



NEWSLETTER

14 OCTOBER 2022

WELCOME

We really have had such a lot of incredible learning going on across our school over the last couple of weeks that we are only able to squeeze in a very short message to our families! Our staff have been engaged with some excellent training from Mrs Furey. We explored our nurturing approaches; our anti-discriminatory work and we have revisited our behaviour policy. It was a wonderfully proud moment where we came together to learn and celebrate why we are a National Nurturing school and how we move forward with our therapeutic approaches.

As the colder and wetter weather draws in, we ask that the children remember to bring their coats into school please. We know that breaks and learning outside have such a positive impact on wellbeing, so the more we can get out the better!

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend,

Jo Ball
Assistant Headteacher

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

The last two weeks have been a hive of artistic excitement across the classrooms at Laurance Haines. Both Mrs Makinson and Mrs Goss have been in their element, seeing and hearing all the creativity going on in our Art week and then Music week!

Down in KS1, they focused on Spirals in Year 1 for art. They looked at different circular shapes and even creatures like snails! Year 2 created beautiful Autumnal wax resist pictures with crayons, pastels and water colours. In music, the children have been learning off beat rhythms, rest, marching on the beat, call and respond, echo singing and pitch through the Menu Song – look out for this in our Harvest Festival next week. A wonderful performance that might leave you feeling hungry!

Year 2 have been learning how to use instruments, rhythm, articulation, tempo, and pitch to create pictures of the animals in our imaginations all inspired by Saint-Saens, Carnival of the Animals. They have watched performances by the Kennah-Mason family and learnt how music can be used to create different, exciting sounds!

In Year 3, they worked with charcoal and learnt about the art of Chiaroscuro – using light and dark in artwork. They smudged, erased and even used their fingers to create their work. In Music, they have been learning beat, tempo and the time signatures $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{4}{4}$ through folk songs that come from all around the world. They have used tuned and untuned instruments to add timbre and the sounds floating up have been almost angelic!

Year 4 were linking art and writing together – exploring illustrations in narratives and using mixed media to convey tone using hues and depth in those illustrations. Wonderful stuff! In music the children have been learning about gospel music through the song, This Little Light of Mine. The pentatonic scale, gospel music, off-beat, rhythm and call-and-response are all music skills they have been learning. Look out for this song too in our Harvest Festival next week.

Year 5 had to think outside the box for their artwork which combined 2D to 3D ideas and textiles. Rather than using expensive individual mannequins, the children created their own from newspaper and foil – genius! And how incredibly well dressed they were – well done Year 5! In music, they have been learning the difference between the two styles of music, where the music originated from and why. How, instruments, structure, texture, vocal decoration, phrasing and articulating, harmony, solos are used and all about the music director, Kirk Franklin.

Over in Year 6, the children also created 3D sculptures from a 2D drawings, capturing the inspiration they took from Lubaina Himid and creating enlarged human figures which represented themselves. In Music, they've been creating a fabulous sound with Hey Mr Miller. Syncopation, swing rhythm, listening to big band instruments and scat singing are just a few of the skills they have learnt this week. Well done everyone! It has been wonderful to see your beautiful artwork and hear snippets of songs being sung around the school – even by teachers in the playground! We are both so proud of you all for bringing out your inner artist and musician!

Mrs Goss and Mrs Makinson

JUNIOR LIBRARIANS

We are delighted to introduce to you our Junior Librarians and their favourite books which they would like to recommend to you. Junior Librarians assist Miss Player in organising the library and completing library admin as well as keeping the area tidy and inviting for all users.



Beverley - Demon Dentist
by David Walliams

Yenara - A Kind of Spark
by Elle McNicoll

Hope - How to Outsmart a
Billion Robot Bees by
Paul Tobin

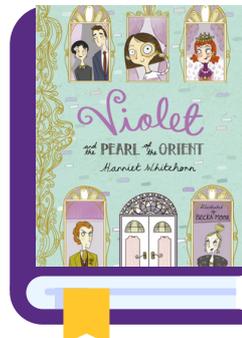
Inu - Violet and the Pearl
of the Orient by Harriet
Whitehorn

Hanshuja - Charlottes
Web by E.B White

Zohad - Planet Omar:
Accidental Trouble
Magnet by Zanib Mian

Leonor - Dogs Don't Tell
Jokes by Louis Sachar

Jannah - Animal Stories
by Enid Blyton



TWITTER ACCOUNTS

We use Twitter to update parents on learning happening within our school as well as promoting upcoming events. Here are some accounts you may wish to follow. Please click on the links:

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| Mr Gray | Mrs Ball |
| School | Pastoral Support |
| Nurture | Lunch |
| Mrs Goss | Mrs Makinson |
| Miss Dunworth | Miss Khatun |
| Miss Wilson | Miss Banks |
| Miss Dos Santos | Ms Lai |
| Ms Al-Alousi | Mrs Tolliday |
| Mrs Gunner | Miss Allen |
| Miss Chaudry | Nursery |
| Reception | Mrs Pandit |
| Miss Player | Mersch - The School Dog |
| Mrs Woodroffe | |
| Inclusive MAT | |



ATTENDANCE

Do you know what your child's attendance is? You can check by logging onto your Arbor app and scrolling down to "Statistics".



SCHOOL OFFICE

For any enquiries, please telephone 01923 233146 or email the school office:
admin@lhaines.herts.sch.uk

EARLY YEARS PLAYGROUND

As we all follow the one way system around school, we all exit via the early years playground. Unfortunately there has been some instances where some of the play equipment has been damaged. As tempting as it is, please could we ask that children do not play on the EYFS equipment as they leave school.

A FOND FAREWELL

We are saying a very fond farewell to Mrs Green, one of our Higher Level Teaching Assistants next week. She has been a part of the Laurance Haines family for an incredible 28 years. I am sure that you will join me in wishing her a wonderful retirement.



VACANCIES

We advertise all of our vacancies on My New Term. To view our current vacancies, please follow the links below:

1:1 Teaching Assistant

<https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/143603/EDV-2022-LHS-08864>

School Business Officer

<https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/143603/EDV-2022-LHS-63533>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- Whole School Photo - Wednesday 19th October 2022
- Harvest Festival - Friday 21st October 2022
- Break up for half term - Friday 21st October 2022
- Back to school - Monday 31st October 2022
- Secondary School Applications Deadline - Monday 31st October 2022
- PTA Table Top Sale - Friday 4th November 2022
- Individual and Sibling Photos - Wednesday 9th November 2022

WELCOME

We are delighted to introduce to you a new member of staff. A very warm welcome to Mrs Reddy who is our new 1:1 Teaching Assistant, having previously worked at school as an MSA.

ANNUAL PARENTAL CONSENT

We still have a few parents/carers who have not yet completed their annual parental consents on Arbor. With Harvest Festival next Friday 21st October, it is crucial for these to be filled in by Monday. If you are having trouble completing this, please do contact the school office on 01923 233 146 for help.

MEET MERSCH

We would like to introduce you all to our School Dog - Mersch. He loves visiting the children during the week and even has his very own Laurance Haines school jumper! Do ask your children if their class has had a visit from Mersch.



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