



# Launde Newsletter

17 February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Today brings this half term to an end. It has been a pleasure to share all the exciting topics the children have been learning this term with you during book looks, art exhibitions and parents evenings this week.

We wish you a restful half term together enjoying the slightly longer days we are having as Spring gets ever nearer.

We welcome you back on Monday 27 February.

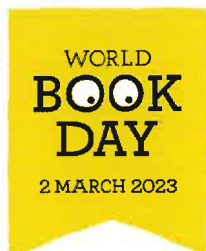
Thank you for the time keeping in the mornings this half term. The difference has been truly impressive with late children being now down to a few. All the staff have appreciated your efforts on this. Thank you.

## Turkey Earthquake Appeal Fundraising

Yesterday we held a special red and white sock day to show our support to our families who have been affected by the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Thanks to your generosity we have raised an impressive **£872.46** which will be given the DEC earthquake appeal fund. For those that are interested, here is the link to their website:  
<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>



## Book Day – Friday 3 March



Do read the letter from Mr Woodhead about World Book day that we are holding on Friday 3 March. I know this seems like a long way off but half term is an ideal time to get outfits ready, especially if there is a rainy day.

We are asking the children to come in a character from a book or comic of their choice.

## Book Fair Thanks

Our annual Scholastic book fair was so well attended. Thank you so much for all who came and waited patiently in the queue!

**£1600** has been raised through commission from this. This will enable us to buy more books for the pupils to enjoy at school to supplement our ever-important library and class book shelves. Thank you so much. The joy on children's faces when they read and escape into a story is worth witnessing and making sure our school stock is as up to date as possible is always helped with this fund.

## Diary Dates

Monday 20 – Friday 24 February – Half Term

Friday 3 March – World Book Day Dress Up Day

Friday 3 March – Speedwell Assembly 2.15pm

Sunday 5 March – 8 March Conover Residential Trip

Friday 10 March – Fourfold Assembly 9.30am

Friday 17 March – Rosewood Assembly 2.15pm

Friday 17 March – Red Nose Day (More details to follow)

Wednesday 22 March – Foundation Windmill Farm Trip

Friday 24 March – Rivendell Assembly 2.15pm

Thursday 30 March – Year 3 Beaumanor Hall Trip

## Miss Sandhu's Leaving Assesmbly



This afternoon we held an assembly for Miss Sandhu to say thank you for her 21 years of time at Launde.

The children sang songs, watched old clippings of Miss Sandhu on stage and shared memories. We had thanks from the staff, including two members of staff who here children here at the very beginning of Miss Sandhu's time as a headteacher here at Launde.



## Badminton Achievements

We are very proud of 3 of our students this week who have recently participated in badminton competitions with their Badminton club outside of school.

Muhammad Umair in Year 5, Manav in Year 6 and Ronak in Year 3 between them have achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Doubles LSBA Primary League and 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Derek Meakin doubles tournament.

Muhammad Umair won all the games in the Singles tournament, which is a fantastic achievement.

Well done boys!



## Attendance Award



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

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

**Congratulations!**

**School reopens on Monday 27 February**



# Literacy Newsletter

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After the conclusion of another half term, we wanted to share more of the children's work with you that they have been completing recently. Also, within this newsletter, there will be information regarding World Book Week, the Scholastic book fair, which took place over the last week, and an author, who recently visited our Year 5 and 6 children. As ever, the children have been working hard at school and thoroughly deserve their break. We wish to say a big thank you to the children and of course to all parents and carers for your continued support.

We hope you have a lovely half term holiday!

Mr Woodhead & Mrs Smith

## Scholastic Book Fair

2023



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who attended the book fair and purchased a book (or two). As a result of your generosity, the school have earned £1700 in commission from Scholastic and these funds will go towards books and literacy resources for the children. Thank you!

## Years 5 and 6 Author Visit



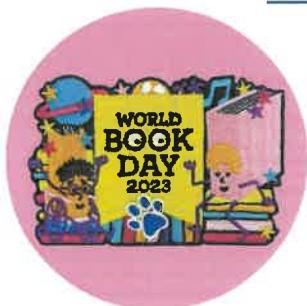
Last week author and comedian, Alasdair Beckett-King visited our Year 5 and 6 children. He shared his experiences as an author and promoted his new (and first) book, Murder at the Museum. The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting him. Thank you to those who supported him by purchasing his book. We hope you enjoy reading your signed copy!

