



Launde Newsletter

03 November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

In this cold and blustery weather we have had this week, it has been a delight to see so much of the good learning that has taken place. It definitely brings a ray of sunshine to my day. I had the pleasure of talking to a group of Year 2's yesterday who were proudly sharing their 'Wanted' posters to me - some impressive word choices. Over the past couple of weeks, I have also seen children in Swithland recalling how to punctuate speech correctly with Mrs Frost and been impressed with the Year 6 children in Oakwood and Watership Down exploring the characters in their class text. I also popped into to see Miss Tobin's class share their maths skills too! Being in classes, is one of the highlights of my work in school. I was so proud of all the children who were fully engaged with their learning and were really focussed on doing their very best.



Assemblies

In our assemblies last week, we focussed on our British values. We explored what the phrase 'individual liberty' meant and how we show this at school through listening to each other and sharing our views respectfully.

Safety

This week in assembly we had a safety theme where we reminded children, who are going out and about this week and weekend for the various activities, that are taking place about the importance of listening to their parents and what we have to do to keep ourselves and each other safe if we are going to an event that involves fireworks. We linked this to the word 'nurture' in our school motto.

School Canteen

Thank you for all who were so understanding when the canteen boiler suddenly stopped working last week. We share the gratitude towards the kitchen staff who worked with me to work out a plan to keep the hot food going, important in this chilly weather. We are pleased to share the new boiler arrived on Wednesday and was fitted by the end of the day yesterday. It was a real team effort behind the scenes to get this in place and get back to normal.

Please note that from Monday we will be back to the normal system of your child staying as packed lunch or hot dinner for the whole week.

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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 Main Hall

Friday 17 November – Cader
Idris Assembly **CHANGED**
START TIME - 1.45pm

Wednesday 22 November -
Year 4 Roman Soldier
Activity Day in school

Friday 24 November –
Stepping Stones Assembly
9.30am

Wednesday 29 November
PTA Xmas Fair -3.00pm -
4.30pm

Friday 1 December
Strath Avon Assembly
2.15pm

Monday 4 December –
Year 3 New Walk Museum

Friday 8 December –
Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 8 December –
Rosewood Assembly –
2.15pm

Monday 18 December Y2-Y6
Demontfort Hall Panto

Wednesday 20 December
Foundation & Y1 Curve
Theatre Christmas Show

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Poppies

Next week we will be selling poppies during the school day. The School Council are in charge of this fundraising cause. They have worked out a rota of taking the tray around at break and lunch times. The School Council team have kindly requested a donation of £1 per poppy as they want to raise funds for the appeal. There is some additional poppy related merchandise. Due to the limited amount the school has been given, we will only be selling these from the school office after school.

Although the actual Remembrance Day is on Saturday this year, the staff would like to commemorate the event by holding a 2 minutes silence on the playground on Friday morning, bringing the whole school together. Do ask you children about this as a way of helping them understand the significance of this event so we remember all who work for their country, both in the past and currently and the sacrifices they make for their country.

Children In Need

It is also the time of year where we begin to prepare for Children In Need. Mrs Johnston has worked hard to plan activities for the children.

Children In Need merchandise will be on sale from Monday 6 November from the following times, before school – 8.30-8.40am and after school 3.20-3.30pm outside the Year 6 corridor doors.

£2.50 Headbands
£1.00 Wrist bands
£1.00 Badges

Bramblewood Paintings

Year 2 portrait paintings were very carefully drawn. Here are some delightful art pieces drawn by Bramblewood.



Leicestershire Music

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The Leicestershire Music Orchestra came on Wednesday to play for Year 2 - Year 6 children. We were all impressed by their musical talent. Not only did we have the pleasure of listening to their playing, the children were taught about the different instruments and the sounds they make. A very insightful afternoon. The Leicester Music team are the team that run our peripatetic music lessons from Year 3 upwards in school.

There are also opportunities to join lessons outside of school, information is on the attached flyer. There is a recorder club just starting in Wigston that quite a few children seemed interested in. Playing an instrument is a skill that should definitely be encouraged although I appreciate lives are rather busy. Not only do some children find it relaxing when they play, it also gives them the art of discipline through practising and the thrill of performing, which many of our children enjoy.



Childrens Water Bottles

Please can we make sure that children's water bottles are only filled with plain water and no other juices.

Christmas Diary Dates

Do put the Christmas dates in your diary.

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 (parents only to attend one due to the amount of parents)

Year 5 – Pantomime – Wednesday 20 December 6.30pm

Year 6 – Christmas concert – Thursday 21 December 6.30pm



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Years 3 & 4 O&W Primary Schools Cross Country League 2023 at Manor High School – Thursday 26 October

Last Thursday, we saw our Year 3 and 4s take their turn in running the cross-country race at Manor High School. For a late October afternoon, there was glorious sunshine, creating great conditions to run in.

The distance our runners faced was 990m and most of our children ran this circa the 7-minute mark. Once again, all our runners finished, with some placing very competitively.

We have been advised that children who placed in the top 25 of all races (including the years 5 and 6 races on 5 October) will be taking part in further races in the spring term. Once more information has been received, we will let the relevant children and parents know.

Here are the full results for our year 3 and 4 children who took part:

Year 3 boys	Year 3 girls	Year 4 boys	Year 4 girls
Daniel – 15 th Subhanresham – 44 th	Nya – 9 th Emelia – 29 th Maryam – 30 th	Arvan – 4 th Ryan – 6 th Ibrahim – 15 th Mohamed – 27 th Shahzain – 41 st Hersh – 55 th	Maryam – 8 th Mili – 23 rd

As always, well done to all of those who took part. A big thank you to parents for their support and also adhering to the instruction regarding parking from Manor High School.

Active Travel

Active Travel month came to an end on Tuesday. Thank you to all of our families making the effort to come to school actively. We appreciate that many families already do so where possible, avoiding the use of cars to come to school, regardless of Active Travel month. Thanks as well to all of those who made the extra effort for October. At the same time, we would also like to encourage families to continue travelling actively, helping our children to stay fit and keeping the environment healthier too!

Here are the results of the top 3 classes who travelled actively the most during the month:

Class	Active days
Rosewood	456
Striding Top	384
Bradgate	367

Well done to Rosewood, who will be receiving the Active Travel trophy in due course.

Move it Boom!

The Move it Boom initiative continues around Leicestershire. Thank you to all our children and families who have been taking part so far. The last time we checked in (12.10.23), we were 6th, in a great position ready to receive prizes. Unfortunately, we have dropped to 9th since then. However, I am sure that our children are still doing lots of physical activity at school but might be forgetting to log their activities. Please encourage them to do so, as the higher we achieve, the greater the prizes for the school but most importantly, our children will maintain a good level of health and fitness. Remember, our children must try and achieve 60 active minutes per day, as recommended by the Chief Medical Officer for the UK. This includes activities undertaken at home and school. Get logging!

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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 keep the enthusiasm going.

Attendance

Attendance has slightly dropped. We are at **96.14%** which is still above the national. Keep up the good work!

This week the awards go to: **Bramblewood with 98.52%%** class attendance and **Oakwood with 99.63%%** class attendance – well done both!