



# Launde Newsletter

18 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Another exciting week of learning this week at Launde. It has been National Science Week; the younger years have been exploring dinosaurs and using this theme to inspire their learning and encourage their curiosity. Further up the school we have seen a range of lessons where the children have been focussed, fascinated and asking the important question – ‘why?’ – a must for any budding scientist.

Thanks especially to the children in Swithland for sharing their sound learning with Ms Priddey. In assemblies this week we have been thinking about science in the world around us and the importance of science in our everyday lives.

Do read the attached science newsletter that has some fun experiments to try at home and a competition to enter!

## Red Nose Day

Thank you all for your donations for Red Nose Day. We enjoyed seeing the children in some of their favourite clothes and we even spotted a few Red Noses around school!

We have currently raised an impressive £551.30 and counting, which will be donated to the Red Nose Day appeal.



## Diary Dates

Monday 21 March – Year 5 trip to Leicester Central Mosque

Tuesday 22 March – Stepping Stones Church Visit

Wednesday 23 March – Sunburst Church Visit

Wednesday 23 March – Year 5 in school visit from Contender Charlie for Romeo & Juliet

Thursday 24 March – Rainbow's End Church Visit

Friday 25 March – Striding Top class assembly 2.00pm

Sunday 27 March – Wednesday 30 March – Condoover Hall residential Year 4 and Year 5

Wednesday 30 March – Year 4 Non-Condoover teambuilding trip to the King Power Stadium

Monday 4 April – Year 3 Celtic trip to Beaumanor Hall

Wednesday 6 April – Year 5 trip to the national Justice Museum, Nottingham

Thursday 7 April – Sunburst class assembly 9.30am

Thursday 7 April – Easter Activity Day

Friday 8 April – Vaisakhi Celebration Day

Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April – Easter Break – school is closed – reopens Monday 25 April

## Launde Parents Group – Easter Egg Hunt

On Thursday 7 April at 3.15pm the Launde Parents Group will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for children across all year groups to participate in. To take part you will need to purchase a ticket from the school office for £1.50. Tickets will be available from Wednesday 23 March. Please see the poster attached for more details.



## Attendance Award



This week the class with the highest attendance in KS1 is **Rainbow's End**.

The class with the highest attendance in KS2 this week is **Rosewood**.

## Quicksticks Hockey

Four Year 6 children were selected to compete in the annual Year 6 Quicksticks (hockey) tournament at Beauchamp on Tuesday evening - Zara, Syeda, Mohammad and Alex. They played two group games winning the first match against Brocks Hill 3-1 (2 goals from Mohammad and one from Alex) and losing the second game to Brookside.

The win and goals scored in the first match were enough for Launde to reach the semi-final of the competition as the best second place out of ten teams in attendance. Even though the team performed fantastically well in the semi-final, they did lose and so didn't make it to the final.

All four pupils showed the amazing characteristics that we expect of Launde competitors - teamwork, a positive attitude and determination. I was very proud of each of them. A massive thank you to each of the pupils and the parents who transported them to and from the tournament.

Mr Squires.

## Ukraine Fundraiser

A group of Year 6 children approached Ms Priddey this week with a proposition. They have recognised the hard times that the people of Ukraine are currently facing and want to raise funds for them. Their passion and determination to help others is highly commendable. We are eager to support their initiative. The children are designing a competition and a Planet quiz. There will be a recommended donation of £1 to enter and all proceeds will go towards the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal.

Please do support the children support these children and this cause by entering – all ages are welcome to enter! Each entry will be placed into the draw and a winner will be selected at random. The children have organised some prizes for the winning entries.

More information on how to take part will follow soon. Good luck and thank you for your support with this important cause.

## Casual Cleaners

We are currently seeking casual staff to assist our team with cleaning. As this is a casual role, we cannot guarantee hours or days. Sometimes cleaners are poorly or have appointments so we like to have a contacts list who can fill this role on an ad-hoc basis. If this is an opportunity that would suit you then please do visit the office for an application form.

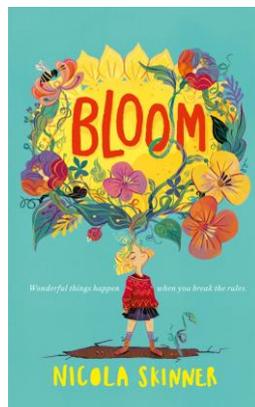
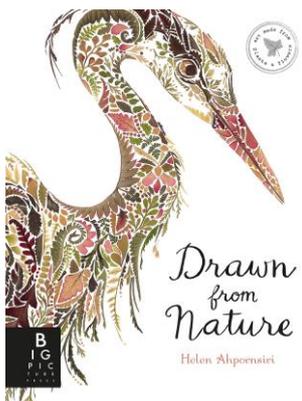
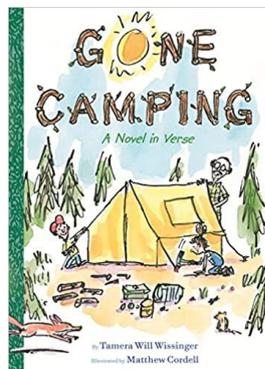
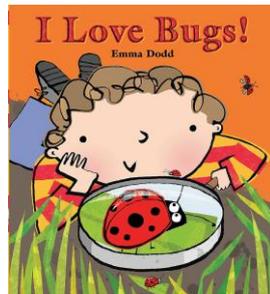
## Covid reporting

The government guidance has recently changed meaning that people who test positive for Covid are now longer **legally** required to isolate. However, the government still **advise** that adults and children who test positive stay at home and to avoid contact with other people, and so we will continue to follow this advice.

If your child tests positive they should not attend school. After 5 days, they may take a Lateral Flow Test followed by another the next day - if both are negative, and they do not have a temperature, they can safely return to their normal routine.

## Books of the Week – Spring

Spring is a great time to start exploring the world around you - whether that's learning more about animals or having a picnic in your garden. Here are some books to spark children's curiosity for the world around them.



### For younger readers:

- *Sunday Rain* by Rosie J. Pova and Amariah Rauscher
- *My Butterfly Bouquet* by Nicola Davies and Hannah Peck
- *I Love Bugs!* By Emma Dodd
- *A Walk in the Park* by Anthony Browne
- *We Are Not Frogs!* By Michael Morpurgo and Sam Usher
- *The Bug Girl* by Sophia Spencer and Margaret McNamara

### For older readers:

- *Outside: A Guide to Discovering Nature* by Maria Ana Peixe Dias and Ines Teixeira do Rosario
- *Sounds of Nature: World of Birds* by Robert Hunter
- *Hope in the Holler* by Lisa Lewis Tyre
- *Drawn from Nature* by Helen Ahpornsiri
- *Gone Camping* by Tamera Will Wissinger and Matthew Cordell
- *Bloom* by Nicola Skinner



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## Easter Hunt

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>  
April 2022

From 3.15pm

Tickets on sale  
from the  
office. £1.50  
per child

Parents are invited to take their children on an Easter hunt around the school grounds to help them find clues to our Easter puzzle.

Tickets must be bought in advance

A prize is given to every child who brings back a completed sheet. Collect your sheet from Riverbank at 3.15pm to start. Please bring your tickets.