## Foundation Stage & KS1 Reading Information Evening – Wednesday 8 March, 5pm

This half term, children in Foundation Stage and Year 1 have started bringing home phonics books, which are linked to the sounds that they have been learning in class. Parents and carers of children in Foundation Stage and KS1 are invited to attend an information evening at 5pm on Wednesday 8 March. The new books will be explained and ideas for supporting your child with reading will be shared. We look forward to seeing some of you there!



## World Book Week 27 February – 3 March 2023



On Friday 3 March, children can wear a costume of their favourite book character, or perhaps one relevant to their literacy topics. We look forward to seeing what the children come dressed as!

### Key Stage One

All week, children will be engaging in reading activities in their classrooms and celebrating their love of reading! Activities will include making bookmarks, performing poems, sharing stories and designing front covers.

### Key Stage Two

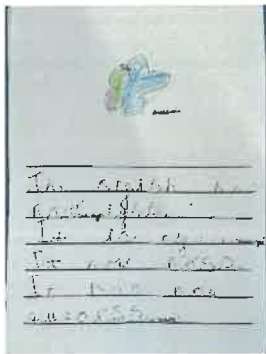
Throughout the week, there will be literacy activities held in Rivendell (Mr Woodhead's class) for the Key Stage 2 children. Each year group will have a day that they can come in and take part in some literacy-based activities (See below). To conclude the week, during Friday lunchtime, following the success of previous years, there will be a book swap held in Rivendell. The children may bring in a book and then they can come on Friday and choose a book that they would like to keep and take home. Should a child bring in more than one book, they can then choose that same number of books to take home.

### World Book Week Lunchtimes

Monday 27 February – Year 3  
Tuesday 28 February – Year 4  
Wednesday 1 March – Year 5  
Thursday 2 March – Year 6  
Friday 3 March – Book Swap



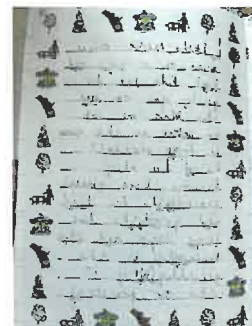
## Foundation



In Foundation, the children have been learning about the oceans and about sea creatures. This piece of work was completed by **Ameerah** in **Fourfold**, who described her underwater creature.

## Year 1

In Year 1, the children have been creating their own characters from the Mr Men series. This is **Bahisht's** work from **Sunburst**. She said "I created my own Little Miss character and described her."



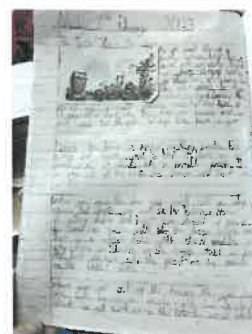
## Year 2



The children in Year 2 have been creating posters filled with interesting facts about Sir David Attenborough! This lovely work belongs to **Tabitha** in **Swiftwood**, who included a sentence about how she has been inspired by David Attenborough's love of the natural environment.

## Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about 'The Twits'. This fantastic piece of writing was done by **Daya** in **Bradgate**. She told us "I really like all the adjectives and time prepositions that I used for my description of the inside of the house. I also used lots of similes to extend my sentences. "



## Year 4



This term, children in Year 4 have been continuing to learn about The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. This piece of work was completed by **Minson** in **Foxton**. He told us: We used a lot of detail to make this newspaper report interesting. I had a lot of fun thinking about how to make Mr Tumnus' arrest interesting.

## Year 5

In Year 5, the children have been reading and working with the book, 'The Hobbit.' **Kavita** from **Strath Avon** told us: "I really liked writing this Wanted poster because I enjoyed describing how dangerous, Smaug, the dragon, was.



