
Below standard	90%	Below standard	★
Unsatisfactory	85%	Unsatisfactory	★

Number of school days missed per year

What does my child's attendance mean?

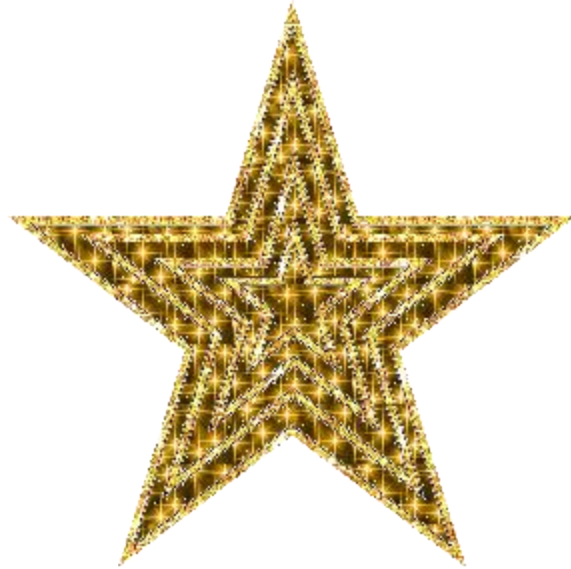
Absence from school **will not** be authorised for:

- Shopping
- Having to stay at home due to an unwell sibling or parent.
- Day trips
- Birthdays
- Holidays
- Rest days after a poor night sleep

- Gates close at 9am
- Class registers close at 9am – after this it is a late mark
- School registers close at 9.30 am – after this it is an unauthorised absence

## Special Achievers This Week





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*Every week the staff look out for those children who are just that little bit extra special in the current week to award them one of our **Achievers Certificates**. It might be for lots of effort, fantastic presentation, super learning behaviour, lovely manners, being extra helpful or just that bit more determined than the others to finish their work accurately. They might just be an outstanding all-rounder. Congratulations to this week's achievers :)*

*YR: Abigail and*

*Y1: Elliot and Olivia K*

*Y2: Philipa and Gracie*

*Y3: Lexi and Tommy-Joe*

*Y4: Jacob and Charlie*

*Y5: Toby and Finley*

*Y6: Pippa and Charlie*

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## Headteacher's Awards

# **I**nspire **C**hallenge **A**chieve **N**urture

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*I will be awarding children across the school with a special certificate in our Celebration Assembly on a Monday who have demonstrated our school's **I CAN values - Inspire, Challenge, Achieve, Nurture**. This week the following children received the awards:*

***Inspire*** - Charlie (Y6) for being a role model through his coaching of the younger children in after school club sports.

***Challenge*** - Junior (YR) for challenging himself to make good choices in school.

***Achieve*** - Phoebe (Y2) for showing great achievement in History through her knowledge and understanding of The Great Fire of London.

***Achieve*** - Willow (Y1) for achieving well in her learning.

***Nurture*** - Andrew (Y6) for helping the younger children develop their football skills.

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## Updates from our Pupil Leadership groups



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*Mrs. Reid has met with the Reading Ambassadors this week. They have discussed ideas for World Book Day and their plan for other reading events. Thank you to those ambassadors who helped out with running the Book Fair this week too!*

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## Picture News



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*As a gold Rights-Respecting School, our children discuss different issues each week using Picture News. This week's Picture News is all about the following question: Should speed limits be lowered in your local area?*

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## TAKEHOME

## In the news this week



Wales has reduced its maximum speed limit in residential areas, close to homes and schools, from 30mph to 20mph, becoming the first nation in the UK to introduce these measures. Ministers in Wales have said the 20mph limit would make roads safer, with the aim also being to increase the number of people choosing to walk or cycle. Changing the speed limit, along with the need to raise awareness and amend road signs, has cost the government in Wales just over £32m. However, ministers believe the cost will be outweighed by reduced impact on emergency services and the NHS.

### Things to talk about at home

- Think about the area outside of your school. Do you feel it is safe? What is in place to make it safe? Do you know what the speed limit is?
- What about where you live? What are the roads like there, and do you think that drivers travel at a safe speed?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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# British Values



## Rule of Law

Speed limits are put in place to reduce road accidents and keep people safer. These limits are law and if a vehicle exceeds them there can be consequences.

