



NEWSLETTER

7TH JUNE 2024

WELCOME

Dear Families,
As always, it has been such a busy few weeks where we have seen such incredible things from our children.

I hope that you have had a chance to look at X (Twitter) and seen the incredible flood of images from International Day. At Laurance Haines we are so passionate about everyone in our community having an authentic sense of belonging. International Day was a genuine example of how beautifully our community come together. The feeling of togetherness and sense of belonging was palpable and it was wonderful to see so many children and families share their talents and heritage. Of course it was a team effort to get the day organised but there must be a special mention and thank you to Mrs Al-Alousi and Mrs Makinson.

We would absolutely love to host more events like this. So please do come and tell us if you have any ideas of things we could do.

Wishing you a safe and happy weekend

Jo Ball
Headteacher

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

Yesterday we celebrated an absolutely incredible International Day. The event was a huge success, with a wonderful turnout of parents and carers. The festivities kicked off with performances celebrating culture and heritage by all classes from reception to Year 6. It was wonderful to see children singing so beautifully, and the hall was packed full of proud parents and carers. It was amazing to see the multitude of flags being flown, and children being so proud of their heritage and having the opportunity to celebrate. Parents and staff were moved to tears by the performances.

We are so thankful to parents and carers for the delicious and amazing contributions of food. The stalls had a selection of tasty savoury and sweet dishes from all around the world! An extra big thank you goes out to some of our Romanian parents who generously contributed two stalls worth of Romanian food. So thank you to Alina Enescu, Viorica Hojbota and Alexandrina Nachiu. We cannot thank you enough. The stalls was beautifully decorated, and they also generously donated their time to run the stall.

A special thank you goes out to the staff who helped to run the event. These magical events are possible thanks to the help of the PTA and the staff who donate their time to help with these events. There was beautiful henna designs, amazing face-painting, glitter tattoos, a raffle and an ice-cream truck! There were additional community performances in the hall from a plethora of parents and children. We are in awe at the talent across our community, and parents are already enthusiastically eager to perform at next year's international day! We enjoyed Bollywood dancing, singing in a variety of languages, Romanian dancing, musical duets from parents and children and lots more!

Your incredible generosity has enabled us to raise in excess of £500 which will be used to provide the children with curriculum enrichment activities, and buy vital resources to support our bilingual children.

Miriam Al-Alousi
Bilingual and MfL Lead

INTERNATIONAL DAY

Please see some photos from International Day. Do check out X (formerly Twitter) for more.



TRUST OLYMPICS SPORTS DAY - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

As you will already be aware, we are taking part in a Trust Olympics Sports Day on Friday 28th June. This will be held at Woodside Stadium. Parents are welcome to attend to watch their child participate however you must make your own way there and back and children will not be allowed to leave with you from Woodside and must return to school. Details for the day, including timings for each year group, will be communicated by email shortly.

If you are planning to come to watch your child, the address for Woodside is:

Woodside Stadium
45 Newhouse Crescent
Watford
WD25 7HH

DINNER ACCOUNTS ON ARBOR

If you pay for school dinners, please ensure that there is money in your child's Arbor account before the start of each week. If your child has a school meal every day, the amount for the week is £12.25.

BEACH DAY

As you may be aware, the whole school are planning a trip to the beach! Please keep an eye out for a letter coming home with more and important information shortly.



INTRODUCING ASPENS

Our new caterers Aspens started with us this week with our new summer menu. We have had some fantastic feedback already. Please do check out the menu on our school website: [SUMMER MENU](#)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 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
- Whole School Beach Trip - Wednesday 17th July
- End of Term - Friday 19th July 1:30pm

YEAR 2 HANDBALL COMPETITION

We are so proud of Year 2 who went to Beechfield this week for their Trust Handball competition and came home as the winners!! Well done Year 2, we are all so proud of you!

CONGRATULATIONS MR ENGLANDER

Congratulations to Mr Englander who has completed his training to become our stand-in crossing patrol guard!



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