

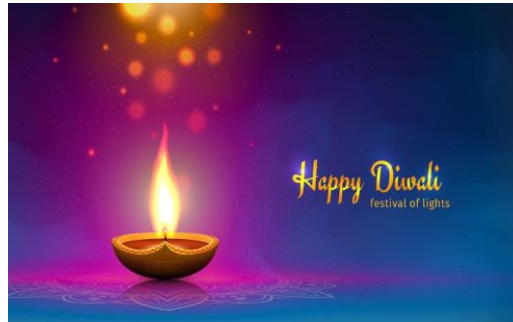


# Launde Newsletter

28 October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I trust you all had a good half term break. May I begin this newsletter by saying 'Happy Diwali' to all our families celebrating. We are sharing this special festival together as a school through class-based activities and a very special festival assembly delivered by our wonderful Year 2 children. It is so important to celebrate these festivals altogether and great to be back as a school in assemblies. Here are some photos of the activities that have been taken in classes to mark this special festival this week.



*Ibrahim and Inaaya from Rainbows End*



*Designed by Year 4*

In school, the children have settled back into their studies. We had a visit from two of our Trustees on Wednesday who were delighted with the activities taking place around the school and commented on the impeccably behaved children that were so well engaged in their learning in the classrooms that they visited. The highlight of our tour were seeing children in Year 1 learning how to take away using cubes and diagrams, children in Year 3 practising their times tables really confidently and pupils in Year 5 challenging themselves to improve their writing.

## Diary Dates

Friday 4 November – Rainbows End - Bonfire Night assembly at 9.30am

Friday 11 November – Striding Edge – Remembrance assembly at 2.15pm

Friday 18 November – Cader Idris assembly – Children in Need at 2.15pm

Monday 5 December – Foundation Christmas Concert at 10am

Tuesday 6 December – Y1 Christmas Concert at 10am

Wednesday 6 December – Y3 Christmas Concert at 6.30pm

Thursday 8 December – Y4 Christmas Concert at 6.30pm

Friday 9 December - Y1 & Y2 assembly – Save the Children at 9.00am

Friday 9 December – Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 12 December – Y5 Christmas Concert at 6.30pm

Tuesday 13 December – Y2 Christmas Concert at 10am

Wednesday 14 December – Y6 Christmas Concert at 6.30pm

## Poppy on Sale

Poppies have been ordered in from the British Legion and are due to arrive early next week. We will email when they are available to purchase. We are asking for a donation of a £1 for a poppy. We will be marking this important occasion with 2 minutes silence outside together on the playground on 11 November.

## Children in Need

Please see attached letter about Children in Need this year.

## Christmas Dates

We are pleased to share our Christmas concert dates with you. Do put them in your diaries. As usual 2 tickets per family can be purchased at £2 a ticket. There will be waiting lists that parents can add their name to for additional tickets which will be given out the day before each concert. Please note we cannot allow babies or small children to these concerts as it is distracting for our children on stage.

Foundation - Monday 5 December Christmas Concert at 10am

Year 1 - Tuesday 6 December Christmas Concert at 10am

Year 2 - Tuesday 13 December Christmas Concert at 10am

Year 3 - Wednesday 6 December Christmas Concert at 6.30pm

Year 4 - Thursday 8 December Christmas Concert at 6.30pm

Year 5 - Monday 12 December Christmas Concert at 6.30pm

Year 6 - Wednesday 14 December Christmas Concert at 6.30pm

## Happy Lunchtimes

You might have heard your children talking about Pom Pom's and golden lunchboxes this week! This is because we have launched our Happy Lunchtime scheme. This aims to make lunchtimes more exciting and something that children look forward to everyday. The way it works it that the lunchtime staff plan exciting and different activities for children to take part in each day. These have included basketball, dancing, chalk on the playground and a game called 'Eagles and Chicks this week. Anyone who wants to join in can and children are rewarded with small blue Pom Poms for positive behaviour, being an excellent friend or simply engaging in the activities well. These Pom Poms are collected in each class and the class with the most Pom Poms by the end of the week will win the 'Golden Lunchbox'. All children are so excited to see which class receives this and, in the lunchbox, will be a special surprise for the whole class.



Each week children will also be nominated, by the midday staff for a weekly certificate if they have shown prolonged positive behaviour throughout the week which will be given out by their class teacher during their year groups celebration assembly.



We have had a wonderful week and the children have been amazing and have been extremely positive about the activities that have been planned for them. Hopefully they have been excited about it home as well!

Keep checking the newsletter for weekly updates on which class has won the 'golden lunchbox'.

## Active Travel Mascot

We need your help! Can you design a friend for Spike (the current Active Travel mascot) to spread the positive messages of Active Travel for us and give it a name? We need a mascot that is all about being active, whether that is by walking, running, scooting, biking or even flying! Thank you to those of you who have already done this after our Active Travel assembly. Please either email a picture of your entry to us or hand them in to the office by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Attached is the sheet you can use to design your mascot.

Well done to all of those within our school family who continue to make that extra effort to travel actively to school. Although this is the last week of Active Travel month, we hope that you'll continue to travel actively to school going forward.

Mr Mukadam

## Sports Fixtures



On the Friday before half term, children in year 4 and 5 took part in the Commonwealth Games Legacy Roadshow. The children had the opportunity to engage in new and different sporting opportunities, such as boccia, kurling and (most enjoyably) wheelchair basketball. They were highly enthusiastic, engaged and were very quick on the wheelchairs whilst playing basketball. Well done to those involved!

Please find attached the pictures of Naia Gordon who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Year 4 race at the cross country competition yesterday. Well done Naia!

Well done to everyone in year 3 or 4 who took part and that we had some brilliant results.

Mr Mukadam



## Attendance Award



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

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

A reminder to complete the Flu Vaccination form for your child. Thank you to all the parents that have already completed the form.

To give consent please visit [www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk](http://www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk) or scan this QR code.



Select Seasonal Flu and enter the school code LE139751.

On the consent declaration page you can consent for the nasal flu vaccine. This contains gelatine. If you would prefer the gelatine free injection please select NO and then pick prefer injectable from the drop down.