



Launde Newsletter

13 October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing this on a blustery morning as the wind is blowing, rain drizzling and the leaves are falling – it is definitely Autumn! Despite the poorer weather, the staff at Launde have filled the curriculum as ever with exciting activities for the children. Mrs Meer and myself have completed behaviour learning walks around the lessons several times this half term and have been pleased to see the children listening carefully, working hard and showing a positive attitude towards their studies. We are so proud of all our children.

Some of our year groups have been experiencing special curriculum moments this week. The Year 6 had a science dome that took up the hall. They were captivated by the dome and finding out more about dinosaurs. Our Year 2's have been exploring Uplands Park to look at geography features and our Year 3 and 4 children had an afternoon listening to an author called Stephen

Pass talk about being a writer and his book about Mermaids. These activities bring the learning alive for the children and I am very grateful that I have a staff team that go above and beyond to set up these events.



Children have been completing STEM learning this week. An opportunity to work collaboratively and learn about the STEM subjects- science, technology, engineering and maths. Year 4 were set the challenge of balancing a pritt stick on a structure they have built! Here is a photo of a strong construction that worked well!



Staff have enjoyed welcoming parents in for the Book Look event last week and then for personal conversations about the children at Parents Evening. Thank you for all who attended.



Thank you also for the generous gifts that you have donated for our harvest collection. The table was full of different foods, it did look super as you can see. Sewaday came and collected the goods on Monday and were so grateful.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 8 November –
Foundation Phonics Morning
9.15am -10am, 10.15am-
11am

Friday 10 November –
Swithland Assembly 2.15pm

Thursday 16 November Year
2 Parent Event – Writing –
5pm-6pm

Friday 17 November – Cader
Idris Assembly 2.15pm

Wednesday 22 November
Year 4 Roman Soldier
Activity Day in school

Friday 24 November –
Stepping Stone Assembly
9.30am

PTA Xmas Fair -3.00pm -
4.30pm

Friday 1 December
Strath Avon Assembly
2.15pm

Friday 8 December –
Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 18 December Y2-Y6
Demontfort Hall Panto

Wednesday 20 December
Foundation & Y1 Curve
Theatre Christmas Show

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Christmas Diary Dates

Do take a moment to put the dates in your diaries. I know it feels a long time away however we have planned in our Christmas shows as we know our parents appreciate as much notice as possible.



We have reviewed these this year as we want these experiences to be as happy and inclusive as possible. Here are the dates and events:

Foundation – Nativity play – Wednesday 6 December 10am

Year 1 – Nativity Play – Monday 11 December 2pm

Year 2 – Wonderful winter show – singing and dancing performance – Thursday 7 December 2pm

Year 3 and 4 – Celebrating the Season - singing and poetry performance – 2 performances – Thursday 14 December 2pm & Friday 15 December 10am

Year 5 – Pantomime – Wednesday 20 December 6.30pm

Year 6 – Christmas concert – Thursday 21 December 6.30pm

PTA Christmas Cards

Our PTA have asked all the children to design Christmas cards. These have already been sent off and there will be an opportunity for you to purchase cards designed by your child(s) so don't stock up as your children have been busy. A letter will be coming out shortly after half term with details on how to buy products with your child's design on.

Music Award



We are delighted to share we have been awarded the Leicestershire Music Award - Bronze level to recognise the music that takes place in school.

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.

Local residents and parents are sending us and the local council photographs of illegal / dangerous parking and we are in talks with the local PCSO on any support they can provide.



