



Launde Newsletter

16 November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another fun filled couple of weeks full of learning as well as enrichment activities that our staff work hard to arrange for the children. We are lucky to have such hard working staff who go above and beyond for the children in our care.



Poppy Appeal

Lest We Forget...We are pleased with the response to the Poppy Appeal. Thank you for those who have supported this good cause. We marked Armistice Day on Friday last week and held a 2 minutes silence to remember those who fought for their country in the past and nowadays. Do look on the school's X, formally known as twitter <https://twitter.com/LaundePrimary> , to



hear a recording of Mr Woodhead, who played the Last Post at the event to mark the beginning of the silence. It was a lovely to do this together as a whole school community. We were also joined by our local policemen, Nad and Harks, who come around all the local schools at breaktimes to introduce themselves to the children as part of their community work.

Linked to their work on World War 1, the Year 2 pupils visited the memorial in Oadby this week. They walked there in the sunny but crisp weather and looked at the memorial with the poppy wreaths laid on it at the weekend.



Year 2 Trip to Oadby War Memorial

Here are some photos from the Year 2 trip to the war memorial today. We went to continue our learning about Remembrance Day in History. The children enjoyed seeing all the wreaths that had been left by different families and community groups and seeing the names of people who had lost their lives in WW1 and WW2.



Diary Dates

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 - **CANCELLED
FURTHER DATE TO BE
ANNOUNCED LATER**

Monday 4 December –
Year 3 New Walk Museum
Trip

Friday 8 December –
Christmas Jumper Day

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Rosewood Assembly –
2.15pm – **CANCELLED
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Monday 18 December Y2-Y6
Demontfort Hall Panto

Wednesday 20 December
Foundation & Y1 Curve
Theatre Christmas Show

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Year 6 – Warning Zone

On Thursday 9 November, Year 6 visited the Warning Zone life skills centre in Leicester. It is a Leicester based charity, dedicated to teaching life-skills and safeguarding children. The children had a safety tour which was made up of realistic set piece scenarios. They looked at potential dangers in and on building sites, risks around water, road safety as well as many more! They also learnt about E-Safety which taught the children about staying safe when using the internet. The children listened attentively and answered questions excellently! Well done Year 6!

Here's what some of the children from Year 6 had to say about their experience that day...

'Warning Zone was amazing! I learnt independence and I feel more confident in walking alone. The guides taught us so much and it was a really good experience.' - Meer

'The trip was really exciting and taught me about being safe by playing fun games. It made me independent and was super fun.' - Linesa

'This is a place where people learn the dangers of the world (including E-Safety). In the morning we got put into groups and found out who our guides were to take us around. We started by walking into different scenarios and pointing out every danger in that room.' - Isla



**Warning
ZONE...**
LIFE SKILLS CENTRE

From Mrs Tufiq – Year 6 HLTA

Diwali

Last Friday, Swithland shared their special assembly on Diwali. Well done Swithland. You shared the special festival with narration, stories and songs so confidently.

We wish all families who celebrated this festival a happy time with friends and family.



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Children in Need

We are very pleased with the support for Children In Need fundraising cause. This is part of our work on developing the child's awareness of others less fortunate than themselves and to share the importance of charity. This morning, we served milkshakes and allowed the children to come in their pyjamas for the day to raise more funds for this worthy cause. Thank you for your support.

We are extremely proud of our children in year 6 who set up stalls for the rest of KS2 to visit on Thursday morning (16.11.23). Our children organised and set up these stalls independently, with a range of activities, such as: blindfold taste testing, target practice, cake decorations, guess the number of sweets in a jar, memory games, but to name a few. The rest of KS2 thoroughly enjoyed visiting these stalls.

Thank you, parents, for giving the children the opportunity to provide games and prizes for their stalls, and also encouraging them to bring in pocket money to spend. It was a very successful morning and just reiterates how enterprising our children are when given such opportunities.



Year 6 team

Fire Service in School

The Fire Service came into school on Wednesday to talk to Year 1 and Year 5 about fire safety.

They were really interested and listened carefully to the lady. They received training about how to respond if there were a fire. Well done for listening so carefully Year 1 and Year 5!



Online Safety



Online safety is so important these days when our children are using devices more and more.

Each week, we put updated information for parents on X, formally known as twitter. This is an example of the detailed information we have. They are a really useful read so do please find us on X and read all the information shared to help keep our children safe.

Any suitable information we will also share with the children as part of our drive to keep them safe.

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Fund Raising

Some parents have approached the school about raising funds to support the humanitarian aid in the middle east. As a school we are a non-political organisation and we appreciate that this is a very emotive topic for many of our parents. We would ask our parents to appreciate this stance. We will be completing fund raising activities later on in the year for Save the Children, a national charity who will be helping children in the area as we know children are the most vulnerable in any conflict.

Launde Winter Fayre

A reminder our PTA group have arranged for Launde to have a Winter Fayre on Wednesday 29 November from 3.15pm-4.30pm.

There will be a Santa's grotto, Craft Stalls and refreshments, please come and join us in the school hall. We will have a Uniform Stall and Christmas Jumper Stall.

The PTA have asked if any parents have any time to spare to help setting up as they would love your support, please come to the office to put your name down.



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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Attendance

Attendance has slightly dropped. We are at **95.00%** which is still above the national. Keep up the good work!

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

Well-being Ambassadors

Held on Monday 6 November, four of our year 6 children took part in a 'Well-being ambassador conference'. Jasmiran, Isla, Meer and Hooria are now trained in their role as a Well-Being Ambassadors to try and promote health in school and inspire other to think about their well-being. They also took part in mental health awareness and internet safety training.