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## Protected Characteristics





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UK law states to start learning to drive a car on roads, you must be at least 17 years old. This helps keep everyone safer. However, we can all use roads as pedestrians, cyclists etc no matter what age we are. We should never be treated unfairly because of our age.



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# UN Rights of a Child



## UN Rights of a Child



Every child has the right to be alive. Governments must make sure that children survive and develop in the best possible way. Speed limits can help protect us and keep us safer.



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## PE Reminders



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*The children can come to school on their PE days in their PE kit: white t-shirt, red shorts, trainers. They can also wear their school jumper or cardigan when needed.*

### ***PE days***

*YN: Friday*

*YR: Tuesday*

*Y1: Monday and Wednesday*

*Y2: Monday and Wednesday*

*Y3: Wednesday and Thursday*

*Y4: Wednesday and Friday*

Y5: Tuesday and Thursday

Y6: Tuesday and Thursday

We have had a number of child wearing their own clothes on PE days - please ensure they are wearing the correct clothing - thank you.

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## Music opportunities

**MUSIC SERVICE ENSEMBLES AT ST HELENS TOWN HALL 2023 - 24 FREE!**

**TUESDAY... ROCK & POP BAND**  
4.30PM - 5.50PM

**TUESDAY... VOCAL GROUP**  
4.30PM - 5.50PM

**WEDNESDAY WIDER OPPORTUNITIES BAND**  
4PM - 5PM

**WEDNESDAY INTERMEDIATE WIND BAND**  
4PM - 5PM

**WEDNESDAY INTERMEDIATE STRINGS**  
4PM - 5PM

**WEDNESDAY MUSIC THEORY CLUB**  
4PM - 5PM

**WEDNESDAY YOUTH WIND ORCHESTRA**  
5.15PM - 6.30PM

**WEDNESDAY DINFOMA**  
5.15PM - 6.30PM

**WEDNESDAY MUSIC THEORY CLUB**  
5.15PM - 6.30PM

**ST HELENS MUSIC HUB**  
INSPIRING MUSICAL CREATIVITY  
@sthelemusic @sthelemusicuk

**01744 677946**  
musicserve@sthelems.gov.uk  
SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO JOIN AND REGISTER TODAY

Illustration of children playing musical instruments.

## Sports opportunities

**GIRLS RUGBY IS COMING TO STORM!**

Girls Y4, Y5 & Y6  
Saturday mornings  
10-11am  
Newton Sports Club  
Contact the inbox for more details

Illustration of a girl in a rugby kit.

Congratulations!



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*Well done to our Y4 Football team who were excellent ambassadors for our school this week.*

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## October half term activities

### Autumn '23



Our **ComputerXplorers** Holiday Tech Clubs

**ComputerXplorers** leads the way in providing technology-based activities that are both inspirational and educational. Our unique brand of hands-on programmes are always full of fun and interaction. We encourage children to find out what's behind the technology, building in collaboration, creativity, critical thinking and confidence along the way!



# AUTUMN TECH CLUB

## ST HELENS

Rainford High School  
Higher Ln,  
Rainford, WA11 8NY

Wed 1st &  
Thurs 2nd November  
9am-3pm (half days available)  
Morning sessions include Coding &  
Game Design with a seasonal **MINECRAFT** afternoon challenge!

Scan the QR or follow the link for full information & bookings:

[bolton.computerexplorers.co.uk](http://bolton.computerexplorers.co.uk)



[computerexplorers.co.uk/bolton-wigan](http://computerexplorers.co.uk/bolton-wigan) Follow us @CompXBolton

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ComputerXplorers Bolton & Wigan, 621 Leigh Road, Leigh, WN7 1UA



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HALF TERM  
CAMPS**

FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-13

30TH OCT - 2ND NOV 2023

**15% OFF**

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OFFER ENDS: 22ND SEPT 2023

0300 303 3866 | [WWW.SPORT4KIDS.BIZ](http://WWW.SPORT4KIDS.BIZ)



**FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-13**

**S4K**

**30TH OCT- 2ND NOV 2023**

**BROOK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL, RAINFORD**



**ST PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, NEWTON**



Book individual days or a week at a time, our flexible and convenient holiday childcare gives children the opportunity to try new activities, meet new friends and make lasting memories.

From themed arts and crafts and team games to sports and outdoor splash activities, there is something for all children to enjoy at our October Holiday Camps.

0300 303 3866 | [WWW.SPORT4KIDS.BIZ](http://WWW.SPORT4KIDS.BIZ)

Sleep support



the  
national  
**sleep**  
helpline

**Does your child  
suffer with  
sleep issues?**

Do you struggle  
with your child's  
bedtime?

Will your child  
not sleep in  
their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

**03303 530 541**  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



The poster features a dark blue background with a white circular graphic containing the number '50%'. The text is in white and light blue. At the top left is the logo for 'the national sleep helpline'. The main headline is 'Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point\*'. Below this is a section titled 'WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?' followed by a paragraph about the partnership with Furniture Village. Another section titled 'HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?' is followed by a bulleted list of services. At the bottom, the phone number '03303 530 541' is displayed, along with operating hours and logos for 'the sleep charity' and 'Furniture Village'. A small copyright notice is at the very bottom.

the national sleep helpline

**50%**

**Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point\***

**WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?**

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

**HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?**

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

**03303 530 541**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

POWERED BY the sleep charity

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH Furniture Village

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\*Survey of 2,000 adults by OnePoll, Aug 2021

## Jewellery

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*Please can you make sure that your child does not come to school wearing earrings (if they are newly pierced, they can be covered up), bracelets or necklaces. Thank you!*

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## YR places - September 2024

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*You must apply for a primary school place a year before your child can start school. Applications **open in September and close on 15 January**. Your child will be 3 or have just turned 4 when you apply. You'll need to apply then even if you want your child to start part-way through the year. Please see <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-primary-school-place> for more information.*

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## Winning Team



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*The winning team this week are the Dragons!*

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## Before and after school



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***Please can ensure that your child does not play on the trim trail or with the Early Years equipment before or after school.***

*If you are collecting children from Y1 or Y2 classrooms, can we politely ask you to wait on the KS2 play ground if you are picking up older children so that the KS2 teachers can lead their classes out safely.*

*Parents collecting children from the KS2 playground, please can you stand back from the gates so that the staff can clearly see the children going to who is picking them up.*

***Finally, to make sure that we are safeguarding all our children, if someone new is picking up your child from school, please can you make the class teacher aware prior to home time - thank you.***

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## Dates for the diary

***WC Monday 23rd October - Harvest Festival***

***Thursday 26th October - Disco for KS1 and KS2***

***Friday 27th October - School closes for half term***

*Monday 6th November - School opens for the start of Autumn term 2*

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## Book Fair



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*Thank you to everyone who has bought a book at the Book Fair this week! I will let you know next week what we have raised for school.*

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SEND support



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*If you would like to contact Miss. Burns, our SENDCo, please can use the following email address:*

*[sencolymecp@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:sencolymecp@sthelens.org.uk)*

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## Parents' Evenings



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*Thank you to all the families who came to our parents' meetings this week. It was a great opportunity for our teachers to meet you and discuss how your child has settled into school this year.*

*Y1 and Y5 meetings will be rescheduled - a text will go out to those families this week.*

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## Harvest Festival

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*On **Tuesday 24th October**, we will having our Harvest Festival in school. Please can you donate any of the following:*

*\*tins*

*\*packets of dried food e.g. pasta, rice*

*\*toiletries*

***You can send these in on Monday 23rd or Tuesday 24th October.***

*Representative from our Student Council/Rights-Respecting Ambassadors will be taking our collection to St. John the Baptist Food Bank in Earlestown.*

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## Coats



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*Now that the weather is becoming a little bit more unpredictable, please can you make sure that your child has a coat on for school each day. Thank you.*

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## Hallowe'en Disco



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*Our Student Council are busily organising our Hallowe'en Disco. This will be held on **Thursday 26th October** at the following times:*

***Y1, Y2, Y3: 4.45-5.45 pm***

***Y4, Y5, Y6: 6-7 pm***

*Tickets will cost **£2-** please bring the money in cash into class (not to the Office).*

**There will also be some prizes for the most creative fancy dress!**

*YN and YR will be having a party in class that date - Mrs. Mc Dermott and Miss. Mee will let you know the details on the Early Years newsletters.*

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## National School Meals Week: 6-10th November

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*The children have voted on their favourite meals - Lynette, our cook, will be preparing some of these choices on the first day back after half term. We have also invited our Governors to come and have lunch with the children on the Friday.*

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The poster is for National School Meals Week 2023, held from 6-10 November. It features a blue header with a circular logo on the left that says 'EVERYBODY BENEFITS FROM A GREAT SCHOOL LUNCH' and 'I SUPPORT NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK' with a 'LACA' logo. To the right of the logo, it says 'National School Meals Week 2023 6-10 November'. Further right is a '30th Birthday Celebrations' logo. The main body of the poster lists three days of activities: Monday 6th (Launch day), Wednesday 8th (National Roast Dinner Day), and Friday 10th (Happy Birthday NSMW!). Each day includes a description and a row of food icons. At the bottom, an orange banner says 'Enjoy a week of delicious school meals and fun activities' over a landscape illustration. The text 'ST HELENS' is visible at the bottom right of the illustration.

**EVERYBODY BENEFITS FROM A GREAT SCHOOL LUNCH**  
I SUPPORT NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK  
LACA  
National School Meals Week 2023  
6-10 November

**NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations**

- **Monday 6th - Launch day:**  
A fun day to launch the week with pupil's favourites and promote your week of celebrations.  
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- **Wednesday 8th - National Roast Dinner Day:**  
A roast dinner day showcasing the best local British produce, and we challenge you to create the best plant-based version as well.  
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- **Friday 10th - Happy Birthday NSMW!:**  
We want you to end the week with one big celebration. Why not invite a school VIP of your choice to join in a day of promoting #greatschoolfood and NSMW's 30th Birthday.

Enjoy a week of **delicious school meals** and **fun activities**

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## After school activities

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*Mondays (3.15-4.5pm) - **Crafts** - Mrs. McDermott and Gill (Year 1 and 2)*

*Tuesdays (3.20-4pm)- **Magical Maths** - Miss Burns (by invitation)*

*Tuesdays (3.20-4pm) - Science - Mr Leather (Y5 and 6)*

*Coach Laura will also be offering a variety of sports clubs - see below.*

*Please pay for all clubs on School Money - £12.50 per half term.*

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Consent Form - Photography, video and other digital media



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*To make sure that we have the correct permissions, please can you fill this in for your child by next Friday.  
It can be found on School Spider: Parents Area - Surveys and Forms. Thank you!*

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And finally...



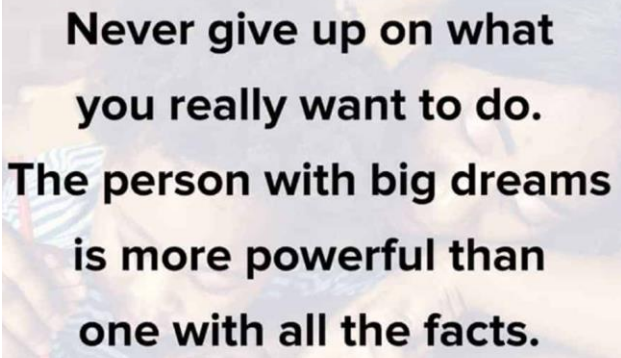
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*We have had another busy week in school. Our assemblies this week were all about this half term's values of perseverance and determination. The KS2 classes talked about Greta Thunberg and her vision that 'no-one is too small to make a difference' and about how she showed a growth mindset - not giving up when she faced a challenge. Year 1 and 2 listened to the story, 'Giraffes Can't Dance' by Giles Andreae - giving the same message about what we can achieve if we stick with something. Our children are all trying hard to do this every day!*

*Have a lovely weekend.*

*Mrs. Roberts*

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**Never give up on what  
you really want to do.  
The person with big dreams  
is more powerful than  
one with all the facts.**

Albert Einstein