



# NEWSLETTER

4 NOVEMBER 2022

## WELCOME

It has been brilliant to welcome everyone back to school this week following the half term break. The children have come back to school with a great energy and enthusiasm for their learning. We have lots of exciting experiences and events to look forward to this term and we know that our parents will be kept informed of the fun in school through Twitter, Marvellous Me and conversations with your children. Remember to follow your teacher's twitter page and speak with the office if you are needing support with signing into Marvellous Me.

We closed the half term with a fantastic celebration for Harvest! Whilst I was unable to attend this year, it has been wonderful to hear from children, parents and staff about the success of the morning. The children sang beautifully, shared poetry and captured the essence of a great harvest celebration. Thank you to Mrs Ball and Mrs Makinson, the wider teaching team and, of course, our incredible children for putting on such a brilliant show for all.

Since 2019, the school have been a lead partner in an Erasmus project, focused on the 5 Ways to Wellbeing, collaborating with schools across Europe. This week, the final pieces of evidence were submitted which signals the official end of the project. Our thanks are shared with Mrs Gunner for leading the project over recent years, enabling children to travel to Spain and Italy and sharing the important messages of wellbeing across the continent. Some of the work is captured brilliantly in the project website, which has been designed by children from Laurance Haines, the partners schools across Europe and Mrs Gunner and her teaching peers. Please do check it out - you'll find it provides guidance for children, parents and teachers.

For those of you planning to enjoy firework celebrations over the weekend, we trust that you will all be able to safely enjoy the experience. Children have shared discussions about being safe in our assemblies this morning.

Sebastian Gray  
Headteacher

## SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

The Pastoral Team feel so fortunate to be part of Laurance Haines, a National Nurturing School. The team are here to support children, their families and the wider community. Mrs Goodall and Mr Banks lead our Nurture Group and Nurture lunchtime, supporting children to fulfil their potential in all areas of social and emotional development. Miss Rodrigues supports our new arrival families and children who are multi-lingual. Mrs Furey works closely with families and children to help remove barriers to school life so everyone can thrive.

Below are just a few of the things the pastoral team can support with:

- Any concerns you may have about your child's social, emotional and mental health development
- Adult learning courses
- New to the school and/or to the UK
- Access to support services with the cost of living crisis
- Support for domestic abuse
- Advice and signposting on parenting, finance and housing

Mrs Furey is available Monday to Thursday at the barrier at the beginning or end of the school day or email her on [nicolafurey@lhaines.herts.sch.uk](mailto:nicolafurey@lhaines.herts.sch.uk) to arrange a chat.

Please see our new community and pastoral page on the Laurance Haines Website here:

[Pastoral and Community Support](#)



## CONGRATULATIONS

We are very proud to share the news that one of our Year 5 students, Chey has won a bronze medal in the Boys Single Badminton event at the County Under 11 Championships. Well done Chey - we are all so proud of you.



# WELL DONE

## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

You may have already seen a Christmas Card competition entry form come home with your child. If you would like to enter, please return this by Wednesday 16th November. The winning entry will be printed as our Christmas card for our MP Dean Russell this year.



## RECEPTION PANTO TRIP

We are delighted to confirm that the planned trip to Watford Palace Theatre to see 'Beauty and the Beast' will definitely be going ahead on Monday 5th December for children in Reception.

## ERASMUS

Since 2019, the school have been a lead partner in an Erasmus project collaborating with schools across Europe. The focus of the project has been the 5 Ways of Wellbeing. The website captures the important work that has been done and provides excellent guidance for all on wellbeing. You can find the website here:

[5 Ways to Wellbeing](#)

You can also find more information about the Erasmus project on our website here: [LHS website](#)

## ATTENDANCE

Our community is affected by seasonal coughs and colds at the moment. Please continue to send your child into school if they are affected. Children should only be kept at home if they have a temperature or are suffering with sickness or diarrhoea.

This leaderboard is shared in assemblies at school and the children love to see where their class are. Remember that everyone in the winning class last Autumn won a chocolate selection box. There are six full school weeks left of term. If everyone is in every day, their class could win! Well done to Willow who have been top of the leaderboard all term!

Registration Form	Attendance this term
Year 6 Willow	97.4%
Year 4 Palm	96.3%
Year 3 Yew	95.7%
Year 5 Birch	95.5%
Year 4 Pine	95.2%
Year 6 Walnut	94.3%
Year 1 Elder	94.2%
Year 5 Beech	93.8%
Year 1 Elm	92.4%
Year 3 Oak	92%
Year 2 Hazel	91.9%
Year 2 Holly	91.2%
Reception Pear	88.9%
Reception Plum	85.5%

# SCHOOL OFFICE

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

## FLU IMMUNISATIONS

You will have received an email about the flu immunisations which are taking place at school on Monday 14th November for all children from Reception upwards. This email contains an electronic link where you may consent for the vaccine.

It is important to complete and return the form even if you do not want your child to have the vaccine. If you choose not to complete the consent, this does NOT mean that you have refused the vaccine for your son or daughter.

There is an injection alternative to the nasal flu vaccine which does not contain porcine gelatine. If you wish for your child to receive the injection, please say no to the nasal flu vaccine, you will then be taken to the page where you can consent for the injection instead.

Please note: The electronic link will close at 15:45 on Friday 11th November 2022.

## VACANCY

We currently have vacancies for 2 Midday Supervisory Assistants. If you or anyone you know is interested, please click the link to apply via My New Term:

[MSA Vacancy](#)

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please click the link here to our school calendar which is found on the website. This is a great resource when looking for dates for your diary.

[School Calendar](#)

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Diary Dates

- PTA Table Top Sale - Friday 4th November 2:30-4:30PM
- Individual and Sibling Photos - Wednesday 9th November
- Remembrance Day - Friday 11th November
- Flu Immunisations - Monday 14th November
- Christmas Card Competition Deadline - Wednesday 16th November
- Deco Day - Friday 2nd December
- Reception trip to Watford Palace Theatre - Monday 5th December
- Flu Immunisations (Mop up Session) - Tuesday 6th December
- Nursery Carol Concert - Thursday 15th December
- Christmas Carol Concert - Tuesday 20th December
- Term Ends - 2PM Finish - Wednesday 21st December
- Back to school - Thursday 5th January 2023

## RECEPTION ADMISSION 2023 NOW OPEN

APPLY FOR A RECEPTION 2023 PLACE TODAY

SCHOOL TOURS AVAILABLE NOW

Applications close 15th January

Accredited The National Nurturing School Award



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Applications can be made here: [APPLICATION](#)

School tours can be booked here: [TOURS](#)



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