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School News Friday 8th March 2024
Together we learn, together we thrive.

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.

W/c 18th March

Fri 22nd - Performance Ceilidh - 2pm

Sat 23rd – Great British Clean Up – see below

World Book Day and Book Sale

The whole school had a great day yesterday as we celebrated World Book Day. Never have there been so many Where's Wallys in any one place!



Also, thank you so much for your support with the book sale after school. We raised an amazing £64.00 which will be used for new books in the classrooms.

Great British Spring Clean

On Saturday 23rd March the Linton FROGS (Friends of the River Granta) and Parish Council will be taking part in a community litter pick around Linton village. We would love to have some of our Linton Heights families taking part in this community event which is part of a larger nationwide initiative organised by 'Keep Britain Tidy'. The event will be based at the village hall and will start at 10am and finish by 2pm at the latest. Volunteers will be encouraged to pick wherever they choose in the village, avoiding roads with a speed limit above 30mph. High-visibility vests will be offered to all volunteers, particularly children. There will be some litter pickers available, but these are limited so if families have their own, they are encouraged to bring them. Refreshments will be offered to those returning a filled bag of litter. Put the date in your diaries and we hope to see you there! ***Mrs Ball and the Eco-Council***

Website: Updated Year Group Pages

An up-to-date timetable, curriculum newsletter and opportunities for extended learning are now available on each of the year group pages on the website under Information (Pupils). Please take a look to find out what children will be learning about this half term and to give you ideas about how they could continue their learning at home. These activities are optional but we love to display and celebrate any work completed in school.

Class 2 and 8 Teaching – After Easter

Further to the email sent to class 2 and 8 parents, I can confirm that after the Easter holiday, Mrs Webb will be the main class teacher for class 8 and will see the children through their SATs examinations. This will clearly provide an element of stability for the class at this very important time. After their Aylmerton trip, Mrs Sara Hewitt, a highly experienced Y6 teacher will be with class 8 to pretty much the end of the academic year. I have had the privilege of working with Sara at The Icknield Primary School and I know that the children will get on very well with her. This means that Mrs Webb will no longer be able to teach in class 2. Mr Lennon has agreed to teach an additional morning (Thursday) and Mrs Rootes will teach the children on Thursday afternoon and Friday until the end of the academic year. We apologise again for the disruption this class have faced this year, due to events beyond our control but we are extremely pleased with the relationship the children have built with Mr Lennon and the progress they are making under his guidance.

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.

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.

Year 6 ENO Music Project

Our year 6 pupils have recently finished a fantastic, creative project with English National Opera. Through the project each class worked collaboratively to develop their ideas and compose their own colour world to 'Finish' a piece of music called 'Blue, Red, Yellow ...'. This work helped us to learn about the role of the librettist, who writes the words for opera, to overcome some of the barriers attached to this style of music, and learn directly from the composer Omar Shahryah. You can find out more about our project [HERE](#).

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.

Ceilidh Award Winners for today:

Ceilidh Praise Winners!

Harley (Class 1): Fantastic effort
Jack (Class 1): Positive focus
Parker (Class 2): Learning attitude
Ivy (Class 2): Super maths
Lottie (Class 3): Maths contributions
Luke (Class 3): Confidence
Freddie (Class 4): Confidence
Chloe (Class 4): Excellent effort

Ceilidh Cup Winners!

Writer's cup: **Guy (Class 1)**
Handwriting cup: **Myles (Class 2)**
Values cup: **Dexter (Class 2)**
Sports cup: **Isla (Class 3)**
Arts cup: **Maddison (Class 3)**
Maths cup: **Kaidan (Class 4)**

Ceilidh

Friday 15th March – Upper School
Friday 22nd March – None – Performance Ceilidh 2pm

Forest School sessions

Friday 15th March – Class 2
Friday 22nd March – None – Performance Ceilidh

Reminders

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>

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 final payment is due on Friday 15th March. Please make your payment using MCAS.

Year 5 Residential Trip to Woodrow House

The next instalment for the Year 5 residential trip is due on Friday 22nd March. 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. Please make your payments using MCAS.

Year 4 Zoolab Visit

Zoolab will be with Year 4 on Monday 11th March. To cover the cost of the visit we would like to ask for a contribution of £7 per child. Please make your payment 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