



# Launde Newsletter

29 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I have had the opportunity to have a reflective couple of weeks through attending the Scholars conference that was focused on inspiring our young people and then this week, leading training sessions for teachers new to the profession and capturing the joy I have had from teaching over the years and share top tips and advice. It is always the case that I get as much from these events as I do give, with our children at the heart.



In school it continues to be a busy and happy place to be. Our children have responded well to the changes to the school grounds and the different lanyards that we have in place. Senior leaders have been monitoring all classes and the love of learning and thirst for information comes through in every classroom whether the children are learning writing skills, PE or music or the other subjects. We



have had several visits take place – Year 6 to the zoo, Year 3 have explored the local park for different learning experiences linked to their curriculum and Year 4 have a Roman soldier visiting soon! This week Striding Top are shown learning singing with Diosing. On twitter we have begun to share some of what happens in the classroom. Do have a look as we put messages and reminders for parents on there as well.

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Book Looks are taking place next week for all our classes. This is an opportunity for parents, and grandparents if they wish, to visit your child's classroom with your child so they can show you their classroom and where they sit etc. Parents really appreciated the opportunity last year so do make the most of the opportunity. The week after are our virtual parents' evenings. The information has gone out via a letter. Do book a slot as your child's teacher would love the opportunity to share how they are getting on with you. Foxton class will have a separate letter sent to them with arrangements.



Harvest celebrations are also next week. We are supporting Sewa Day Charity, a local charity who supports those less fortunate than ourselves. Please bring in any dried food donations on Thursday or before so we can display them for the children to see on Friday during our special harvest festival.



## Diary Dates

Monday 2 October – Year 5 – Space Centre Trip

Monday 2 October – Foundation/KS1 - Book Look **2.45pm-3.45pm**

Tuesday 3 October – Year 1 Battram Woods Trip

Thursday 5 October – KS2 Book Look - **2.45pm - 3.45pm**

Friday 6 October – Watership Down Assembly Harvest/Yom Kippur – **2.15pm**

Monday 9 October – Parents Evening – Whole School – **On Schoolcloud**

Tuesday 10 October – Parents Evening – Whole School – **On Schoolcloud**

Wednesday 11 October – Parents Evening – Rainbows End and Beehive – **On Schoolcloud**

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## Assembly's

Our first class assembly of the year is this week. Our thanks go to Mr Woodhead and Oakwood for starting off the year so superbly. The children love the opportunity to share what they have been doing in class. For those new to the school, there is a class assembly for every class throughout the year on a Friday. Our festival assemblies will also be class assemblies this year as staff found that the logistics of producing a whole year group assembly with meaningful parts for all children not manageable to balance when also trying to ensure all 12 curriculum areas are taught effectively. There are still plenty of opportunities for our children to show their stage talents though!

## Christmas Pantomimes

Theatres visits have been released. As part of our offer to our children, we always like to take the children to the theatre as this experience is part of a community event. The theatre at De Montfort Hall is a beautiful setting for the pantomime and adds to the experience. This year they are showing "Jack and the Beanstalk". This is on offer to all our Y2- Y6 children. For our younger children in FS and Y1 we have arranged a separate visit to the Curve theatre to see "The Owl Who Came for Christmas"



Our wonderful PTA have agreed to fund some of the cost for the tickets to reduce the price – thank you PTA!

## Extra-Curricular Sports at Launde

With our extra-curricular clubs well underway at Launde, competition events have already begun, with our first being the Girls' Pokemon Cup competition on Monday 25 September.

Our girls were in a group with three other teams. Our first game was against Woodland Grange. Although being the stronger team and having more possession, we lost this game 1-0. There was great improvement from all of our girls, particularly Avreet and Kavita, who worked hard to create scoring opportunities in this match and more. Our second game was against Glen Hills who went on to score 2 goals in quick succession. Nevertheless, heads never dropped, with Delbir and Ayva working hard to turn defense into attack in all games, although the opposition proved too much and went on to be eventual finalists. Our final group game



was against Langmoor. Again, with the bulk of possession, we created many chances to score and Anya produced some amazing saves to ensure we stayed in the game. This final game ended 0-0, which meant we played Brockshill in final match of the tournament. This was probably our best game yet, with all girls improving in their performance. Saanvi in particular made some darting runs, setting up Delbir to score our goal and Maya worked hard in defence, clearing anything that came her way. This final match ended 1-1, sharing the spoils and coming joint fifth out of eight teams. We were all very proud of how our children played but most importantly, they had smiles on their faces throughout and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Well done girls!

