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School News Friday 1st March 2024
Together we learn, together we thrive.

W/c 4th March

Thurs 7th - World Book Day event and after school book sale - see information below

Fri 8th - LetGirlsPlay football sports event in school

W/c 11th March

Mon 11th - ZooLab Y4. Music Enrichment trip (West Road) – Mrs Mason

Tues 12th - GenR8 Easter assembly – pupils only

Weds 13th - Sport stacking event

Thurs 14th - Naomi Shepherd – Education Inclusion Family Advisor meetings

Fri 15th - Comic Relief Day – wear something red! Y5 trip to Leicester Space Centre.

Recording child absence link

Thank you to all the parents who have been recording their child's absence via the online form. If you have recorded via the link, you do not need to phone or email as well as we will check the online form at morning registration every day. Please ensure you complete the absence log by 9am on each day of your child's absence. Please see the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/gdN0pAh1Ts>

Attendance

Pleasingly, our overall school attendance figure is up compared with this time last year. Currently, our overall school attendance sits at 95.2% compared with 94.2% at this point last year. Our hope is to continue this upward trajectory as we move into the second half of the academic year. This overall improvement is in no small part, down to your hard work and support in getting your child into school, every day, on time which is much appreciated. The available research in this area clearly shows the correlation between good school attendance (above 90%) and positive outcomes at KS2 SATs – end of Y6.

Curriculum Newsletter/ links

Please find the latest curriculum newsletter links on our new Linton Heights website. Look under Information (Pupils) and find your child's year group.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor - Naomi Shepherd - Parent Drop in sessions Thursday 14th March

Last term, our Education Inclusion Family Advisor (EIFA), Naomi Shepherd ran a successful workshop for parents focussing on supporting children with worries. This term, Naomi will be offering five parent drop-in sessions at the school on Thursday 14th March. She can provide support and advice on a range of parenting issues as well as signposting to useful resources. The sessions are 1:1 and confidential running from 10.30 - 1pm. There is still one session available if you are interested. To book a slot, please see the link below -

<https://forms.office.com/e/jM6gPhrDzJ>

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a full time Teaching Assistant to start after Easter. If you or someone you know may be interested, please see the link below for all the details and how to apply via MyNewTerm -

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/143576/EDV-2024-LHJS-21081>

Easter Church Services

As part of our Easter celebrations, we are holding two services on Tuesday 26th March at 9.30am and 10.30am. Please note, our **Easter Services will be taking place in the United Reformed Church (URC) on Horn Lane.** Children will be attending the services in their house groups. Rivey and Granta will be taking part in the first service from 9.30am to approximately 10.15am. Simmons and Chilford will be taking part in the second service from 10.30am to approximately 11.15am. Parents, grandparents and friends of Linton Heights are warmly invited to join us for one or both of these short services. The church will be open from 9.15am. We would appreciate support walking the children to and from the church. Please contact your child's class teacher if you are able to help. If you are walking with the first group, please arrive at school just before 8.50am, if you are walking with the second group, please arrive at school just before 9.50am. We look forward to seeing you there.

World Book Day - Thurs 7th March

Our annual World Book Day event will be taking place on Thursday 7th March. Pupils are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

To celebrate the day we will also be holding a book sale outside reception (weather permitting) after school and all books will be priced at 50p.

Comic Relief – Fri 15th March - Wear red!

Children are invited to wear something red - as much or as little red as you like and donate £1.00 to Comic Relief. Hair can be worn down but no makeup please. Many thanks for your support of this very worthy cause. This will not apply to Y5 pupils who will be going to Leicester Space Centre on that day and will need to wear full school uniform please.

Maths Money Day: Thursday 29th February

Thursday was Money Day! During the morning, Year 5 and 6 took part in a fraud scene investigation supported by three volunteers from NatWest. NatWest also provided the resources and some freebies - a big thank you to them. Across the rest of the day, children carried out lots of investigations about money and even designed their own coin. In the afternoon, children used their coins to create a wonderful collage of the water tower. £208.38 was raised and will be used to refresh our maths resources so thank you for your generous donations.



Ceilidh Award Winners for today:

Ceilidh Praise Winners!

Akeia (Class 5): Super maths
Annie (Class 5): Great attitude
Charlotte (Class 6): Improvements
Stan (Class 6): Learning attitude
Oliver (Class 7): Learning attitude
Louis (Class 7): Learning attitude
Oliver (Class 8): Forest school wonder
Eliza (Class 8): Learning confidence

Ceilidh Cup Winners!

Maths cup: **Emilia (Class 5)**
Sports cup: **Tanya (Class 6)**
Arts cup: **Mia (Class 6)**
Values cup: **Will (Class 7)**
Writer's cup: **Darcie (Class 8)**
Handwriting cup: **Teddy (Class 8)**

Ceilidh

Friday 8th March – Lower School
Friday 15th March – Upper School

Forest School sessions

Friday 8th March – Class 8
Friday 15th March – Class 2

Cambridge Science Festival

The CRUK Cambridge Centre have loads of hands-on science demos at the Cambridge Science festival this year on 16th March - this is an awesome event for children (and adults!) who are interested in science and experiments or demos. In the IMAXT demo, kids get to put on a VR headset and use gaming controllers to fly inside a cancer tumour in 3D, in a virtual science lab. There are also jelly brains to dissect, blood soup to make, various escape room type activities and so much more. Please see the link for more information:
<https://crukcambridgecentre.org.uk/news/get-hands-cancer-research-cambridge-2024>

Reminders

School Lunches

Please ensure that you pre order your child's school lunches for the forthcoming school week by midnight on Saturday, at the latest.

Innovate will not be able to supply school lunches if you have not pre ordered your child's meals.

Forest School

We would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 per child to cover the cost of Forest School resources. Each class will have at least four Forest School sessions during the school year. Please make your payment using MCAS.

Year 6 Residential Trip to Aylmerton

The next payment was due - Friday 16th February. Please make your payment using MCAS.

Year 5 Residential Trip to Woodrow House

The first instalment for the Year 5 residential was due Friday 16th February. Please make your payment using MCAS.

Year 5 Trip to Leicester Space Centre

We would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £34 towards the cost of this trip which is taking place on 15th March. This can be paid in full or two instalments - £17 was due 2nd Feb and today, 1st March for the second payment. Please make your payments using MCAS.

GDPR Policies

Do you have a data query? If so, please see the Anglian Learning GDPR policies:
<https://anglianlearning.org/gdpr-policies/>

Term Dates:

2024 Spring Term Dates

Thursday 4th January – Thurs 28th March 2024
Inset day: Thurs 4th January (non-pupil day)
Half Term: Mon 19th – Fri 23rd February
Spring term ends Thursday 28th March

The term dates for 2023/24 academic year are on our school website under parents – term dates