



NEWSLETTER

3RD MAY 2024

WELCOME

Dear Families,

As always life at Laurance Haines has been busy across the last few weeks. We are developing our curriculum to enhance the children's learning experiences and working with the children to think about how they can make their work better. Ask your child about their blue, purple and red pens when they are at home and what we use them for to support their understanding, skills and knowledge. Please access the 'Our School' tab on the school website to see our curriculum and what your children are learning about.

Over the last few weeks it has been wonderful to see the children learning outdoors. Despite the inclement April weather we are experiencing, I have seen our children accessing our outdoor areas to learn and explore the world around them. As we approach the bank holiday weekend, I hope you make the most of Watford's outdoor experiences including Cassiobury Park, the Aquadrome, Ebury Way walks or Canal walks. If you fancy a venture further there is always Ruislip Lido. All of these activities are free and may only incur a small travel fee. Being outside has such a positive effect on our wellbeing, it promotes physical activity and brings a sense of togetherness.

Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend. See you all on Tuesday.

Jo Ball
Headteacher

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

Reception have had a fantastic start to the Summer term. They have been introduced to this half terms new topic, "Let's go outside!" Both Reception classrooms have had an exciting make-over in the roleplay areas including a Garden Centre and a Bug Investigation Hut.

The children have been learning new fine motor skills and vocabulary about nature and Springtime. In the Garden Centre the children practiced planting seeds and having discussions about the parts of a plant. One child said, "This flower has 6 petals!" In the Bug Investigation Hut, the children have used tweezers to carefully pick up the insects and use a magnifying glass to investigate them. "The butterfly is very delicate," said one of the children when playing.

This term Reception have explored the Season Spring and shared facts they already knew about it. Team Pear and Plum adults have had their socks blown off with how much the children already knew! Parents, ask your child what they know about Spring! The children were amazed to learn the changes that happen in Spring and have written impressive sentences about what they can see and do in the Springtime.

Danielle Allen
Pear Class Teacher



BUDDHISM WORKSHOP

At the beginning of RE week, Year 4 enjoyed a Buddhism workshop. It was a fantastic experience! The session was not only engaging but also offered valuable insights into the faith!



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

As a school, we are part of the Inclusive Multi Academy Trust with two other schools in the local area. This term, we are celebrating the amazing news that all of our schools have the full allocation of 60 students for Reception starting September 2024. This is a huge achievement and we are looking forward to welcoming all our new pupils in September!



ATTENDANCE

As you all know, we have a termly class attendance prize. This is our leaderboard so far, as you can see, Team Yew have gone into an early lead!

Year 3 Yew	97.0%
Year 5 Beech	96.3%
Year 6 Walnut	96.2%
Year 4 Pine	95.9%
Year 1 Elm	95.7%
Year 1 Elder	95.5%
Year 5 Birch	95.0%
Year 2 Hazel	94.9%
Year 3 Oak	94.5%
Reception Plum	94.1%
Year 6 Willow	94.0%
Year 4 Palm	93.3%
Reception Pear	93.3%
Year 2 Holly	84.6%

It is lovely to see the children settled back into school after the Spring break. We have started the Summer term with good attendance but we are aiming, as always, for excellent attendance! This Wednesday we hit 98% across the school, with only 10 students absent. This is amazing, and it would be lovely to see these figures EVERY day!!

A couple of reminders:

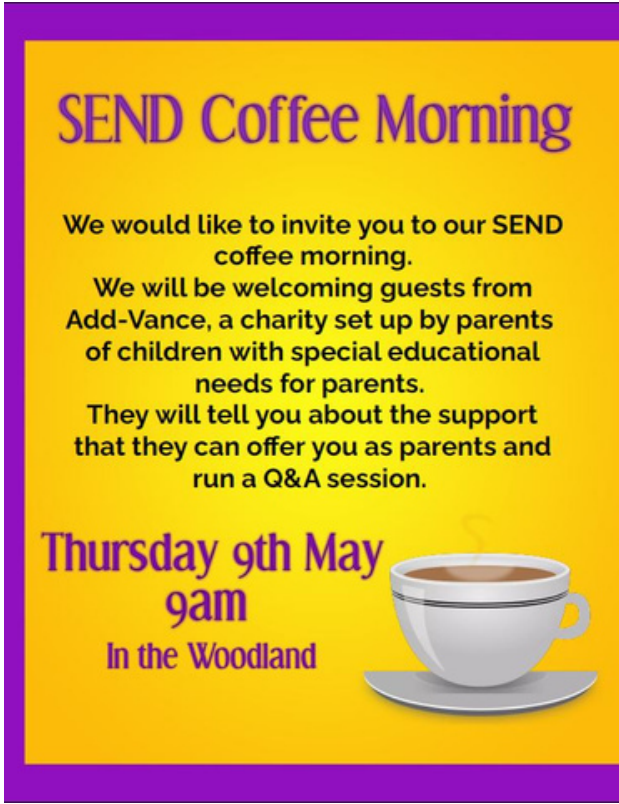
- Children should be sent into school with minor coughs and colds. We will always call you if your child deteriorates during the day.
- Medical/dental appointments should be made out of school hours whenever possible. If this is unavoidable, it is better to make the appointment after 2pm so that your child can be in school for most of the day.
- We do not authorise holidays in term time. Any time away from school puts your child at a disadvantage and disrupts their learning

Research shows that pupils with the best attendance have the best academic outcomes. Thank you for doing all you can to get your children into school every day to maximise their chances of achieving their full potential.

SEND PARENT COFFEE MORNING

Please email or speak to our SENCO, Mrs Connell if you would like to attend the SEND parent coffee morning. Her email address is:

SENCO@lhaines.herts.sch.uk




SEND Coffee Morning

We would like to invite you to our SEND coffee morning.

We will be welcoming guests from Add-Vance, a charity set up by parents of children with special educational needs for parents.

They will tell you about the support that they can offer you as parents and run a Q&A session.

Thursday 9th May
9am
In the Woodland



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB PAYMENTS

If you would like your child to attend a before or after school club, please ensure that you have booked onto the club on Arbor (or via the external company’s website for Archery and Gymnastics) and paid for this in advance. Each club has a maximum number of participants and if your child has not been booked on in advance, they may not be able to take part.

Please ensure you have funds in your child's meal account prior to the start of the week



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- May Bank Holiday (No School) - Monday 6th May
- SEN Parent coffee morning - Thursday 9th May
- KS2 SATS - week of Monday 13th May
- May half term - Monday 27th-Friday 31st May
- Back to school - Monday 3rd June
- International Day - Thursday 6th June
- Year 5 trip to Phasels Wood - Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th June
- Wellbeing Day (No school) - Friday 21st June
- IMAT Olympic Day - Friday 28th June
- Year 6 Activity week - Week of 1st July
- Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip - Monday 1st July
- Electric Umbrella performance - Monday 8th July
- Transition Day - Thursday 11th July
- End of Term - Friday 19th July 1:30pm

INTERNATIONAL DAY AUDITIONS

We are thrilled to be celebrating International Day again this year. The celebrations will take place on Thursday 6th June. This event is a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate the rich diversity of cultures within our school community and raise funds that will provide resources and enrichment opportunities for our children. Previous fundraising at International Day has meant that we are able to provide multilingual books for the library as well as hold amazing workshops such as the Dragon Dance as well as the immersive Spanish dance workshops held earlier this year.

We are inviting children and adults to perform a musical or dance piece from their culture and auditions will be held in school. If you are interested in performing, please speak to Mrs Al-Alousi (who teaches in Team Yew) or email her at:

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