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## School Trophies

From this week, children in our classes will be coming home with a different trophy for Star of the Week. These have been kindly and generously donated to the school from the company 'Trophies plus Medals'. I think you will agree that they are a super upgrade and we thank the company for their gift.

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## Parents Evening

Please check your emails as a letter has been sent out today regarding our up and coming parents evening.

## Parking and Drop off

Please can parents be mindful that when dropping off and collecting your child to be considerate of local residents and to not park in front of driveways in case of an emergency from the household. A reminder to also park legally and not on double yellow lines or zig zags etc.

Also can we make sure that we are using the pedestrian crossings to teach good road safety as we have had some complaints from drivers where they have nearly hit the children.

## Attendance

Attendance has slightly dropped. We are at **96.81%** which is still well above the national. Keep up the good work!

This week the awards go to: Bosworth with 99.63% class attendance well done. Oakwood with 98.85% class attendance – amazing.

## Move It Boom

October sees us take part in two initiatives to help our children reach the recommended 60 active minutes per day. Read on for more information!

### **Move it Boom – Monster Hunt: launches on Monday 2 October**

Move it Boom is a physical activity competition created by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust and is aimed at getting primary school children across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland physically active.

Children log any exercise they do via the Move it Boom website, earning points to move their school up the leaderboard and closer to winning great prizes. At the same time, they embark on a Monster Hunt, unlocking clues to a mystery and discovering new monsters from around the world as they go.

Points are allocated to schools for any activity logged on the Move it Boom website, with prizes for top performing schools from partners such as Leicester City in the Community, Leicester Riders, Leicestershire County Cricket and many more.

We're already registered as a school but your child will need to choose a username and a password from the drop-down menu on the registration page of the Move it Boom website. Your child will be bringing home a bookmark that they can use to record their username and password in order for them to log their activities. Please note, registration is available when the competition opens on

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**Monday 2 October 2023.**

We look forward to helping your children stay active outside of school and seeing Launde climb that leaderboard!

### **Active Travel 2023**

Each year, we chose to be involved in the South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership Active Travel to School Project which aims to increase the number of children travelling to school by walking, cycling and scooting. Actively travelling to school has many benefits for your child: it helps keep them fit and healthy, can increase concentration levels in class, helps to develop road safety skills and is fun. Reducing the number of cars around the school will also help to make the area quieter, safer and less congested.

To encourage as many families as possible to actively travel to school, we will be holding a special Active Travel to School Month during October taking place from Monday 2nd October until Tuesday 31st October. Each class will record how many pupils have actively travelled to school. The class with the most active travellers will win a trophy and the school with the highest percentage of active travellers throughout October will win an award. Each week in October will be themed towards a different mode of active travel:

Week 1 (WC 2nd October) – Cycling Week

Week 2 (WC 9th October) – Walking Week

Week 3 (WC 16th October) – Half-term Week, explore your local surroundings and green spaces

Week 4 (WC 23th October & 30th/31st October) – Scooter Week

If you aren't able to travel actively all the way from home you can still take part by parking a distance from the school (e.g. 10 minutes away) and walking, cycling or scooting the rest.

Are you on X (formerly Twitter), Instagram or Facebook?

We'd love to see how your family is actively travelling to school during Active Travel Month. Why not get involved with our campaign to commit to a healthy and active lifestyle in 2023. Take a photo, upload it to your profile and tag us, on X, (@LaundePrimary and @lslssp), Instagram (@southleicestershiressp) or Facebook (@learningsouthleicestershiressp). You can also scan the QR code on this page to find out more information about Active Travel and similar initiatives.



**Please note:** The responsibility for your child cycling, scooting or walking safely to and from school rests with the parent(s)/carer(s). The school has no liability for any consequences of that decision. Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover for bikes/scooters as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles or scooters. Please place scooters and bikes in dedicated cycle and scooter parking areas. We recommend wearing of cycle helmets and high visibility clothing.

Thank you for supporting both of these initiatives in nurturing happy, resilient and unique individuals.

### **Skipping**

A reminder to look at the skipping letter sent out earlier this week to raise money for Cancer Research in memory of the late Mrs Ferguson.

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