



LJS Update

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This half term has already been so busy with the swimming gala (which of course we won!) trips to the ice arena to meet the GMB Panthers and our mural painting. We have also done some great work around different texts during book week including some great raps, songs and artwork based on Alice in Wonderland in Year 6. Year 3 have done some beautiful work around the book The Day the Crayons left. Year 4 have been creating work around the How to Train Your Dragon series and I thought my Dragon was very friendly and well behaved on World Book Day!

Year 5 are starting work on Dougal the Deep Sea Diver, which is a beautifully illustrated book.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our parent appointments throughout the rest of this half term

Jess Scott

Parent Appointments

This half term you will be able to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. We have offered a wide range of times and dates to be as flexible as possible. Once again we will be using the electronic booking system for you to make any appointments.

Swimming Gala Success!!!

On Thursday 21st February 2017, the schools in Nottingham went to a swimming gala at Kimberley Leisure Centre. The schools that competed were: Larkfields Junior, Greasley Beauvale, Mornington, Awsworth, Bagthorpe and Priory. All the schools tried their best and competed well. After lots of cheering and exhilaration, it eventually came to the results. We all held our breath when he announced the winner of the School swimming gala 2017 was, Larkfields Junior School! For the 12th year running!
By Archie and Harriet

Digital Screen

We have received money to spend specifically on improving health and signposting the community to events and other outside agencies. The digital screen that we purchased with this money is now up and running. The film clips are regularly changed and during play and lunch times children can access fun fitness activities. We are looking forward to the children being able to make their first Larkfields News film which will appear on the screen later this year.

Hair Bows and Accessories

Can we please remind you that, although beautiful, pupils should not wear large/oversized bows or other large accessories in their hair. Firstly, they are a health and safety hazard – if they get caught in anything, they could hurt or injure your child and secondly, they are not part of school uniform. Any hair accessory should be small and in either black or bottle green. Thank you for your co-operation.
Please look out for a parent consultation on school uniform that we will be issuing very soon.

Skating with the Nottingham Panthers

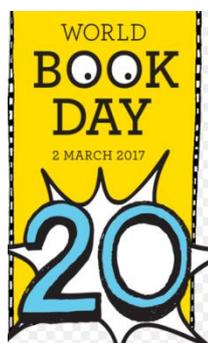
On Tuesday 28th February, 35 people from Larkfields Junior School went to the Nottingham Ice Rink to watch the Panthers train, and then skate with them. Everyone was amazed at how well The Panthers could play and for some of our children it was their first time on the ice! Everyone who went represented the school well and had a great time. Some of us were even lucky enough to have a photo with them and share a conversation!

In particular, our favourite team players on the day were Jeff Dimmen and Alex Nikiforuk because they interacted with us and helped us skate when we were struggling. We look forward to seeing them again at the match against Manchester Storm.

By Thomas G and Harriet, Year 6



World Book Day



What a fantastic week of reading events we have had. I would like to thank Andi Deacon for all her amazing hard work on producing our murals. These look brilliant and really brighten up the playground. The children worked extremely well together to produce a piece of art work to be very proud of.

Dressing up was a great success and I loved the wide variety of costumes and books that were represented.

New Catering Provider

We would like to announce to you that Larkfields Junior School have moved away from Nottinghamshire County Council for the provision of school meals. As from the 18th April we will be working with Coombs Catering Limited to provide the lunchtime service.

Representatives from Coombs will be at the parents evening on 23rd March from 4pm-6pm. They will be available to talk to and will also bring sample menus and produce.

You may be aware that Nottinghamshire County Council are planning to increase their school meal price to £2.29 per meal from the 1st April. We will be putting the school meal price up from 1st April but not as much. The school meal price for Larkfields Junior pupils will be £2.25.

More information will be given to you when we have it but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mrs Poxon.

As we will be moving to the new supplier, **can you please make sure that all dinners up to and including 31st March are paid for by Monday 27th March.** You may be charged at the increased price for any dinner money still owing after this date. Thank you.



Focus on...

Taking Care

This half term our focus is on taking care of each other. During our Take Care Week we will be holding a variety of parent workshops for all parents to find out more about some of the invisible disabilities we deal with in school and some of these workshops will be run by our very own parents.

The children will be doing a range activities linked to our Take Care theme and the spiritual, moral, social and cultural elements of the national curriculum. More information to follow. At Larkfields our aim is to make your amazing children into lifelong learners who grow into young people that make a positive contribution to the community they live in. I think of our school as a family - we don't always get to choose who is in it but we show respect and tolerance to our family members, and yes at times we might not get along but we **always** take care of each other no matter what.

Our Take Care Charter is an integral part of our whole school. We passionately believe that our whole school needs to Take Care of ourselves, each other, our environment and our learning. Our school ethos and Behaviour Policy revolves around our Take Care Charter which is explained to all members of our school community and is posted around the school to promote respect for others. This is reiterated through our classroom and learning rules. All pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for our pupils to make these choices safely, through the provision of a secure environment and empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely. Whether it be through choice of challenge, of how they record their work, of participation in our various extra-curricular clubs and opportunities, pupils are given the freedom to make choices for themselves around their learning.

As a staff we are working continually to ensure that **all** of our children enjoy school and take care of their learning, each other, the environment and themselves.

Lost Property

There are two bin-liners full of clothing, lunch boxes, footwear, etc in the lost property in school. Only two of the items had names in so we were able to return them.

Can you please make sure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name and class.

You are welcome to look for missing items in the lost property either before or after school time, however, any un-named items that are not claimed by 31st March will be disposed of.

PE Kit

We are noticing more and more that children are not coming to school with the correct PE Kit. P.E. is part of the National Curriculum and all pupils are expected to participate as they would in any other lesson. We do have some spare kit in school but recently kit that has been borrowed has gone home in P.E. bags and not been returned. Please ensure that your child brings their kit to school every Monday morning and it is left in school all week ready for P.E. lessons. Thank you.