



NEWSLETTER

13 JANUARY 2023

WELCOME

I'd like to wish our school community a very happy new year!

As always, it has been a pleasure to welcome back children, parents and staff for the beginning of the spring term. The children wasted no time upon their return and have been immersed in a range of science investigations following the break. Learning was centred around enquiry skills, understanding variables and developing the language of science. Children across EYFS and KS1 and have also come straight back to school in new phonics groups following a great half term of progress. This week, the children have been designing and making, across a range of themes and problems to solve. We encourage you all to check in with the class teachers twitter pages, which showcase the breadth of the children's experiences in school.

You may have heard Laurance Haines mentioned on the radio this week. Teachers and staff were sharing in the developments in the curriculum as well as learning experiences inside and outside of the classroom. Over the past year, our History Leads and class teachers have been working to uncover hidden histories to share with the children, giving a more inclusive and representative feel to the lessons. Children are being challenged to think critically about the way some of history is presented and to consider the benefits and negative impacts of actions of individuals on people over time. This is representative of our continued work around Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI). Later in the term, we will be collaborating with colleagues at Herts for Learning Education to deliver a workshop on creating a safe and brave space to discuss racism and discrimination at a national conference for educational professionals, which we hope will ultimately benefit many children and school communities across the country.

We have a number of events to look forward to this term. The PTA will be hosting an EYFS and KS1 disco, as well as a Mothers' Day sale. After half term, we will also host our Parent Consultations, which will provide you all with an opportunity to meet with the class teachers, find out about your child's academic, social and emotional progress and ask any questions you may have about your child's development. Look out for information in the coming weeks as to how to book a time with your child's teacher.

Sebastian Gray
Headteacher

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

We have started 2023 with a bang! Our children have already been immersed with some incredible science and design technology learning. We are so proud of our curriculum and the positive response we are getting from the children and parents. If your child has spoken about the curriculum at home we would love to hear what you think. You may have even caught our Year 6 children talking about the curriculum on the radio!

As we navigate through Spring Term, we will be focusing on the language of the subjects. At the beginning of each week, we will be investing time in the technical vocabulary of the subject in order to give the children a taster of what the learning is going to be across the week. The staff have been working hard this week to think of really exciting ways that language can be weaved into the learning of the week and also how that language can be revisited so the children remember more.

The language for the week will be going out on the preview homework each week so do please take some time with your child to investigate the words that they will be using. If you have any questions about our curriculum, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Jo Ball
Assistant Headteacher

REPORT BY HEART NEWS EAST

We are delighted to share a report by Lillie Almond for Heart News East about the developments in our curriculum and improving representation for our children and our community. We are all immensely proud of ??

You can view the report on Twitter by clicking here: [HEART NEWS EAST](#)



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Black Victorians, colonialism & the histories of various communities - these are some of the themes that staff at @LHS_Watford are bringing into their classrooms. The school is modernising its lessons to represent the rooms they're taught in. @lilliealmond reports for #HeartNews



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HOUSE BREAKFAST

On Thursday 11th January, we again held a 'House Breakfast'. Children met up with other children in the same school house as them to share breakfast and took part in calm start activities together.



2023 LEARNING

Despite only being back at school for little over a week, there has been some incredible learning happening throughout our school! Have a look at some of the wonderful work our children have been doing in class.



SCHOOL OFFICE

For any enquiries, please telephone 01923 233146 or email the school office:

admin@lhaines.herts.sch.uk

BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS

We are excited to continue to offer our alternative morning multiskills club that is open to all children from Reception to Year 6.

You can book single days, weekly or whatever suits your family (subject to availability).

Mr C our sports coach will choose the sport according to the wishes of the children attending each day.

It costs £3 per day per child. For further information please click on this link: [CHALLENGE](#)

As well as this brilliant morning club, we have our alternative before and after school clubs available for booking. Please see the club timetable on our website :

CLUBS

Please note that the Friday afternoon Tots Football is full.

CAKE SALE - WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY

During next Wednesday morning Year 4 are holding a cake sale where all children will have the opportunity to buy cakes at a cost of 50p each. Please give your child money if they would like to buy a cake.

ONE WAY SYSTEM

A polite reminder to our parents and carers to follow the one-way system around school when collecting or dropping off your children.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



- Reception application deadline - Sunday 15th January
- Year 5 and Year 6 Bikeability - Monday 16th January - Friday 20th January
- R/Y1/Y2 Bikeability - Monday 16th and Friday 20th January
- Census Day Fun Lunch - Thursday 19th January
- Year 6 Lincolnsfield Trip - Tuesday 31st January
- World Hijab Day - Wednesday 1st February
- Feeling Good Week - Monday 6th - Friday 10th February
- Y1/Y2 Disco - Friday 10th February
- Break up for Half Term - Friday 10th February

RECEPTION ADMISSION 2023 NOW OPEN

Please note that this Sunday is the deadline to apply for a Reception place for September 2023. Applications are made via Herts County Council Website. You can find this by clicking the link: [APPLICATION](#)

APPLY FOR A RECEPTION 2023 PLACE TODAY
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