

Dear Parents,

Despite the chilly weather, we have been enjoying our learning here at Launde with a range of exciting lessons taking place. The children have had an art focussed week at school and have been developing their understanding of artists, their techniques and applying these skills to their own masterpieces. As well as the joy of experimenting with colour and texture children have been developing their character skills of perseverance too!



Art Exhibition 6 February and 7 February

All our parents are invited in to see the children's art work on 6 and 7 February for our art exhibition called 'My Masterpiece' that we are holding to promote the importance of creativity and art in the curriculum that we offer. Every child will have a piece of art displayed in the hall inspired by the artists that they are studying in their year group. The hall will be open from 2.45pm until 4.15pm on both days. This is at the same time as the book look event so parents can come to their child's class and then pop to the hall to see the super art work on display. These of course will be available for parents to keep and treasure following the exhibition.

Our thanks go to Gartree High School for loaning us their display boards for the event.

Perseverance



Perseverance was the theme for whole school assemblies this week. In Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 the children listened to

the story 'If Big can... I can!' read by Ms Priddey and talked about different times they had their friends achieve and had been encouraged to have a go themselves. As ever, they shared some brilliant insights and ideas.



In KS2 Mrs Meer discussed the word perseverance with the children and linked this to the UK rocket attempt that took place earlier in the week. This was the first ever satellite mission launched on UK soil.

Although it was not a success there are lessons of perseverance for us to learn about as I am sure there will be further attempts, they won't be giving up!

Diary Dates

Tuesday 17 January - Yr 1 Sunburst Phonics Lesson 9.00-9.45am

Thursday 19 January - Yr 1 Sunburst Phonics Lesson 9.00-9.45am

Friday 20 January - Stepping Stones Assembly 9.30am

Friday 20 January – Swimming starts for Bradgate and Strath Avon

Friday 27 January – Bramblewood Assembly 9.30am

Friday 3 February – Foxton Assembly 2.15pm

Monday 6 February – Book look KS2 2.45pm-4.15pm (drop in)

Tuesday 7 February – Book look Foundation & KS1 2.45pm-4.15pm (drop in)

Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 February – Art Exhibition 2.45pm – 4.15pm (drop in)

Thursday 9 February – Monday 13 February – Book Fair

Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 February – Parents Evening

Friday 17 February – Swithland Assembly 2.15pm

Monday 20 – Friday 24 February – Half Term



Start of the Day - 8.50am



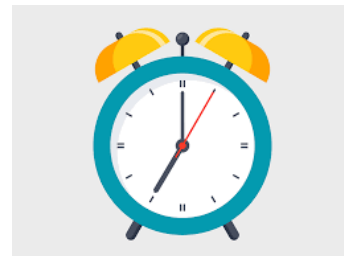
As I mentioned in my previous email, we are encouraging all our families to get to school on time. We have seen a huge effort from parents for this - thank you! It does make such a difference for our children's achievements at school. This week has been a time for parents to alter their morning routines a little to make sure children are in school for 8.50am.

From **Monday 16 January**, the gates will be open at 8.30am and will be closed at 8.50am. Teachers will be out at 8.40am as usual. All school building doors will be closed at 8.50am too.

Any children arriving after this time, will need to buzz and come to the

office to sign in and will be given a late mark.

Please chat to your children about this and the morning routine so they can be helpful to you and get their teeth brushed in a timely manner so they can be at school on time. As I have said, there has been an improvement in this already so I am sure we can continue this in the upcoming weeks.



Governing Body Position

On Tuesday last week, we sent out information to all our parents about a governing body position that has become available. I encourage all our parents to read this and consider this opportunity. It is a valuable role for the school and would be a position working within a very strong governing body with the aim of supporting senior leaders to make sure the school is the best it can be for the children in our care. The closing date for applications is 18 January. Do ask at the office for further information or the application pack should you feel this is something you would be interested in.



Casual Midday Position Available

We have a midday position available for casual cover when any of our middays are poorly. This is a good way to try before a full commitment or for those who have other commitments in the week. Do contact the school office for an application form if you are interested.



Middays work to cover lunchtimes at school. Each shift would be an hour in length.

Attendance Award



This week the classes with the highest attendance in KS1 is **Bosworth**.

The class with the highest attendance in KS2 this week is **Rosewood** with a fantastic 100%.

Congratulations!

After School Clubs

We've had an exciting start to clubs this term but still have places available for the following:

- **Mondays**: Fencing (**years 5 and 6**) - before school
- **Tuesdays**: Gymnastics (**years 2 and 3**) - before school; Multi-sports (**year 2**) - after school; Girls' football (**years 3 and 4**) - after school
- **Wednesday**: Tennis (**Year 3**) - after school; Mixed football (**Year 2**) - after school
- **Thursday**: Gymnastics (**years 4 and 5**) - before school; Tennis (**Year 4**) - after school

For further information

- Fencing and gymnastics: please visit premier <https://www.premier-education.com/>, click on 'Book a course';
- Multisports, football and tennis: book at the school office.

We hope to see even more children at the clubs!

Mr Mukadam

Nut Allergy

Can we please remind you once again that we are a nut free school. We have some children with a severe nut allergy and exposure to nuts could be extremely dangerous. Over the last few months it has been disappointing to see children with:-

- Nutella
- Peanut Butter
- Pistachio Nuts
- Chocolates with nuts in

Please could you check the ingredients of your child's snacks and / or packed lunch. We want to ensure we create a safe environment for all our children.

Parking

Once again we are receiving complaints that Launde parents are parking and driving dangerously around the school entrances. We would like to remind you to park in accordance with the highway code and with respect to local residents. If you do witness anything dangerous or illegal, we would ask that you report it to the local police.