Our four ambassadors will now form a well-being committee, which will be supported by a member of staff. We look forward to the initiatives they will put in place to help our children look after their mental and physical health.

Anti-bullying Event at King Power Stadium

You will be aware there was a focus this week across school with regards to anti-bullying. Some of our KS2 children had the opportunity to attend a day of workshops at the King Power stadium last Monday (06.11.23).

Our children took part in multiple activities, which encouraged discussion and reflection around this year's theme of 'Make Noise About Bullying', alongside other schools from Leicestershire.

"It was a fun day! We saw plays and I also enjoyed making a chain of positive words, to make a stand against bullying!"
- Jasmine

School Games Festival

On Wednesday, a few of our year 5 children took part in the School Games Festival, held at South Wigston High School. The focus was to encourage all children to be physically active but also introduce them to alternative sports, such as wheelchair basketball and boccia. Our children were highly engaged and enthusiastic, as always.

"I enjoyed it as I got to move around a lot and the wheelchair basketball was so much fun! I loved it!" - Veronica



Monster Hunt – 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. We have maintained our position of 9th in the county since our last newsletter (03.11.23) which out of hundreds of schools is fantastic, as I'm sure you'll agree. However, please continue to encourage our children to log any physical activity they complete, whether undertaken in or out of school. Remember, our children must try and achieve 60 active minutes per day, as recommended by the Chief Medical Officer for the UK.

If your child has not registered, then they can still do so by accessing <https://leicester.moveitboom.co.uk/>. This competition will run until Friday 15 December, so please keep the enthusiasm going.

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Winter Mini Challenge!

The Winter Mini Challenge is back! This online challenge invites children, aged 4 - 11 to read three books or more, to earn digital rewards. Join between 1 December 2023 and 14 February 2024.

Taking part is easy.

- Sign up at www.wintermini.org.uk to create an online profile
- Read at least 3 books over the holidays.
- Unlock virtual rewards including a certificate

We have all the information on our website www.leicestershire.gov.uk/winter-mini and links to our library eBooks and eAudio which can be used as part of the challenge. Have fun!

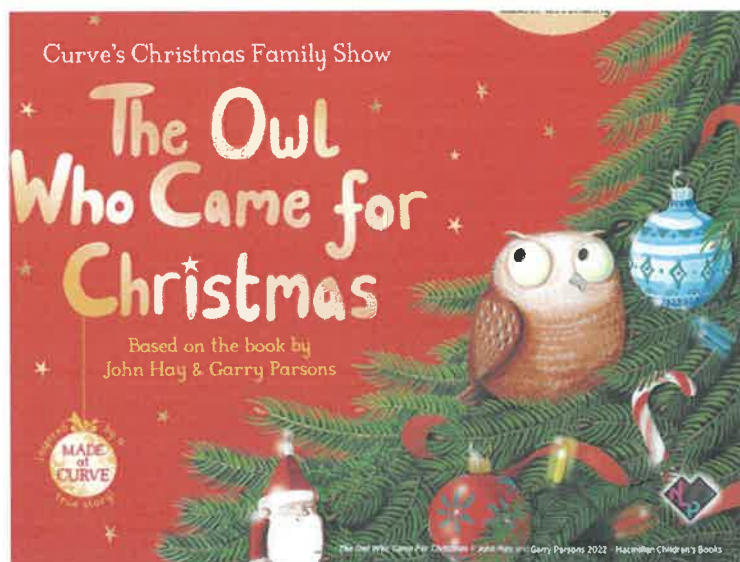
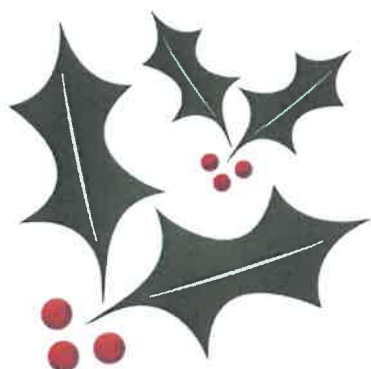


The Owl Who Came for Christmas

Join the storytelling workshop for 'The Owl Who Came for Christmas!'

Come and meet Chandni Mistry, the writer who has adapted the book *The Owl Who came for Christmas* into a play which will be on at Curve Theatre over Christmas. Hear the book read in a way you've never heard before!

Suitable for children 3-8 years a relaxed family friendly workshop. Tickets available on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) or ask staff at Oadby and Wigston Libraries for more detail.



Creative Expression in Libraries

As part of our amazing Cultural expression in libraries project we have some events and activities coming up at Melton Library, Oadby Library, Shepshed Library and Birstall Library. A great chance opportunity for children and young people to take part in creative activities at their local library. Look out on our Facebook page for more information. You can also take a look on the [Culture Leicestershire Website](#) #getinvolved #creative



Fantastic Reads for Christmas and New Year

We have lots of great new titles to read over the festive period. Try something new, read your favourites and curl up with a good book. Browse the [library catalogue](#) for more great titles and your Christmas inspiration!



Coming up in the new year!

Holocaust Memorial Day—27th Jan 2024

National Storytelling Week—27th Jan - 4th Feb 2024

Chinese New Year— 10th February 2024

Look out at your local library for activities, displays and new books to showcase these calendar dates.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from
Leicestershire Library Service.**



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Christmas Jumper Sale

We know things are a little tighter this year for some of our families so we are going to hold a Christmas jumper sale at the Christmas fair.

Please drop off any donations of Christmas jumpers from previous years that are too small but in good condition and clean to the school office. This includes tops or dresses/outfits.

Drop them off by **Friday 24 November**

They will then be on sale at £2 for families to purchase at the Winter Fayre on **Wednesday 29 November**....So if you are thinking of buying one, perhaps wait and see what delights you can pick up!