

February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our February Newsletter with school news, some important notices and forthcoming dates for your diaries.

Mrs M Murphy

New Playground Equipment:

Further to our updated School Behaviour Policy which we advised you of in the January Newsletter, we have now purchased a range of equipment for children to play with during lunchtimes, using money raised through school fundraising events. New play equipment was suggested by the School Council to make lunchtimes more interactive and fun. Mrs Killian launched the new equipment during a KS2 assembly and the children are enjoying the different activities on offer. Over the coming months we will continue to add extra equipment for use at both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.



Parent Consultation Meetings in KS1 and KS2:

An early reminder that you will be invited to attend a Parent's Consultation Meeting this term on **Tuesday 19 March (4.00 - 6.30pm)** or **Thursday 21 March (5.30 - 8.00pm)**. At the meeting you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher.

Further information regarding these meetings and how to arrange appointments will be sent home via ParentMail, by the School Office nearer the time.



Young Voices 2024:

Well done to all the children and supporting adults who attended the OVO Wembley Arena for Young Voices 2024 on **Friday 02 February**. Every single member of the choir did us proud and a huge thank you to Mrs Cladd, Mr Coaker, Mrs Steele, Mrs Doran and Mrs Cappello for preparing them so well! Thank you also to the parents who travelled to Wembley Arena on Friday evening to be part of this special event. The children thoroughly enjoyed being entertained and inspired by the talented musician Nandi Bushell, street dance specialists, Urban Strides, MC Grammar and Singer Natalie Williams. It was a very long day, but certainly one to remember as there was lots of laughter, dancing, singing and fun with friends.



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Roll of Honour:

Well done to the children awarded Roll of Honour awards this half term:



Year 1

1LH M Gradica
1MB H Caulfield
1SW A Cristescu

Year 2

2SC A Gill
2DW G Bohan Simpson
2MH O Ivanco
2DO T Reginold Selvakumar

Year 3

3MG E Tebbutt
3GK M Hirja
3MM K Adenuga
3AV J Zikorius

Year 4

4CW A Ameh
4BG L Fields
4OR N Kurek
4PE C Adams

Year 5

5LB M Harchut
5JS H Jarznya
5DF E Abid
5CS O Gallagher

Year 6

6PC E Ahmed
6SW K Kitka
6JC O Mbonga
6MM T Fitzpatrick

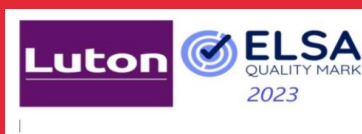
As mentioned previously research demonstrates that absence from school has a negative impact on attainment and progress and can have a damaging effect on a child's life chances. Attendance really does matter and every school day counts!

School attendance remains high on the government agenda and we will continue to monitor attendance closely in order to achieve our 97% target. Well done to 6MM for achieving the highest attendance in January of 96.4%. **We cannot stress enough how important it is for children to come to school every day on time.**



January 2024

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Red	93.4%	Blue	91%	Yellow	95%		
1LH	93.7%	1SW	88.9%	1MB	92.2%		
2SC	94.5%	2DO	94.7%	2MH	94.4%	2DW	93.6%
3MG	92.4%	3MM	95.6%	3GK	95.7%	3AV	91.5%
4CW	88.9%	4OR	95.7%	4PE	90.5%	4BG	96.2%
5LB	95.5%	5JS	95.2%	5CS	94.3%	5DF	93.3%
6PC	92.8%	6JC	95.2%	6SW	94.4%	6MM	96.4%
					Whole School		93.6%



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Healthy Eating:

Our recipe this month is Gingerbread and Apple muffins - they are a tasty treat for a cold day.

In Sweden, gingerbread was thought to have brought good luck, and people would use them to make wishes. The word "gingerbread" derives from the Old French word "gingebras", meaning "preserved ginger" [Find your recipe here](#).



Sporting News:

Our Year 3 and Year 4 Sportshall Athletics did us proud earlier this term, winning gold in the town final and qualifying for the County Finals in March! Well done, this is an amazing achievement.



Penitential Services:

This week the children received ashes to mark the start of Lent. At school we take time during Lent to consider our choices, repent and say sorry to God for the things we have done and also to think of those less fortunate than ourselves.

We would like to invite parents to join us for our KS2 penitential services which will take place in the KS2 hall as follows:

Wednesday 28 February – Year 6 9.00am

Year 5 10.00am

Year 3 11.00am

Thursday 29 February – Year 4 2.15pm

We will also be planning our 'Lenten Sponsored Walk' for CAFOD and we will send out more information on this after half term.



School News:

Term Dates: Half term holiday dates are Monday 19 February – Friday 23 February.

Please note: we finish for Easter on Thursday 28 March and the children return to school on Monday 15 April. Friday 12 April is a staff training day.

The term dates for **September 2024–2025** are now available from the main school office and are also posted on the school website.

