



# NEWSLETTER

17TH MAY 2024

## WELCOME

Dear Families,

Firstly we want to say huge congratulations to our Year 6 children who this week have taken the KS2 SATs exams. Their resilience and determination was admirable throughout and not only that, they have got through the week with such positivity. It is always so important to remember that despite these tests feeling important, they do not measure the important aspects of our children. We are proud that our children are kind, happy and talented in so many different ways. At Laurance Haines, we are committed to supporting children to be the best they can be in all areas of life.

After half term, on Thursday 6th June, we will be hosting our much loved International Day where we celebrate the wonderful diversity of our school community. This year, we have blended International Day with our Proms in the Playground event to hopefully bring a cultural fusion of food, dance and song. Thank you to our parents who have already agreed to perform at the event. If you would like to share something we would love you to join us. Please contact Mrs Al-Alousi (miriamalalousi@lhaines.herts.sch.uk) or Mrs Makinson (beckymakinson@lhaines.herts.sch) should you want to take part. As always, we welcome all the incredible food dishes which celebrate cuisine around the world.

As we approach the end of this half term, I would like to thank our families for your continued support. Laurance Haines is a family and we are grateful for all that our community do to enhance our relationships.

Wishing you a safe and happy weekend.

Jo Ball  
Headteacher

## SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

Hello all! I am so excited to take a moment to share with you how much fun we are currently having in computing, from Year 4 utilising micro-bits within their D+T lessons, to Year 1 diving head first into the world of Purple Mash!

Starting with Year 1, who are having so much fun in their computing lessons. They have really taken well to logging into Purple Mash all by themselves and have begun exploring the site and saving their work into the shared class space. Keep it up team!

Over in Year 2 they have been learning to edit digital data by making musical compositions. Amazing work team!

Year 3 have completed lessons on touch typing where they have learned to use both their left and right hands to type. I bet they will be putting those skills to go use in the future!

Moving up to Year 4, who have been learning about online safety. They have been focusing on identifying phishing emails and plagiarism. Really important and sensible stuff, well done Year 4.

Year 5 have been learning all about Google Docs. Within this they have been learning a range of skills, from learning to open a blank document or template to editing images and inserting tables to their document. I think Year 5 will be computer whizzes in no time!

Lastly, Year 6 have been very busy with their SATs prep. Congratulations to all of you hard working superstars who have completed their SATs this week!

I would like to put some of the spotlight on online safety. The children spend a lot of their computing time learning the importance of online safety. In Year 1 the children learn the importance of keeping personal information private. Up in Year 6, the children are learning how to recognise acceptable and unacceptable behaviour and how to identify and report concerns. When using a computer or device, it is so important to remember the SMART rules to keep ourselves safe online! Overall, we are seeing some excellent learning in computing across the school. Keep up the amazing work everyone!  
Have a lovely weekend!

Miss McNamara

## INTRODUCING ASPENS

Following the letter that was sent our earlier today, we would like to introduce our new catering company who will be working in the schools across our trust, Aspens.

You will have received the new school menu which will start after half term. Please take the time to look through this.

# Aspens



## CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 6!

We would like to congratulate all of our Year 6 children who have been taking their SATs this week. We are so proud of you all and all of your hard work.



## CELEBRATING ATTENDANCE

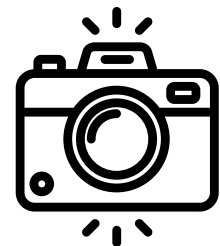
Congratulations to Team Yew who have held on to the top spot on the leaderboard despite Year 6 having 100% attendance this week for their SATS!

We continue to have excellent attendance across the whole school.... Keep doing what you are doing. It is making such a difference!

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks
Year 3 Yew	97.0%
Year 6 Walnut	96.9%
Year 1 Elm	96.8%
Year 5 Birch	96.4%
Year 6 Willow	96.2%
Year 4 Pine	95.9%
Year 2 Hazel	95.8%
Year 3 Oak	95.5%
Year 1 Elder	95.2%
Year 5 Beech	95.1%
Reception Pear	94.5%
Year 4 Palm	94.5%
Reception Plum	94.5%
Year 2 Holly	88.2%

## CLASS PHOTO DAY

This year the class photos will be held on Tuesday 4th June. Please make sure that your child comes to school in full school uniform on this day.



## ONE WAY SYSTEM

A polite reminder that the one-way system is still in operation around school to ease the flow of traffic around school This is especially important for parents of children in Year 4 and 6. Thank you for your co-operation.

# LOWER KS2 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the lower KS2 children who proudly represented our school at the Watford FC tournament at the Meriden. They also participated in a Mental Health Workshop focusing on recognizing emotions, especially during football games. Although our school didn't win the tournament, we are thrilled to announce that we received an award for Fair Play, which is a remarkable accomplishment. We are incredibly proud of all of you.



# MINI BEAST ADVENTURES

The Woodland have been learning about mini beasts. They have been observing their movements and their habitats. They have also welcomed two new members to the Woodland team in the form of stick insects!!



# DATES FOR THE DIARY

- May half term - Monday 27th-Friday 31st May
- Back to school - Monday 3rd June
- School Photo Day (Class photos) - Tuesday 4th 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 NEED YOUR TALENT! FOR INTERNATIONAL DAY!**

We are holding International Day on Thursday 6th June from 3pm. We are looking for singers and dancers to perform in front of the school. We would love for you to join us. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Makinson in Team Willow or Mrs Al-Alousi in Team Yew.

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