

Launde Newsletter

25 May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

These past two weeks have been full of children demonstrating resilience, perseverance, and their unique talents whether it be through academic testing that takes place at this time of year for our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils, or using their artistic, musical or sporting talents. Each day, I have the pleasure of going around the school and feeling the buzz of activity where children are focussed on learning and developing a variety of different skills. It has also been lovely to see them playing on the grass areas once again too as the weather has improved.

Assemblies have been focussed on our core aim of being individuals and unique.

On Monday, Miss Barratt talked to the children about empowerment and what this means and read the story The Kaola Who Could. We spoke about being confident in trying new things and saying we can do instead of we can't. On Wednesday, the KS2 assembly focussed on children being brave and how to deal with worries. We talked about the tricky time Leicester City are having at the moment and discussed advice we would give to anyone who is worried about something, including the Leicester City football players.

The important message about who we can talk to if we are worried is one we always tell our children in assemblies. We talk about safe adults at school and at home. Do reinforce this at home too. Sharing a worry is always helpful whether it be with their class teachers or at home with family. We have worry boxes at school, worry monsters for the younger children and always make time to listen to our children.

This week, Ms Priddey and Mrs Meer met with the Chair and Vice Chair of Governors to review our school improvement plan for the year. We are very proud of all we do for our children at school and the commitment our staff show to continually strive to develop further. One of our objectives was to develop what is on offer for our parents to be involved in their child's learning. Staff have delivered many different workshops this year, whether online, in the hall or in classrooms. We have also held 'book looks' for parents to see their child's work and held an art exhibition which our children said was a real highlight of their year. They loved seeing other children's work as well as showing their parents their skills.

Diary Dates

Friday 26 May – **TEACHER DAY – CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL**

Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June – Half Term

Monday 5 June – All children back at school

Monday 5 June – Year 5 Space Centre Trip

Friday 9 June – Strath Avon Assembly 2.15pm

Monday 12-16 June Year 6 Skern Residential

Tuesday 13 June – Non-Skern Year 6 Trip to Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre

Wednesday 21 June – Summer Fair

Tuesday 4 July – Year 1 & Year 2 – Sports Day AM

Wednesday 5 July – Year 4 Beaumanor Hall Nature Day Trip

Wednesday 5 July – Foundation – Sports Day AM

Thursday 6 July – Year 3 & Year 4 – Sports Day PM

Thursday 6 July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly 6.30pm – **DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON**

Friday 7 July Year 5 & Year 6 – Sports Day AM

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We have been developing our twitter account too to inform parents of some of the activities that take place at school. We still have our school website with lots of information for parents on it on all aspects of school life. Do have a look! Thank you to all parents who have taken part in these activities over the year and there are a few more planned for after the holidays.

One important activity in our schools' annual calendar is that of our summer fair. This year we have it booked in place for 21 June. The teachers and children are busy planning stalls in their classes. We have planned activities that will help teach the children about the importance of money too, part of our PSHE curriculum. The PTA are supporting this event and would love some volunteers that could give up an hour on the day to help run some of the refreshment stalls. They will be putting a sign up sheet for parents to put their name to in the playground after the half term break. Do come and support this event. We are wanting to raise money for some wooden play equipment to be used on the playground for all our children. Sadly, the trim trail we have is slowly rotting and is no longer able to be used. We would therefore like to replace this which would cost in the region of £15,000. A very large sum but a good aim for over the next few years.

Some of our Year 5 children have written a letter to request they begin an environment club to help look after our planet. This is something we would like to support. Part of this will involve planting seeds. Donation of packets of seeds for gardening club would be much appreciated. If anyone has any seed packets that they are not using and would be willing to donate, then do please send them in to the office. Can we request labelled, packet seeds only please. Thank you.

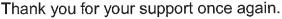
Road Safety Competition Winners

Thank you so much for all of the amazing road safety posters that were handed in. Mrs Meer and the road safety committee were amazed by the amount of effort you all put into these. We met yesterday and decided on two winners from each class, who all received a prize. Here is a photo of all the winning entries.