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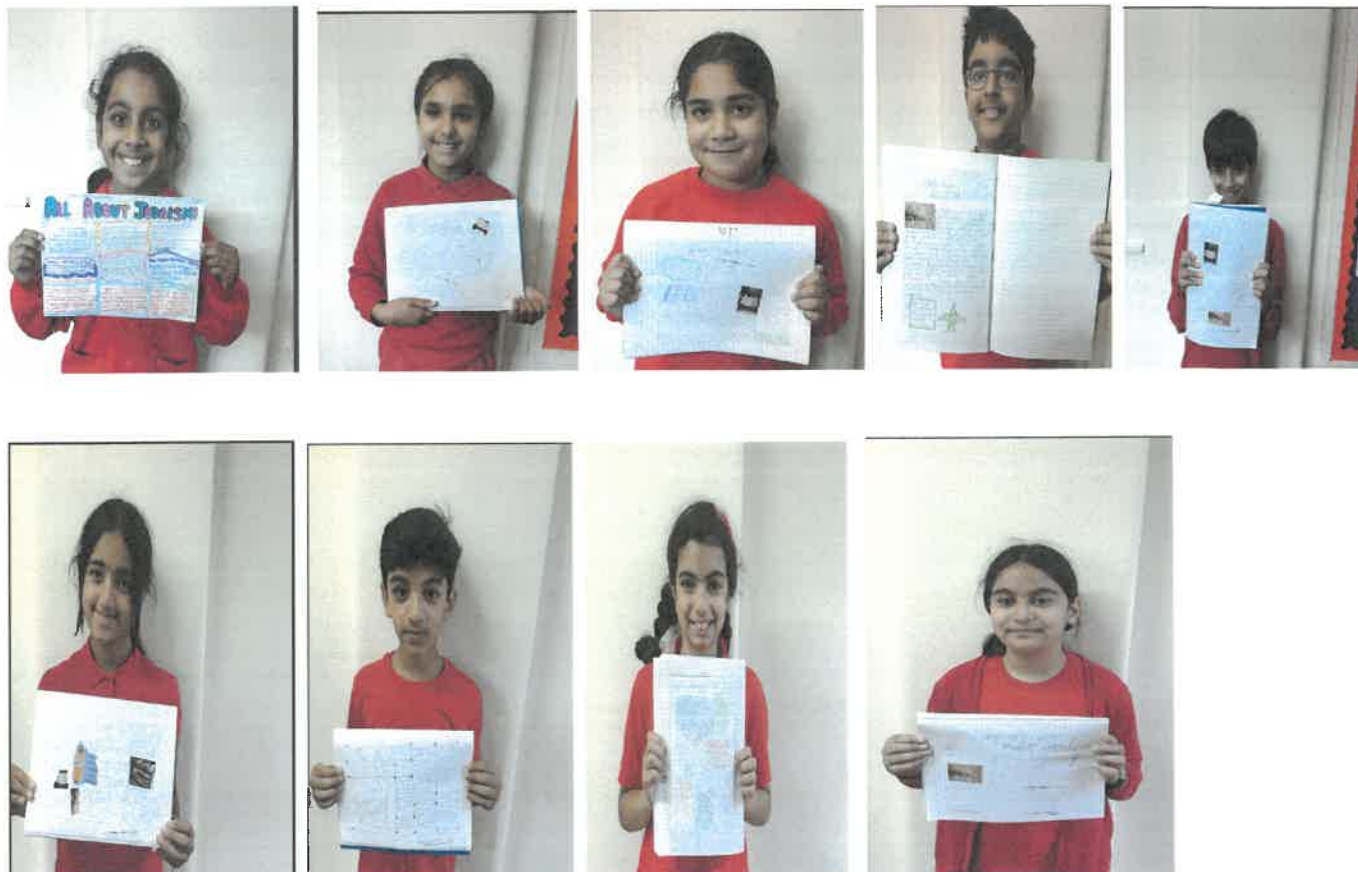
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Religious Education

In Religious Education Year 6 have been enjoying learning about Judaism this term, finding out about different synagogues, Jewish beliefs and the Sefer Torah. One child has produced their own poster at home about the topic. Here are a few examples of the superb Sefer Torah posters the children produced. Well done year 6.

