



NEWSLETTER

12 MAY 2023

WELCOME

We trust you made the most of the celebrations around the coronation of King Charles III last weekend, as well as the additional bank holiday. As a school, we have elected to recognise this historic moment in school on Friday 26th May. As our letter to you this week highlighted, we would love for parents to join us for a coronation picnic at 2pm on the afternoon, which aims to conclude a day's worth of learning and royal activities for our children.

This week, our Year 6 children have shown incredible energy, resilience and academic skill across statutory assessments in grammar, punctuation and spelling, reading and maths. Whilst the assessments are only a small reflection on the academic progress they have made across Key Stage Two, we know that every child has worked diligently to be as ready for the assessments as possible. Well done to each and every one of you; we have the rest of the summer term to have a lot of fun and continue with the preparations for secondary school. Thank you to the Year 6 team and the wider school team for their efforts and supporting the children through the challenges of the week.

We continue to make enhancements across the school's provision and inclusive culture. One of the areas that has been a focus for the school team is supporting new children and families through their opening weeks of school at Laurance Haines. Whilst this has always been an area we have placed great importance on, our new programme, led by Miss Rodrigues and Miss Eames, has helped to integrate new families and support them to feel a sense of belonging in our school. Welcome to all of our new families who have joined the community in recent months.

Another busy week has been brought to a close with our KS2 Disco, hosted by the Friends of Laurance Haines PTA. The PTA continue to organise great events that will live long in the memories of our children as well as helping to raise essential funds for the school. They have recently invested in picnic umbrellas to provide shelter for our children at lunchtimes. As ever, we are so grateful for their support. We now only hope for better weather in the coming months!

Sebastian Gray
Headteacher

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

Last week, Mr Gray and I were welcomed into Nursery and Reception by Miss Rose and the team as they showcased all the incredible work they do for our youngest children in school.

The start of a child's educational and social journey at school is so important and our Early Years is brimming with incredible learning, experiences and connections to really give our children the very best start.

We saw purposeful interactions with staff and children; an environment which enabled children to explore, be independent and seek opportunity; the outside is vibrant and engaging and the children are accessing high quality teacher led sessions!

Most importantly the children spoke to us about how they feel safe, how their teachers help them all the time and they could speak with such enthusiasm about their learning. A truly inspirational day! Well done to Miss Rose, the team and all of the children!

Jo Ball
Assistant Headteacher



CORONATION PICNIC

We will be hosting our coronation celebrations in school on Friday 26th May. As part of the festivities, we encourage the children to dress in red, white and blue, or as Kings and Queens, as we commemorate this momentous event.

To further enhance the day, we have organised a picnic for children, parents and staff at 2pm on Friday 26th May on the playground. We invite you to bring along your favourite picnic foods to share, as we enjoy the afternoon in commemoration of the coronation.

As a part of the celebration, our students will be proudly singing the National Anthem. We encourage you to support their rehearsal at home where possible. Please see the link below to support this learning:

NATIONAL ANTHEM



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MERSCH

This week our school dog Mersch turned one! He got to celebrate his special day at his favourite place - Laurance Haines School! Happy Birthday Mersch - you provide our children with a wonderful learning opportunity and lots of fluffy cuddles!



THANK YOU PTA!

As you will already know, our PTA hold many events and sales across the school year to help raise funds for our school community. A recent purchase was these fantastic parasols in our KS2 picnic area, providing some much needed shade for those sunnier days. We are so grateful for their purchase and we look forward to some brighter weather to fully utilise them!

Our PTA are looking for more of our parents to help out - either at events or preparing for events. If you can donate any time and are interested in joining the PTA, please email Emma at: folhs@lhaines.herts.sch.uk



WELL DONE YEAR 6!

We are overwhelmed with the tenacity and perseverance of our incredible Y6 team yet again during SATS this year. They have really shone and shown us exactly what they are capable of - greatness! Congratulations Year 6 - you've done us proud and totally smashed it!



SCHOOL OFFICE

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admin@lhaines.herts.sch.uk

YEAR 3 DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

Year 3 did Laurance Haines proud on Thursday 4th May, attending the Trust wide Dodgeball Tournament at Cherry Tree School.

Not only did they display some growing skill and tactic, encouraged greatly by our very own sports coach Mr C, but more importantly, they displayed some excellent sportsmanship, which saw them congratulated by sports coaches across the trust. Their honesty and integrity throughout the games was highly commendable and they congratulated the overall winners with a huge round of applause, smiles upon their faces. If this is the future of sport at Laurance Haines, we are all in for a very exciting few years ahead.



DATES FOR THE DIARY



- Reception trip to Odds Farm Park - Wednesday 24th May
- Coronation Celebration - Friday 26th May
- Break up for Half Term - Friday 26th May
- Back to school - Monday 5th June
- Y5 Trip to Phasels Wood - Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th June
- Y1 Visit to Sea Life Centre - Wednesday 14th June
- Wellbeing weekend (no school) - Friday 23rd June- Monday 26th June

WILDFLOWER GARDEN

You may have noticed that the grass by our pedestrian exit has been roped off. We are currently growing a wildflower garden and we kindly ask that children do not walk on this grass.



VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a part-time cleaner. This is a temporary contract for 12.5 hours per week, outside of school hours. If you or anyone you know may be interested, please apply via My New Term at:

CLEANER VACANCY

Please note that this is a physical role. Please see the job description in the link above for full details on the role.



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