The Road safety committee decided that they wanted to choose 1 poster from KS1 and 1 from KS2 as the overall winner as they were so impressed by these. Talvin from Beehive created this amazing design using 'arts and crafts' and Jack from Strath Avon added so much information and colour to his poster! Both of these received a £5 Asda gift voucher.







Tennis Competition – Year 5 & 6

On Wednesday 17 May, eight of our children from Year 5 and 6 played in a tennis tournament against a selection of other schools in the Oadby and Wigston area. The tennis was to a high standard, with most players sustaining rallies spanning multiple shots. As we watched on, I was amazed at the quality and confidence of our players, particularly against other competitors who were also very skilled. We were fortunate to have two teams and came runners-up in both our groups, just missing out on the final by a small number of points. These eight children were superb ambassadors for our school and I am sure many will continue to play tennis at these standards and better as they grow older. Well done!

Mr Mukadam and Miss Parker

Cricket Competition – Year 5 & 6

Year 5 & 6 Kwik Cricket competition - Countesthorpe Cricket Club

On Tuesday this week, 27 of our children across years 5 and 6 took part in a Kwik Cricket competition at Countesthorpe Cricket Club. There were two competitions that our children took part in: Boys/mixed and girls. We were fortunate to not only have a boys' team but two girls' teams.

Boys/mixed

This consisted of two groups of four, with Oadby and Wigston schools taking part in one group, whilst schools from Blaby were in the other. We started well, winning our first game comfortably. Unfortunately, we lost our second to the eventual finalists but managed to win our third. This meant that we progressed to the semi-final stage but sadly lost to a well-drilled team – the winners of the Blaby group and the overall competition. All was not lost however, since we then went on to win the third-place playoff match, therefore coming third overall. Throughout the competition, we managed to hit several boundary shots and claimed several wickets, mainly through bowling good line and length consistently.

Girls

We were given an opportunity to enter two girls' teams in the other half of the competition: Launde A and Launde B. This meant that more girls could get involved in playing competitive cricket for the first time. They certainly did not disappoint, earning quick runs, while minimising the loss of wickets and communicating well with their batting partners. Several of our girls also hit boundary shots, playing textbook strokes while others also bowled overarm, earning themselves wickets. Launde A eventually went on to win their games, therefore claiming the Oadby/Wigston and Blaby Year 5/6 Girls' trophy. We are extremely proud of their achievement!

Overall, it was great to see the improvement amongst the children from the first match to the last, taking on feedback and supporting each other during games, and the great cricket that was on display. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the glorious sunshine and our girls also went on to play in mixed team games with the other schools that were present. A fantastic day for all involved and we certainly hope that the children continue to play cricket next year and beyond.





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Friday 26 May – INSET Day

Reminder that there is an INSET day on Friday 26 May. The school will be closed for all children.

Attendance



This week the classes with the highest attendance in KS1 is **Bosworth**.

The class with the highest attendance in KS2 this week are **Speedwell & Rivendell.**

Congratulations!

Vacancies

We have a vacancy for a midday supervisor. For more information please contact Mrs Cooper on office@launde.leics.sch.uk.

If you know anyone who is interested in a TA apprenticeship position, please follow the link below. https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000167448

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

In today's digital age, social media influencers play an increasingly significant role in shaping the opinions, interests and behaviours of our children. While many of these individuals can have a positive effect, influencer culture can also present certain risks – such as encouraging consumerism, affecting self-esteem and blurring trustworthiness. To help ensure a safe online environment for young people, it's vital to maintain open communication, set sensible boundaries, promote a healthy self-image and teach digital media literacy. Our guide delves deeper into all of these.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

HEIGHTENED CONSUMERISM

A major way that influencers make money is through brand partnerships and sponsored content. As a result, children who follow them may be exposed to a steady stream of advertising: this can lead to materialistic attitudes, unrealistic expectations and an increased desire to have the latest products. Many influencers have built huge brand empires around their large, impressionable following.

THE SOFT SELL

Some influencers aren't always transparent about the motivations behind their posts, blurring the lines between genuine recommendations and paid-for promotions – and young people sometimes find it difficult to distinguish authentic content from advertising. Many major social platforms have taken steps to make sponsored content and ads easier to identify, but it remains an area of concern.