Sarah Pyne – Teaching Staff



Medical Tracker

After half term we will be trailing a new, electronic medical system that will be used to record all medical conditions, medication brought into school and all administration of any medication. This will mean however that we can only administer medication that has been **prescribed by a doctor**, therefore calpol and/or nurofen **will not** be able to administered by any of our staff. However, you are able to come into school and administer this yourself.

As part of this new process you will receive a notification when your child has received their medication and it will be logged onto our internal system.

Over the next few weeks we are hoping to use this new system to log all of our injuries that happen in school time, therefore changing from a paper copy to an electronic notification of any injury within school time through your email address, with the understanding that if we felt the injury was serious and they needed collecting we would call you to let you know.

If you have any queries about this, once it is up and running then please speak to Mrs Meer.

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Cross Country

O&W Primary Schools Cross Country League 2023: Years 5 & 6

We had our first competitive run of the year on Thursday 5 October at Manor High School. While we haven't had official results through from the event organisers yet, we wanted to say a massive well done to all the children involved. Children ran within their year groups, then split further into boys' and girls' runs. Every one of our children completed the 1750 metres in good times, with at least one of our children (Naia) finishing second and earning herself a medal! We look forward to finding out the official finishing positions and whether some of our children have qualified for the next stage of the races next term.

Here's a full list of those who took part:

Yaqub	Naia	Zain	Saanvi
Neam	Zainab	Abubakr	Inaaya
Syed	Jessica		Jasmin
	Manahill		Asiyah
	Taqwa		Agapi
	Mehwish		Anyia
	Caitlin		
	Sansa		

Well done everyone!

Move it Boom!

Thank you to all of our children who have registered on the *Move it Boom!* website and are continuing to log their activities on a daily basis. As of yesterday (12.10.23), we were sixth in Leicester and Leicestershire, already putting us in a position to earn prizes! However, we know we can do even better, especially seeing as half term is next week, where lots of our children will be doing even more physical activity.

If your child has not registered, then they can still do so by accessing <https://leicester.moveitboom.co.uk/>.

This competition will run all the way until Friday 15 December, so please remember to keep the enthusiasm going. Remember, it's an opportunity to meet that 60 active minutes a day milestone, helping to keep our children fit and healthy.

Active Travel

Once again, many of our families have approached Active Travel month with great gusto! Some questions for our children:

- How many times have you actively travelled over the last two weeks?
- How did you actively travel?
- What are your aims for after half term until the end of October for Active Travel?

Teachers continue to log our 'active travellers' and each class from KS1 and KS2 who has the most over the month of October will be awarded a trophy! You can also log these active minutes as part of Move it Boom!

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Attendance

Attendance has slightly dropped. We are at **96.17%** which is still well above the national. Keep up the good work!

This week the awards go to: Swiftwood with 94.44% class attendance and Oakwood with 99.63% class attendance – well done both!

Packed Lunch Reminder

A reminder that we are a **NO NUT** school as we have a few members who are severely allergic. With this in mind, can we kindly ask that you do not give your child chocolate spread as we cannot be 100% sure that this does not contain nuts. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Student Achievement

We like to share the good news about two of our Year 6s, Muhammad and Eesa, who recently participated and achieved 1st prize in the boys under 12 doubles badminton tournament held at Gateway College on 24 September 2023.

They both were also awarded a runner up award having played in the higher category of under 16's.

Well done boys on your super achievements!





Maths Newsletter

October 2023

We would like to welcome the new foundation children to Launde, we hope that you have settled into your new classes. Also, a welcome back to years 1 to year 6, we hope you all had a relaxing summer and have enjoyed taking on this exciting Autumn term. So far this term, the children have completed some fantastic work that we wanted to share with you. From discovering the names of 2D and 3D shapes to practicing negative numbers, our children have continued to demonstrate passion and resilience in their daily learning. Below you will also find some useful tips that we have provided to support maths learning at home. The maths team wish to say a big thank you to all the parents and carers for the continued support that they give for their children's education. We hope that you enjoy looking at the children's work and find the information useful. Don't forget to try the maths challenge that we have set!

