



Launde Newsletter

8 April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Today marks the end of a very busy term. We have been so pleased to see the children making progress and enjoying their learning too, whether that be in the classroom or out and about on school visits. When we talk to them, they can tell us what they have been learning and are excited to share some of the different themes that the teachers are using to inspire them. My thanks go to you in supporting the school as well as to the staff who have worked tirelessly to provide the best learning opportunities possible for the children. This week we have had visits by Year 3 and Year 5 taking place as well as an Easter activity day and Vaisakhi day today, not forgetting all the charity work that has happened this term raising money for Red Nose Day, Raising Health Appeal and recently the Ukraine Red Cross Appeal. It makes for a busy but rewarding time at school for the pupils.

We wish you a very happy Easter break and look forward to seeing you when we return on Monday 25 April.

Easter Bonnets

Thank you for supporting our Easter bonnets this year. There was a huge number of different designs - we have some very creative parents and children! Three assemblies were held yesterday morning where the children showed off their bonnets to the other classes - twirling around and displaying their super bonnets. It was a lovely end to the term with the children supporting each other and recognising not all could win. All did get a well-deserved 'Headteacher' sticker for their efforts though.



Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 26 April – Year 2 Botanical Gardens trip

Friday 29 April – Eid Celebration Day - all children may attend in celebration/party clothes

Monday 2 May – Bank Holiday – school is closed

Friday 6 May – Poppyfield class assembly 9.30am

Friday 20 May – Foxtan class assembly 9.30am

Thursday 26 May – Queen's Jubilee celebration day

Friday 10 June – Bradgate class assembly 9.30am

Monday 13 June – Friday 17 June – Year 6 residential to Skern

Thursday 7 July – final day of term

Friday 8 July – School closed for Summer

Ukraine Fundraiser

Thank you to all our families who have supported our group of Year 6 pupil's competition that they have been running to raise money for the Ukraine Red Cross appeal. The competition closed yesterday and the entries have been marked, colouring judged and prizes have been awarded. The Year 6 pupils and Ms Priddey were impressed with the quality of the entries. All quiz entries that were correct were placed into a box and the winners drawn at random. The colouring was judged against others from the same year group to make it fair.

We are very pleased to say that with your help we have raised **£270** for the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal. A huge thank you and well done to our Year 6 fundraisers who planned and organised the Ukraine competition. They have worked tirelessly to prepare the resources for it and to promote it to all the children across the whole school. We are extremely proud of them and their commitment to such a worthy cause.

It is worth noting that the group of Year 6 pupils donated all the prizes from their own pocket money, they haven't taken any out of the money raised which is very generous of them.

A super amount for a group of willing pupils to raise. Well Done!



Gartree Orchestra

It was lovely to welcome Gartree orchestra to school last week. They performed to the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils a variety of songs, taught us about the different sections to an orchestra and played name that tune. We were pleased to know we were the quickest school in Oadby to guess this! It was great to hear live music as well as spot some of our ex pupils in the Orchestra too!



Easter Egg Hunt

The PTA and school would like to thank all our parents for joining in the school's egg hunt yesterday. They were so pleased that over 200 families came and supported the event despite the chilly weather. It did stay dry for the event at least which was good. The PTA were so pleased to be running an event once again and hope it is the start of many to come. Thank you for all our families who came and hunted around the school fields, waited patiently for the prize egg. Ms Priddey and the team were very impressed with the children's politeness too! The PTA will let you know after Easter the amount raised from this event.

Attendance Award



This week the class with the highest attendance in KS1 is **Fourfold**.

The classes with the highest attendance in KS2 this week are **Striding Top** and **Watership Down**.

Move it March

Thank you for the incredible uptake for Move it March throughout the school. I have had so many children return their posters. Results will be confirmed after the Easter break. Certificates and prizes will also be handed out after Easter. Well done everybody and remember to stay active for the whole year, it is so important in maintaining a healthy body and mind.

Mr Squires

Staffing

Today is the final day for two of our members of staff. Mrs Spencer is off on maternity leave making the most of a little time to rest before the baby arrives. We wish her all the best and thank her for the hard work and beautiful assembly that she organised yesterday. The class will continue to be taught by Mrs Virdee for the summer term, who has been working with the class for a while now so the children will I am sure be settled very well next term.

Miss Chapman in the office is also leaving us to take up a post in her dream job, that of a school librarian. We wish her all the best and thank her for her hard work and friendly smile during her time with us at Launde. We are pleased to share that we have appointed a new member to the office team to work alongside Mrs Cooper who will start in the Summer term.

As you will be aware, Ms Priddey has been taking on the role of Headteacher more whilst Miss Sandhu has been undertaking other Trust work over the year. After Easter, Ms Priddey will be the Headteacher and Miss Sandhu will take on the role of Chief Executive Officer within Scholars Trust.

Covid Reporting

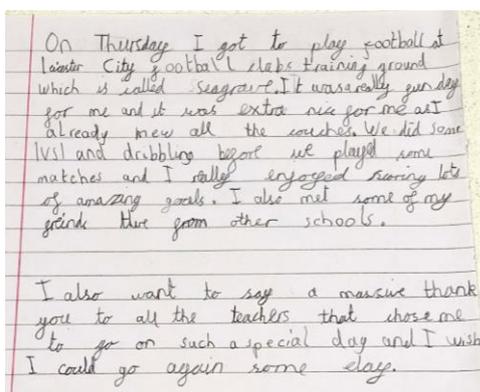
As of Friday 1 April, the rules around Covid testing have changed. It is no longer mandatory to test and Covid tests are no longer available for free.

The new advice regarding isolation is as follows:

- Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- Children with symptoms do not need to isolate for a set number of days, only for as long as their symptoms last. However, if you do choose to test your child and receive a positive result, you are advised to keep them at home for at least 3 days.

LCFC Gifted and Talented event

Last week we shared that two of our talented Year 2 footballers were invited to the LCFC training grounds this week to train with professional coaches. This week we have been sent a lovely write-up from Ishaan in Bosworth who also attended.



Science competition - Growth

We had over 70 entries! There was a huge range of posters on many different themes, all based on the topic of 'growth'. All children received a certificate and the winning posters are displayed in the hall. Well done! Here are a few winners from Y5 and Y6.



Children supporting charity efforts

Thank you to Cyrus in Foxton for these photos of himself and his sister litter picking in their local area. They are doing an excellent job and are raising money for the WWF's Climate Crisis Fund. Well done both!



Parking

It disappoints us greatly to have received complaints about parking again this week. We do urge residents to contact the police regarding this and to take photo evidence.

These photos were sent in by a concerned parent. If you must drive to drop off and collect your children from school, please do park legally and respectfully. Parking as shown in these photographs can not only be inconvenient, but dangerous too. Please show consideration for the safety of our children and residents.



Local Easter sports activities

Leicester City in the Community are running Easter football camps, with two taking place locally at Beauchamp College. Please see below for details. This is



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EASTER FOOTBALL CAMPS



DATE	VENUE	TIME	AGES	PRICE
Monday 11 April Wednesday 13 April Thursday 14 April (Three-Day Boys & Girls Camp)	Leicester City Training Ground, Belvoir Drive, LE2 8PA	9.30am – 3pm	7 – 11 Years	£17.50 Per Day £45 for Three Days
Tuesday 12 April (Boys & Girls Camp)	Beauchamp College, Oadby, LE2 5TP	9.30am – 3pm	7 – 11 Years	£17.50 Per Day
Tuesday 19 April Wednesday 20 April (Two-Day Boys & Girls Camp)	Beauchamp College, Oadby, LE2 5TP	9.30am – 3pm	7 – 11 Years	£17.50 Per Day £45 for Three Days
Thursday 21 April Friday 22 April (Two-Day Girls-Only Camp)	Leicester City Training Ground, Belvoir Drive, LE2 8PA	9.30am – 3pm	7 – 13 Years	£12.50 Per Day £25 for Both Days



Tell us if you don't want your photo taken



Football boots and trainers



Weather suitable clothing



Bring plenty to drink



Don't forget your shin pads!

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