PRIVACY **CONCERNS**

Inspired by their favourite influencers, children may start sharing more of their own lives online — which could reveal personal information or details about their daily routine. This openness can put them at risk of cyberbullying or even predatory behaviour. This is exacerbated by live streaming, which gives young people no time to consider the potential consequences of saying too much.

UNDERMINING SELF-ESTEEM

Many influencers share images and videos of themselves and their activities, which are often painstakingly curated and edited to present an idealised version of their life. Children who follow these influencers may develop distorted expectations about body image and the concept of beauty, which can potentially lead to negative self-esteem and even mental health issues.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP TALKING

Chat to your child about the content they consume on social media and the influencers that they like. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear online, and listen to any concerns they might have. Maintaining this line of open, honest communication can help your child to make informed decisions about which individuals they follow and what content they engage with.

PROMOTE MEDIA LITERACY

SUPPORT A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE

Talk to your child about the concepts of sponsored content, advertising and potential influencer bias. Teach them to critically evaluate the information they're presented with online and to consider the possible reasons behind content creation. This can help young people develop the skills to make healthier decisions about the influencers they choose to follow and the content they consume.

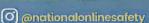
Reinforce your child's awareness that real life isn't usually as picture perfect as it may appear on social media – and how some content (particularly that of influencers) is often curated, staged or edited to look more glamorous. If possible, highlight examples of other influencers who share authentic, relatable material which acknowledges their imperfections and struggles as well.

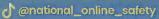
SET SOME BOUNDARIES

A former director of digital learning and currently a deputy headmaster and DSI, Brendan O'Keefle's experience and expertise gives him a clear insight into how modern digital systems impact the experience of children, staff and parents—and which strategies help to ensure that the online world remains a useful educational tool rather than a minefield of risks.



Meet Our Expert





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Safety

#WakeUpWednesday





What we are We provide fun & professional sessions for kids of all abilities

FA Qualified Coaches Fully Insured & First Aid Trained Safeguard DBS

What to bring

Suitable clothing Indoor / outdoor shoes Packed lunch, snacks & drinks

Price £45 - For the Week Age 5-14

£15 DEPOSIT TO HOLD A PLACE PLACES LIMITED FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS

Contact: Spencer Weir-Daley - 07518390565
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Please make payments to:

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Booking Form

Name of child:		
Age:	D.O.B:	
Address:	School:	
Postcode:		
Contact number:		
Emergency contact number:		
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Who will be collecting your child:		
Do you consent to your child being invo or photography during our football coad		YES NO
Signed by parent/guardian		





This summer, St Paul's Church is running a Holiday club for **children in Year 1 - Year 6.** The theme is based around a family run Fish and Chip Shop and we'll be exploring and celebrating the story of Jesus and his friends and what that tells us about God with songs, crafts, sports, stories and videos.

The club runs from **Wednesday 16th Aug - Friday 18th Aug, 9:15am-1:30pm** at St Paul's Church, Hamble Road, Oadby. Suggested donation: £2 per child per day, but please do speak to us if that is too much. (Contactless payment is available)

Each child will need to bring a packed lunch with their name on (no nuts please.)

We end with a **celebration gathering on Sunday 20th August** where we'll join with the rest of Church in sharing songs, crafts, stories and pictures from the week and we'd love you to come and stay for a BBQ afterwards, feel free to come along and bring something if you would like to.

If you have any questions, please contact Graham: holidayclub2023@stpaulsoadby.org and if you would like your child/children to attend, please fill out this form and return it to Graham's email or paper copies to The Vicarage, Hamble Road, Last year we were fully booked before the event and we have limited spaces so please book early to avoid disappointment, the deadline is for booking is Sunday 2nd July 2023.



Please return before Sunday 2nd July 2023

Name/s and Age/s of children:
My child/children will be attending all 3 days (please write yes or no)
Please state which days your child/children will be attending if they're not attending all 3 days:
Any allergies, dietary requirements, medical issues, additional needs, medications or conditions we should be aware of:
Any additional information you would like us to be aware of:
I am happy for pictures to be taken and used in the Sunday service to share the club's activities (Tick box)
Parent/Guardian's Name and Contact number:
Parent/Guardian's Email:
I would like to receive information about other events and clubs for children and families (Tick box)
Parent/Guardians Signed: