



# Launde Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week here at Launde, with rehearsal schedules being created to support the delivery of Christmas concerts. A range of different subjects have been observed by senior staff over the past two weeks who were pleased with the high standard of delivery. I know children get so much from developing their skills in the different subjects that we teach at school. Striding Top shared their impressive Spanish language skills with me during the week - Well done Striding Top!



The Governors have carried our monitoring visits this term as well. Here are some of the comments from the maths visit. It is very helpful to have these visits to challenge us and to ensure we are doing our best for the children. I am pleased to share it was a very positive visit. Here is an extract from the report:

'I loved the passion that both Mr Frost and Ms Tailor have for the subject matter. You could see that the maths curriculum is a top priority for the school. Some of the highlights of my visit are as follows:

1. Miss Tailor has put together a great resource as a reference point for parents to assist their children with their maths homework called the "Maths Facts Booklet". This was emailed out to parents on 7 October.
2. The school has great visual resources to assist children with their maths learning journey, from physical learning tools such as maths cubes and rods and deans to teaching in a visual and easy to grasp method known as part-whole models. KS2 children have hundreds squares on their workbooks to help them during lessons.
3. Maths vocabulary is clearly displayed in every classroom and is referred to by the teacher in their lessons. This is updated regularly so that the information is relevant to what the children are currently learning.
4. All of the children were incredibly well behaved in all of the classrooms that we visited. There were no disruptions and all children focused diligently on their work.'

Thanks to all the Governors who play a pivotal role in ensuring the school's effectiveness.

## Diary Dates

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

Monday 28 November – Year 5 Galleries of Justice Trip

Tuesday 29 November – KS1 E-safety parent meeting 5.30pm-6.30pm

Thursday 1 December – E-safety parent meeting 5.30pm-6.30pm

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

Thursday 15 December – All Years Christmas Panto The Snow Queen held at the school.

## School Timings



We are pleased to report that attendance has risen since the beginning of term which is very pleasing and we are now at 96%. Coming to school is so important so thank you to our parents for supporting your children with this. We have noticed that, as the weather has got a little chillier, that children arriving late has been on the increase. Please make sure your morning routines help the children get to school on time. School start time is 8.50am and any minute later than this means the children don't start their learning at the same time as their peers and are not as ready to take on board information and learning. Please do all you can to help them get into good habits and help them arrive at the same time as their peers.

## Children In Need



Children In Need has been the important focus over the past couple of days. We know charity and helping others is very important part of our school values, as well as having a fun day. The stalls that the children in our older years ran on Thursday were great to see, and part of helping children understand the value of money. The outfits today all looked super! Thanks to Cader Idris and Mrs Johnston for the assembly, a super end to the fund raising activities. I must mention the bravery and enthusiasm of the staff to take part in the assembly as well. It makes it a most memorable assembly and demonstrates great

commitment to the cause – especially Mr Woodhead and Mr Frost as they were prepared to dress as Spice Girls! I am pleased to share that we raised **£2078.96** by the time of writing. Thank you to all our parents for your support.

## Christmas Show

Christmas Production The Snow Queen at Launde, Thursday 15 December

This year we are inviting the theatre to us instead of going out to the theatre as unfortunately De Montfort Hall could not accommodate all the classes this year.

Quantum Theatre, a theatre company, is touring around the country and we have asked them to visit Launde to show the children a reenactment of the ever-popular Christmas classic book by Hans Christian Andersen, 'The Snow Queen'. *The Snow Queen* runs for just over an hour and is suitable for the whole school from Foundation to Year 6. They have staging, costumes, sound, lights and projection to create a truly magical, theatrical experience for the children. The children will get to speak with the actors after the show and ask them questions about what it is like to be an actor.



They have agreed to do the show twice in the day, once for our younger children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and year 2 and then again for our older children. In this way, they can adapt the show to cater for each age group. Launde Parents' Group have offered to pay for this experience for the children.

## School Gate Banner Competition

Leicestershire County Council are running a competition for schools to design a school gate banner, which encourage families to leave the car at home or park safely away from school and cycle, walk or scoot the last part of their journey. This is to reduce congestion and promote healthy travel.

We want you to design a banner promoting one, or all of these travel options. Think about what you can see when travelling in such ways to school, compared to being in the car throughout your journey. Designs should be bright, vivid and eye catching for all to see.

Attached to this week's newsletter is the entry form. Please use the rectangular box to complete your design. Entries should be emailed or delivered to the school office by Friday 25 November.

If one of our entries is the winner, we will receive a banner displaying the winning design! Good luck!

(See attached entry form)

## E-Safety

A reminder that the E - Safety meetings will be taking place on the following dates;

**KS1 Meeting - Tuesday 29th November**

**KS2 Meeting - Thursday 1st December**

They will both begin promptly at **5.30pm** in the **school hall** and will last for around 1 hour. If you have children in both groups, please do not worry if you cannot attend both meetings. The content will be available to access on the school website.

During these sessions, we will be focusing on:

- What is E-Safety?  
What are the potential risks and dangers of using the internet and digital devices?
- Strategies for keeping children safe online.

An additional e-safety meeting session will also be taking place during the day led by Mrs Groenewald. Dates and times will follow next week.

## Attendance Award



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

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

## Happy Lunchtimes

Happy Lunchtimes is still proving to be very successful and a big well done to Poppyfield and Swithland last week for winning the Special Lunchbox. They were treated to a milkshake and a biscuit in their class. Well done!!



**Happy Lunchtimes Award**

For Pupils. For Staff. Forever.

## Sports Fixtures

### Year 5 & 6 Sports Hall athletics

On Monday evening, 26 children from year 5 and 6 took part in an indoor athletics competition at Beauchamp, competing against other schools in the Oadby and Wigston area. There was a variety of track and field events and all children took part in at least one of each type of activity. Throughout the competition, our children showed great teamwork, support and enthusiasm for every activity. This didn't go unnoticed, as our Launde children were awarded the 'Spirit of the Games' award as a result. Well done to all who were involved. We look forward to the athletics season in Spring and Summer where we will take part in further athletic competitions.

Mr Mukadam