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Purple Post

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Principal's Message

We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.

We're here at half term already and it doesn't really seem very long since we were returning after the Christmas break! Over the last couple of weeks we've had lots of opportunities for you to come and celebrate your child's learning: today, one of the Year 3 classes performed to parents in the hall - they had learned a 'Dance in a Day' from a Dance Specialist and were thrilled to show off their new skills!

Lots of you also attended the Y4 parent event on Monday, looking for clues outside (in the rain?!).

To celebrate our History theme, Y1 enjoyed dressing up and holding a Victorian Day with very strict schoolteachers! Y6 tried out cooking on rations to experience their World War 2 Day yesterday and if this wasn't enough fun, we had a delicious Chinese-themed menu yesterday to celebrate Chinese New Year which falls in the half term break - a delicious way to end the week and thanks to Chef Bala!

Thanks, as always, for all your support and have a super half term break.

Liz Latham.

Dinner Bookings

Here are dates for booking your child's dinner: please do discuss option choices with your child so that they know what to expect!

For wk/b 2nd Mar order by Sun 22nd Feb

For wk/b 9th Mar order by Sun 1st Mar

For wk/b 16th Mar order by Sun 8th Mar

Honours Awards Spring 1

Foundation 1 - Toby

Rashmi Sirdeshpande - Miley

J. Donaldson - Ryder

Marcela Ferreira - Dominic

Oge Mora - Nevaeh

Year 2 - Ava

Tom Fletcher - Jonathan

Satoshi Kitamura - Kaizer

Nadia Shireen - Sarrinah

Joseph Coelho - Carter

Onjali Q Raif - Taj

Lui Sit - Afraaz

Sharna Jackson - Stephanie

Malorie Blackman - Mia

'For the consistently high quality of work in Mathematics lessons.'

NSPCC TTRS Battle of the Bands

Congratulations to the winning class, Y4 Joseph Coelho, who earned a phenomenal 146,661 coins! The top 3 classes will get a certificate to display in their class and Joseph Coelho Class have earned a class reward.

	Joseph Coelho	146,661
	Nadia Shireen	93,345
	Tom Fletcher	39,511

The next battle is live, please encourage your child to practice over the half term break.

Important Information for Parents and Carers

We have been asked to pass on the following message from the Local Authority - please also see the attached letter at the end of this newsletter.

As the school term comes to an end, we want to make sure our students stay safe. Leicester City Council and Leicestershire Police have noticed an increase in risky behaviour, especially on the last day of term. To help prevent this, they are asking families to talk about the risks of antisocial behaviour and how to stay safe.

Please read the attached letter, which has important advice on how to keep your children safe during this time. We encourage you to have a conversation with your child about making positive choices and taking part in safe activities outside of school.

Attendance Counts- Moments Matter



It is vital to ensure that your child is in school, on time, every day. Please contact the school office if you need help with this- we are happy to support if we can. The class with the highest attendance this week is Satoshi Kitamura with 97.2%. Classes are very excited to win the attendance cup and competition is fierce- you can help by ensuring your child attends every day!

NSPCC Number Day

We raised £120 for the NSPCC from our Number Day last week! Thank you to all that have donated. If you haven't yet had chance to make a donation you still can using the QR code.



Historical Happenings!

Please enjoy a few photos from our recent events:



Year 2 Victorian Day

Year 6 World War 2 Day



Dates for your Diary

Half Term- school closed

Boys Football @ New College

Yr 5 Bikeability (Lui Sit class)

Yr 5 visit to the Curve

World Book Day

Yr 5 Bikeability (Onjali Q Raúf class)

Girls Football at New College

Parents Evening

Comic Relief

Yr 4 Dance

Yr 3 & 5 Vue Cinema

Class Assembly Dates

Here are the class assembly dates for you to plan ahead! Class assemblies are always on a Tuesday at 2.50pm in the main hall. We look forward to seeing you there! Y2 parents, please note the date change:

Nadia Shireen	3 rd March 26
Satoshi Kitamura	24 th March 26
Marcella Ferreira	5 th May 26
Tom Fletcher	19 th May 26
Oge Mora	9 th June 26



Leicester Community Safety Partnership

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Leicestershire Police and Leicester City Council are committed to working together to address the root cause of crime and antisocial behaviour in our city. As part of this commitment, we collaborate closely with schools, community partners and families to develop effective strategies to respond to incidents and prevent harm before it occurs.

We are reaching out to you today to seek your support in safeguarding our young people, particularly at the end of each school term, when we have observed an increase in risky behaviours among children and young people.

On 20 December 2024, the final day of the Autumn term for most city schools, approximately 500 children and young people gathered in the city centre during the afternoon. This appears to have been a coordinated activity arranged via social media. Many of the young people involved were identifiable by their school uniforms, with the majority believed to be from local secondary schools.

While similar gatherings have occurred in the past, the scale of this event was unprecedented. The levels of antisocial behaviour were deeply concerning, including significant disruption to businesses and people visiting the city centre, damage to police vehicles, and multiple incidents occurred requiring police intervention. These incidents included two assaults on police officers, a sexual assault on a child, a breach of the peace, and several other assaults involving young people. At one point, the situation escalated to such an extent that a police dispersal order was necessary, and over 40 officers were deployed to restore order.

We are sure you will agree that this kind of behaviour is unacceptable. Not only does it risk drawing young people into criminal activity, but it also significantly increases the likelihood of them becoming victims of crime themselves. To prevent a recurrence of such incidents, Leicestershire Police, Leicester City Council, and school leaders across the city and county are asking for your support. Together, we can help ensure the safety and wellbeing of our young people by:

1. Having open conversations with your children about the risks associated with antisocial behaviour and the potential consequences of being involved in such activities.
2. Noting school finishing times on the last day of term and ensuring you know where your children are during this period.
3. Encouraging participation in alternative activities – Whether organised, informal or by accessing the range of facilities across the city, please highlight the opportunities to undertake positive activities out of school.

Our children and young people are a vital part of our community, and we want to support their freedom to enjoy the city in a safe and appropriate manner.

By working together, we can ensure that the events of December 2024 are not repeated and that our young people continue to thrive in a positive and secure environment. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to keeping our city safe place to live work and visit.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Nicola Odom Head of Safer Communities Leicester City Council

Ryan Ludlam NPA Commander Leicestershire Police