



Launde Newsletter

10 November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been a busy one as ever here at Launde. Year 6 have visited the Warning Zone, part of our commitment to ensure the message of safety is delivered to our children in as many different ways as possible. The Year 2's explored how to look after pets. They were visited by Mrs Wilksinson's tortoise, Monty, and Mrs Fothergill was welcomed back to school to share how she cares for her African snails. So lovely to see children inspired to write after hearing from these two pet owners.



Friday assemblies have continued to be a highlight of our week. Rainbows End delivered a super assembly last Friday all about the topical fireworks and Diwali. They were our youngest children yet so far this term and earned a sticker each for their courage. This week we were moved by the thoughtful message from Striding Edge assembly on the theme of Remembrance Day. As always, these assemblies are made ever so more special as they include parents in the audience – thank you for those that are able to join us on these occasions. A polite notice to all our parents to please work with each other to ensure all can watch and not to reserve seats. It is a wonderful opportunity for our children to show off their talents and I would like all parents to enjoy this experience and not feel uncomfortable around each other. Thank you ever so much for your cooperation.

Our senior leader assemblies were on the subject of respect this week. Our KS1 classes thought about how we are all special and unique and how we must remember to show respect to each other. I shared the story of 'There is a Rumble in the Jungle' with the children and we looked at how different all the animals in the jungle are but how special they all are for their different skills and talents.

Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 22 November – Year 2 Parent Meeting 5-6pm

Monday 28 November – Year 5 Galleries of Justice Trip

Tuesday 29 November – KS1 esafety parent meeting 5.30pm-6.30pm **(letter to follow shortly)**

Thursday 1 December – esafety parent meeting 5.30pm-6.30pm **(letter to follow shortly)**

Monday 5 December – Foundation Christmas Concert at 10am

Tuesday 6 December – Y1 Christmas Concert at 10am

Wednesday 7 December – Y3 Christmas Concert at 6.30pm

Thursday 8 December – Y4 Christmas Concert at 6.30pm

Friday 9 December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 9 December – Christmas Lunch

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

In our KS2 assembly, we discussed the role of Prime Minister in the country and shared the values we wanted him to show. The children as ever were full of super ideas and values they shared included tolerance, listening to others, being fair, respect, being confident. I was ever so proud of the children. We reminded ourselves of the British values and the different things we do at school to help the children to have these values. I can reassure you that when the children are running their businesses and families in the future, we are in safe hands!



Today we came together as a whole school community to remember the soldiers' who have fought or are currently fighting to protect. We held a 2 minutes' silence at 11am. Mr Woodhead played his cornet to mark the beginning of the silence. It was very moving moment and important for us all to be together. This poem verse written by Laurence Binyon in 1914 was shared with the children, a famous verse that is used across the country.

'They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.'

By Laurence Binyon

Working Together

We pride ourselves in making sure our children have a voice here at school and are listened to. That is also how we want to work with parents too. Always do approach the school with any queries or worries you may have. Often it can be sorted through early intervention and working together. Our doors are always open to our parents.

School Day Consultation

Thank you to those who have responded already to the consultation that I sent out about the change of the school day. We want to make sure we are compliant with government recommendations and feel that 5 mins at the beginning of the school day is the sensible alternative. Do please send your response if you have not done so already and we will take all responses into consideration.

Children In Need

Next week we are taking part in Children in Need. There are different activities taking place on the Thursday and Friday to raise money for this worthwhile cause.

Non uniform day is on Friday 18 November, either wearing pirate costume or Pudsey Bear tops. Both will be welcome. £1 for charity for wearing an outfit!

We will also be offering milkshakes on Friday morning for children who bring in an additional £1. Children will get a choice of a strawberry or chocolate milkshake and a biscuit. The milkshakes are suitable for vegetarians.

Stalls for the older children are taking place on the Thursday. This is so the children can then know the total amount raised by Friday afternoon. The classes have been informed about the arrangements for this. We do encourage children to bring in their own pocket money, not from the bank of 'parents and carers' to help children understand the value of money and the importance of supporting charity. Perhaps they can give up their after school treat for a few days and use this money saved to support Children In Need?



Christmas Dates

Christmas rehearsals are well underway here at school. Do make sure the dates are in your diary. They are listed here again for you. Do note there can only be 2 tickets per family in order to comply with numbers in the hall, and no buggies or young children. The cost of each ticket is £2.

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 7 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



Move It Boom

We are currently 4th in the Move It Boom race!

Let's see if we can be the winning school this year. To take part please see below how to register



By taking part in physical activities (anything from running and swimming to dancing, skipping, ball games or yoga), children will get points for our school, helping us to be in with a chance of winning some great prizes. Move it Boom 2022 launches on Monday 3 October and ends on Wednesday 30 November.

The more activities they log, the more points we get!

A letter has been sent out with your child with their unique username and password, so that they can access the Move it Boom website (leicester.moveitboom.co.uk) and log the activity they've been doing.

The website has some great ideas for games and challenges to keep them busy at home too! And, as they log their activities, children get to have fun building and upgrading a virtual robot. Please help your child log in at home.

Happy Lunchtimes

Happy Lunchtimes is still proving to be very successful and a big well done to Bosworth and Bradgate last week for winning the Special Lunchbox. They were treated to an extra 10 mins playtime with resources or a game of their choice! Well done!!



Happy Lunchtimes Award

For Pupils. For Staff. Forever.

Mandir Temple Trip Year 4

Our Year 4 children went on a visit around the Mandir Temple in Leicester to which they thoroughly enjoyed.



Roman Day – Year 4

Attached is a collage of pictures of our Roman Day. The children have spent their time making roman spelt bread with spelt flour and are making booklets about the roman gods and goddesses.



Bank Holiday Extra Day



BANK HOLIDAY 8 May 2023

At the weekend it was announced that 8 May will be a bank holiday for the country to mark the occasion of the King's coronation. Please add this to your diaries as the school will be closed on this day. For our Year 6 parents, you will note this is in SATS week. We are awaiting information about how this will work for our Year 6 children and will write to you as soon as we have this information ourselves.

Sports Fixtures

Girls' away match versus Water Leys Primary School: Thursday 3rd November

A huge well done to all the girls that participated in the football match. They definitely played as a team and showed continuous resilience throughout the game. They were fantastic at defending and were able to stop a several number of goals by the opposing team. A shout out to Prisha who definitely impressed, her eyes were constantly on the ball which supported her decision making, passed with accuracy to her team players and did not stop running!

Miss Tailor and Miss Dale

Prestwold Hall Cross-Country: Saturday 29th October

Well done to Mili in Bradgate and Zain in Rivendell for participating in the Year 3 girls' and Year 5 boys' races respectively. They both showed great determination and perseverance to complete their races. Zain was able to improve upon his position from September's cross-country too! Keep an eye out for the next race on Saturday 26th November. Further information will be sent out closer to the time.

Active travel: October 2022

Thank you to all our families who made the extra effort to travel actively for the month of October. A huge effort made by many of you. However, a special mention to Sunburst in KS1, who had 359 days of active travel amongst their class over October. In KS2, Striding Top had 482 days. A massive well-done to both classes! As a school, we accumulated 4775 days of active travel in the month of October. Thank you! Let's continue to travel actively to and from school.

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 **Striding Top**.

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder to complete the Flu Vaccination form for your child. This takes place on **Thursday 17 November in school**. Thank you to all the parents that have already completed the form.

To give consent please visit 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.