



Launde Newsletter

3 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very successful week at school. It has been lovely to welcome our Foundation pupils to school full of smiles and smart uniform.

Covid positive case appropriate use of Whatsapp

There have been many changes in school regarding Covid information for the beginning of this term. Schools no longer have the duty to inform parents should there be a positive case in school. However, at Launde we feel that we should send a courtesy letter home informing parents when there has been a positive case within their child's class. Since the beginning of term we have sent out two letters informing parents of such incidents. The letter clearly states that the parents have to do nothing and the children should come to school as normal unless they show any symptoms related to a Covid infection. Following one of the letters we had few children who were not very nice to their peers by saying that they knew who had the infection and were teasing them. The children in this case were clearly wrong and were spoken to at the time.

We have never been able to identify who has Covid and we will continue to follow that rule. We would appreciate if you could talk to your children so that when there is a case they do not go out of their way to find out who it is or even talk about it. We know the children knew of the incident as parents were speculating as to who it possibly could be using WhatsApp. As with the children, there is no need for parents to speculate about who does or does not have Covid. The letter was simply for your information, not to be discussed over WhatsApp, which has led to your children behaving inappropriately in school.

We were under no obligation to send a letter out, but we felt it was important that we did so that parents can be alert as to noticing symptoms in their own children. We would appreciate it being treated confidentially within your own family and not discussed on WhatsApp.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 15 September –
Foundation Coffee
Afternoon 2-3pm

Tuesday 21 September –
Whole class and individual
photos

Thursday 23 September –
Foundation reading
workshop

Thursday 30 September –
Foundation math workshop

Monday 11 + Tuesday 12
October – Parents' Evening

Monday 18 – Friday 22
October – Half term

Author of the Week -

Author of the Week – Michael Morpurgo



This week's recommendation is the teacher-turned-author, Michael Morpurgo. Not only was he the Children's Laureate from 2003-2005, but he has written an extensive list of popular children's novels, five of which have been made into films. The most successful being *War Horse*.

His stories often embrace the of triumph of an outsider and include strong themes of survival and humans' relationships with nature. Here are some examples that should appeal to both boys and girls:

Age 5-7 Readers

- *Grandpa Christmas*
- *The Little Prince: A new translation*
- *The Snowman: Inspired by the original story by Raymond Briggs*

Age 7-11 Readers

- *Friend or Foe*
- *Kaspar: Prince of Cats*
- *Alone on a Wide Wide Sea*
- *I Believe in Unicorns*
- *The Butterfly Lion*
- Running Wild*

Age 11-14 Readers

- *An Eagle in the Snow*
- *Private Peaceful*
- *Flamingo Boy*
- *Listen to the Moon*
- *War Horse*
- *Beowulf*

EMPWR Futsal

Does your child love football? Would they like to be involved in a fast, fun, exciting game? Then why not try Futsal!

We are EMPWR Futsal, a community sports club running sessions at Beauchamp College in Oadby, and we are recruiting for children aged from 1+ - 14 to join our club.

We run a number of weekly sessions, and also have teams that compete in Futsal leagues across Leicestershire. We also offer development centre sessions for those who would like to get into the game and learn what it is all about, without worrying about matches, everyone is welcome!

The organisation is directed by the head of men's and women's futsal at the University of Leicester, and all our coaches are UEFA and FA qualified, ensuring that your child will be getting the best coaching possible.

If you are interested in finding out more, please read our leaflet that is attached, and get in touch with us via email to futsal@empwrsports.co.uk, or via social media.



Fearless Foxes Fun Day

Sunday 5th September 2021

Leicester City in The Community are delighted to be hosting their first inclusive event in partnership with Ellesmere College. We are welcoming partners from across the county who will be delivering an array of activities, including football, basketball, gymnastics, multi sports, circus skills and sensory play. We will also be delivering mental health first aid training for parents and carers, (and anyone else who would like to access it). The event will be free to enter, and we will be selling some treats on the day whilst raising money for local charity, The Bodie Hodges Foundation.

Please see the flyer attached.

MFL Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed reading the curriculum newsletters that we sent out last week. This week we attach a newsletter written by our MFL teacher, Madame De Bue. Do read as it contains lots of useful information and websites for those children who would like to sing some of the songs at home.

FEARLESS FOXES

LCITC Inclusive Fun Day
In partnership with Ellesmere College

Sunday 5th September

10AM-2PM



LOCATION

ELLESMERE COLLEGE, LE3 2FD

Join us for a fun filled day of sport and exciting activities that includes football, basketball, climbing, cooking and many more.

We are excited to welcome partners from all over Leicestershire to provide lots of inclusive opportunities to children and young people with SEN.



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