



Launde Newsletter

7 October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers



We have been out and about this week. Some children have been around the school grounds looking at the beautiful colours that the leaves have changed. In my assembly on Monday, our younger year groups were excitedly telling us the many different colours of leaves they have seen recently, both at home and at

school. One of the positives to having the seasons in our country! It is a good reminder of the importance of these conversations that we have with our children to help them develop their vocabulary and the knowledge of the world around us. They were able to describe the many different colours and one of our Year 1 pupils used the word 'camouflage'. For those of you who haven't been out yet, I encourage you, in a dry moment, to go for a walk and talk about the changing season with your child and explain the different words we use to describe the autumn.

Harvest Time

For those of you who haven't seen our harvest display, here is a photo from last week. The goods were all collected by the Sewaday charity on Monday morning. This food will be used to create food hampers for people in need.



A big thank you again to you all.

School Trips

Some of our children have been further afield this week. Year 1 had a rather wet visit to the farm on Wednesday and Year 6 visited our Trust's other brand new school, Foxbridge Primary School to take part in the official opening ceremony. As ever, they represented the school very well and sang beautifully to the audience of local community members, dignitaries and important members of Leicestershire County Council. Their teachers and I were very proud of them.

Book Look Viewing

The book viewing events this week have been well attended. I have had very positive feedback from the children, parents and staff about them as being a super opportunity to get to know each other informally before the parents session next week and see the good work that your children have been completing so far this term. The children have enjoyed showing their classrooms to you all and are proud of the work they have been able to show you too!

Headteacher: Kathryn Priddey

Diary Dates

Friday 7 October – Year 4 Yom Kippur Assembly at 2.15pm. Year 4 parents welcome.

Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 October – Parents Evenings – 3.45pm-6.30pm both dates

Friday 14 October – Oakwood assembly at 2.15pm. Parents welcome.
Please note change of time

Friday 14 October – Finish for half term at 3.15pm

Monday 24 October – Back to school at 8.50am

Tuesday 25 October – Handwriting workshop for Foundation parents 1.30pm-2.30pm

Friday 28 October – Year 2 Diwali assembly at 2.15pm. Parents welcome.

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Parents Evening



Parents Evenings next week are being completed virtually to allow them to run efficiently to time and to allow parents to log in from work or different places around the country and take part.

For those of you new to the school, and as a reminder for all our parents, please follow these top tips to help make the most of these sessions:

- Log in at the weekend to check your technology is working for you. Adjust settings and speakers etc accordingly
- Log in 10 mins before your allotted time and leave it on the screen ready for the exact time. The system runs the sessions so it can't be delayed if you are late.
- Occasionally it still doesn't work for a few however don't worry, your child's teacher will be in touch as they want to speak with you and arrange a different time.

Uniform

We encourage our children to take pride in how they look and wish all our children to adhere to the school uniform. This is part of the high expectations we have at school.

Please can I remind you that:

- long hair should be always tied back
- No leggings should be worn – tights or trousers please
- No colourful hairbands – school colours only

Thank you.

Foundation Starters 2023

If you know of any families who have child due to start at school next year – August 2023 – then do tell them about the look rounds we have organised. The dates are on twitter and on the school website. These show rounds will be for prospective parents only.

10am – 2 November – APPOINTMENTS NOW FULL

2pm – 10 November

10am – 29 November

2pm – 2 December

Please contact the school office on 0116 2712261 to arrange an appointment on one of the above dates.

Festival Assembly

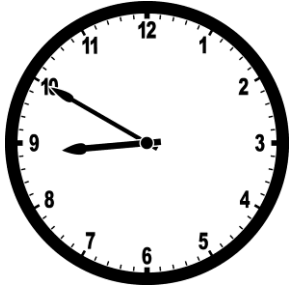
Our Year 4 pupils helped us to celebrate Yom Kippur this Friday for our festival assembly. Beautiful singing, acting and story telling. It takes a lot of time to put together an assembly with all 90 children so my thanks go to the teachers and children for working so hard to produce this for us.



Attendance

Well done to all who have managed to set up the school routines well this term. The term certainly has an air of normality about it which has been pleasing. Attendance is ever so important as I know you will appreciate. At a time of year when there are lots of germs around, do remember that it is fine to send them to school with a slight sniffle. If they are too poorly for school, we will always ring you.

8.50am start



I have noticed as I have stood outside most mornings that there are a few of our children are coming in late in the mornings. This is not good for the children and valuable learning time is being missed. 10 minutes each morning means that they are missing 50 minutes a week and that then equates to 330 minutes this half term. If this refers to you, please can I ask you to look at your mornings, and adjust your timings a little to get to school on time. If the children arrive on time, it really helps the children settle into the school day much more quickly too and

helps them feel confident and engaged in learning which is an important foundation for being successful, as well as being a good life skill to have for when they are older.

Health for Kids – Move it Boom!



REMINDER - Our school is supporting the Move it Boom physical activity competition for children again, organised by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust. 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!

Please keep an eye out for a letter your child will be bringing home next week 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.

Attendance Award



This week the class with the highest attendance in KS1 is **Swiftwood**

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



On Wednesday we welcomed Steve Harris into school to work with us in making our lunchtimes more exciting for the children. He spent the day with the midday supervisors, and senior staff and the children. They had a lovely time dancing together, decorating our playground with chalk and competition in the European button stacking competition. Unfortunately, due to the heavy rain Year 5 & 6 did not get a chance to see all of the activities, however all children will get to take part when we launch this new approach after half term. A letter will be going out explaining our new lunchtimes in more detail after half term.

Here are some photos of the activities, don't they look great!



Sports Events

Boys' away football cup match versus Glen Hills

Friday last week saw Launde boys play their first competitive game of the season against Glen Hills. The skies had opened and continued to do so for the entirety of the match. However, this did not dampen the spirits of all nine boys, working hard until the final whistle. Nevertheless, the opponents proved too much for us in our first match, with our only goal coming from Sam. Unfortunately, the final score was heavily in Glen Hills' favour. Man of the match went to Djibril who did not stop running all game, challenging all that he came up against, chasing every ball possible. The boys are eager to their next competitive match underway!

Cross country league: years 5 & 6 at Manor High

On Monday this week, 32 of our children from years 5 and 6 took part in their respective races at Manor High. All of our children persevered and completed the set course, stretching 1.8km across the Manor Fields. This was the first time many of our children ran for such a distance. A special mention for Anya and Saanvi who came 5th and 6th in the girls' year 5 race. Full results of the year 5 and races will be released when made available from the course organiser. Keep a look out for further races at Prestwold Hall in October and November, and the years 3 & 4 cross country league at Manor High later this month.

Active travel month: 3rd to 31st October

Your children may have mentioned that we've started Active Travel month this week. We are encouraging local families to walk to school where possible, cycle or use a scooter. However, if travel by car is essential, we ask that you park a little further away to walk the remainder to school (which we know many of our families already do).

Actively travelling to school has many benefits for your child: it helps keep them fit and healthy; can increase concentration levels in class; helps to develop road safety skills and is fun. Reducing the number of cars around the school will also help to make the area quieter, safer and less congested. Each class will record how many pupils have actively travelled to school. The class with the most active travellers will win a trophy and the school with the highest percentage of active travellers throughout October will win an award. Each week in October will be themed towards a different mode of active travel:

Week 2 (WC 10th October) – Walking Week

Week 3 (WC 17th October) – Half-term Week, explore your local surroundings and green spaces

Week 4 (WC 24th October & Friday 31st October) – Scooter Week