## Year 6



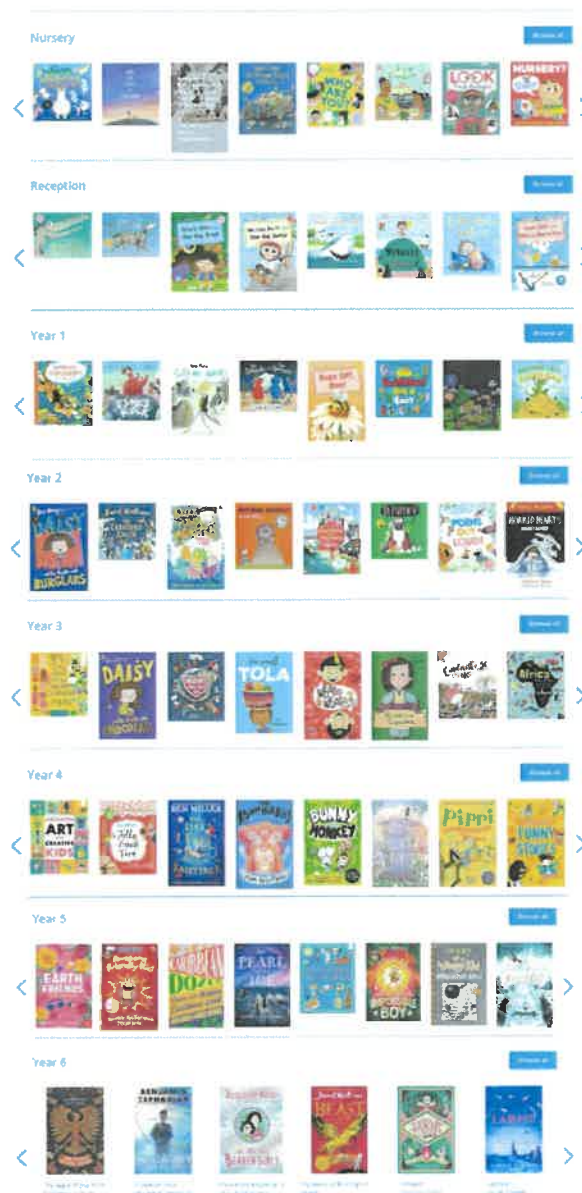
As part of their 'Goosebumps' topic, **Mustafa** in **Oakwood** wrote a story extract from his own horror story. He told us: "I liked writing this because I was able to be as creative as I wanted to be. I also enjoy writing horror stories."

## Recommended Reading Lists (Peters Bookshop)

Here is a recommended reading list for children from Nursery all the way up to Year 6. Use a phone or tablet to scan this QR code to see the full list.



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## Questions about your book

### Before you start

- Why did you choose this book?
- What do you think will happen in the story?
- If this is a non-fiction book, what interesting facts do you hope to find out?

### Halfway through

- What has happened so far?
- Who are the main characters?
- How do you think the main characters are feeling?
- How would you describe the story so far?
- How does the story make you feel?
- What might happen next? How do you know?
- Questions about non-fiction books:
  - What have you learned so far?
  - What are you hoping to find out next?
  - What is the most interesting thing you have learnt?

### At the end

- Did you enjoy the book?
- What was the best part of the story? Why?
- Would you recommend this book to a friend?
- Why would you recommend it, or why wouldn't you?
- Would you choose more books by the same author?



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## Top Tips

If you are struggling to understand what you are reading, try some of these ideas:

- Read the difficult parts again.
- Slow your reading down a bit.
- Ask someone to read with you and talk about anything you don't understand.
- Look at any pictures.
- Look up any difficult words in a dictionary.

When you have finished a book, you can check your understanding by trying some of these activities:

- Tell the story in your own words.
- Draw pictures of scenes or characters from the book.
- Write a letter to a character.
- Describe some of the main characters. Try to include their feelings and thoughts.
- Try to write a different ending to the story.
- Make a list of things you have learnt from the book.

Can you think of any questions you want to ask your teacher or someone at home? For example:

- Was there anything you didn't understand?
- Is there something you would like to know more about?
- Did you find any words that you didn't understand?
- Tell your teacher/parent any new words that you have learnt.





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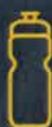
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## JOIN THE ADVENTURE:

1<sup>st</sup> Oadby Girls' Brigade – Every Tuesday during the School Term, welcoming New Members in all age groups!

Come and try GB on any week, with the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 being our welcome week this term!

Crafts, games, and devotions at Oadby Baptist Church (in the Oasis Centre), come along and find about more about God, make friends and make memories.

Age 4 to school Year 6: 6pm-7:20pm  
Year 7 to Year 13: 7pm-8:30pm

Email: [gb@oadbybaptist.church](mailto:gb@oadbybaptist.church)  
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1<sup>st</sup> Geddy Boys' Brigade

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Games

Crafts

Residentials

Day Trips

Outdoor Activities

Badges

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Come and join us:

5 - 8 years

Monday 6.15 - 7.15pm

8 - 10 years

Monday 6.15 - 7.15pm

10 - 18 years

Monday 7.30 - 9.00pm

all at Geddy Baptist Church



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