Mr Frost and Miss Moore

Maths Challenges:

KS1 Challenge

Work out the value of each symbol.

$$\triangle + \triangle = 18$$

$$\triangle + \diamond = 30$$

$$\star - \diamond = 10$$

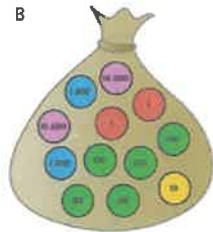
KS2 Challenge

Which bag of place value counters has the smaller total value?

A



B



Websites

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

This website is a great way to practise times tables. There are lots of activities and games which are fun and simple to play. The arithmetic problems start simple and become more challenging. Please follow the link and choose the times tables you want to begin with.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/super movers>

This interactive website is a fun way to get children moving and dancing along to times tables and other maths themes. Please follow the link for key stage 1 or key stage 2 to find the relevant maths collections of videos of song and dance.

Take a look at what the children have been doing this term. Sadly we couldn't fit the whole school into one newsletter, so our teachers have selected a number of children they have been impressed by. If you've not been featured this half term, keep working hard and you might get a chance next term!

Foundation



Imaan from Poppyfield used her knowledge of 3D shapes to build her own cuboid. Her cuboid has 2 square faces and 4 rectangular faces. Fantastic work Imaan!

Year 1

Menorah from **Rainbow's End** has been learning her number bonds to 10 and impressing her teacher with her speed and accuracy. Well done Menorah!



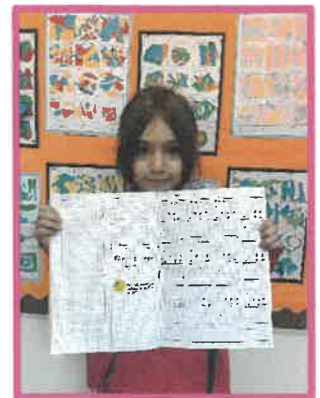
Year 2



In Year 2, **Akaal** from **Bosworth** has been applying his understanding of place value to compare the value of different numbers using less than $<$ and greater than $>$ symbols. Keep it up Akaal!

Year 3

In **Striding Edge**, **Maryam** has been using part-whole models and column addition to solve challenging problems. She has even been exchanging her tens for hundreds! Great job Maryam!



Year 4



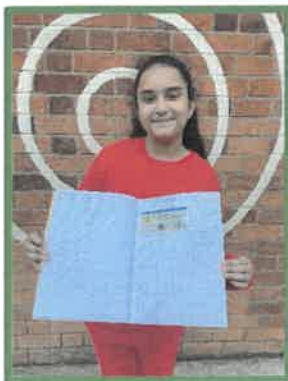
In **Swithland**, **Jason** has been excelling at solving a range of different questions by selecting an efficient mental strategy. His classmates describe him as a "human calculator"! Amazing effort James!

Year 5

Sansa has made her teacher in **Strath Avon** proud with her consistently high achievements. She has solved addition and subtraction problems in a range of different ways, sometimes even having to work backwards. Well done Sansa!



Year 6



Shanaya from **Watership Down** has been amazing her teachers with her work on decimal numbers. She has shown a great understanding of tenths, hundredths and thousandths and recognises them in prices. Well done Shanaya!

Top Tips to Support Maths at Home

Please continue to ensure that children are completing their maths homework each week that is set by their teacher and that you are supporting your children in learning key fluency skills, such as learning their times tables and telling the time on an analogue and digital clock. Here are some top tips for you to try at home.

Children in Foundation

To support your child at home, try to practise counting out objects, such as buttons, toys or sticks collected on a walk. Encourage your child to point to each object as they say the number name.

Songs and rhymes are also a great for helping young children learn to count. Focus on numbers 1-5 and then 1-10. Try 'Five Little Ducks Went Swimming One Day' and '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive'.

Do maths every day! Helping your child get dressed, count buttons or spots on clothing, going to the shops, singing counting songs, counting the steps on the stairs and using clocks around the house.

Children in Key Stage One

In Key Stage One, the key focus of maths is to develop a solid foundation of maths knowledge to continue building on as they move up through the school. To deepen your child's understanding you could try using a variety of vocabulary when phrasing maths questions. For example, "more", "plus", "altogether", "total", "add" could all be used to refer to an addition problem.

Having a quick recall for simple number facts is also a vital skill. You can spend just 5-minutes a day practicing these skills to make a huge difference in your child's learning. Skills such as number bonds to 10 and 20, single digit addition/subtraction and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s will support your child in making meaningful progress in maths.

Children in Key Stage Two...

Make the most of daily activities like driving, by playing games such as adding the number plate numbers of other cars or adding the number of motorbikes and bicycles you can see. Adding a timed element to calculations such as timetables can be great for working on speed and fluency.

When you want to focus on mental maths strategies, playing games such as Bingo can help maths become much more engaging. Work out a list of calculations and write the answers in a bingo board format; they'll need to circle the right answer when the calculation is read out. They'll probably be accustomed to doing such activities as part of whole-class work at school. Another website that is useful is [hit the button](#), it is free and the kids love the timed element. Why don't you have a go and they can try and beat you!

Learning multiplication tables is a crucial skill for life, and supports children's calculation skills in many areas of maths. Children begin to learn the basics of multiplication and division early on at school, and their skills and knowledge build as they progress. By the end of year 6, they are expected to know off-by-heart all times tables and related division facts up to 12×12 . The best way to learn tables is through practise and repetition, but there are simple



Move it Boom Monster Hunt is on!

With the Move it Boom Monster Hunt now well underway, we wanted to thank you and say congratulations to the thousands of children across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland who have got active, visited the Move it Boom website to record their activities and started their venture into the world of the Secret Monster Society.

We appreciate all those who stuck with us through the issues on launch day (the monsters weren't quite ready to be tracked down) and are now enjoying exploring the world in the search of our missing professor!

Enjoy some half term fun on the Leicester Monster Trail



With half term fast approaching, BID Leicester alongside Leicester City Council and Highcross Leicester are launching [Leicester Monsters](#), an opportunity to explore the city centre over the half term week on the trail of hidden monsters!

[Follow the map](#) and discover huge, glowing monsters reaching their claws over rooftops, tentacles bursting wildly through windows, and illuminated spooky sights that will leave you in awe.

When you've completed the trail and discovered lots of monsters, remember to log your physical activities on the [Move it Boom website](#) to continue on your virtual monster hunt journey, discovering clues to the whereabouts of the missing professor, earning trophies and points for your school.

401 error message when attempting to log in

We are aware that some people may have experienced a 401 error message when attempting to log in.

We sincerely apologise for this and our developers have fixed the issue now.

A screenshot of a login interface with a dark purple background. At the top, it says "Request failed with status code 401". Below this are two light blue input fields. The first is labeled "Nickname" and the second is labeled "Password". To the right of the password field is a "HIDE" button. The entire form has a thin green border.

If you experienced this issue, please delete your browsing history (cache), including cookies from at least the past 7 days, and you will be able to gain access again with your existing login credentials.

[Click here to find step-by-step guides to clearing cache on all major browsers.](#)

It's not too late to join the Move it Boom Monster Hunt!

The Monster Hunt is running until Friday 15th December 2023, so there's still plenty of time to get involved, get physically active and venture into this mysterious world of monsters.

Activities can be recorded anywhere- at school, at home, in a library and on any device- phone, laptop, tablet, and there's plenty of fun to be had!

Why not make it an evening activity to sit down together at home as a family to record the day's physically activities before reading the next instalment of the Move it Boom Monster Hunt story that you've unlocked?

[Visit the Move it Boom Monster Hunt website today and sign up to join the Secret Monster Society!](#)

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**On: Monday 16th October
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Age: 9 to 11**

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To book contact: ruby.mahal@englandnetball.co.uk

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