



LAUREL LANE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

LAUREL LANE NEWSLETTER

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Mayor's Fund for London School of the Year 2016

Executive Head teacher – Mr C Cole

Next week is Menu Week 2

Head Teacher – Mrs S Voisey



Thank you to Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 for their wonderful fundraising events so far and to our lovely parents for supporting their chosen charities.

The children were quite disappointed that we did not celebrate Red Nose Day today. However, we do not want to keep asking for money, and feel it is important that children understand that parents are not a never ending money machine.

As we get to the end of the term, it is clear to see that the children are getting very tired. This is the first year in two years that the children have had a full term (almost if we do not count the gas leak) in school. This time two years ago, we were in full lockdown and last year we were just making arrangements for the children to return to school. We can't wait for you to see their books on Monday so you can see how much they have been learning so far.

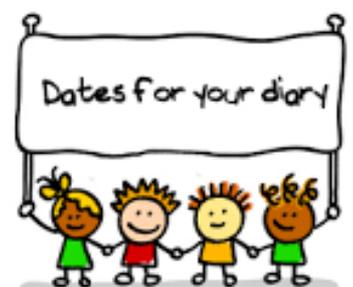
We had a record number of parents who attended the Y6 SATS information session this week. It has been lovely to have parents inside the school again. It is our plan after the Easter holidays to return to having whole school assemblies in the hall again. With the spread of infection, this has not been possible. Fingers crossed that by the end of the Summer Term, we will be able to invite parents to our end of Term and Year 6 leavers assemblies.

It has been lovely seeing parents taking advantage of the back entrance/pathway to the school and hope that it has made a difference to your school journey. Mr Jackson has certainly been kept on his toes with the extra locking and unlocking of the gates.

The weather is set to be glorious today and next week – fingers crossed no more rain! Please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school and a sun hat when the weather get warmer. Please apply sun screen before they come to school.

Dates for your diary

- 21st to 25th March – Spring term parent consultations
- 21st Parents invited into school to view their child's work – 3.30 to 4.30pm
- 24th March - Year 6 Charity event
- 25th March – Key Stage 2 French Day
- 31st March - Year 1 and Year 5 Charity event
- 31st March – 34EA Picnic at lunchtime
- 1st April – Last Day of Term – School finishes at 2pm.
- 19th April – First day of the Summer Term
- 21st Dogs Trust Assembly and Workshops for Year 6





Above and Beyond Students

Congratulations to the following children for going above and beyond during the week ending 11.3.2022



1DS – Sana
2HJ – Maryela
3/4EA – Haider
3/4RH – Sara
6EG – Dea



1IK –
2LW – Saleha
3/4KS – Alaa
5CW – Messi
6GR – Madhi

Times Table Rock Stars - Weekly stats: 7th March – 13th March 2022 (Monday 9am – Sunday 9pm)

Class	Active Players	Most Improved	Class	Active Players	Most Improved
1DS	11% (+4%)	Tifarah	34KS	17% (+9%)	Anaya
1IK	8% (0%)	Nabeeha	34RH	65% (+3%)	Shabana
2HJ	30% (+8%)	Tyrese	5CW	42% (0%)	Messi
2LW	21% (+13%)	Emma L	6EG	96% (+4%)	Frankie
34EA	64% (+12%)	Abdulah	6GR	11% (-19%)	Aishah

Year 4 will be completing the Multiplication Tables Check in the Summer Term, so it is important that they take the opportunity to practice their speed of recall of the tables.

HOUSE POINTS

Week Commencing 07.03.22

Red: 1530

Yellow: 1432

Green: 1092

Blue: 917

Attendance
Week Ending 11.03.22
93.4%

Attendance, Sickness and Lates

Whole School
attendance this year:
92%

**Class of the Week:
Tadpoles pm 97.2%**

Late Arrivals

79 children were late for school last week.

Being late for school disrupts the children already in class and does not give your child a good start to their school day

Please be in school by 8.45am

Unfortunately, attendance is still lower than we would hope for. Whilst we appreciate that there is extra worry at the moment with Covid-19, it is important that we try to maintain a regular routine for children and that includes them going to school. On the next page you will see a table of a variety of conditions and if a child needs to be kept out of school or not.

If your child needs to take antibiotics 4 or more times a day, we are quite happy to administer them – just complete the form and hand the medicine to a member of staff at the school office. We are also happy to administer pain relief to your child – again complete a form at the school office and we will do the rest!

How Being Late To School Impacts Your Child

By Vicki Little

It is a familiar sight at schools everywhere. A car screeches into the parking lot just as the late bell rings. A parent and child jump out and run to the front door, frantically zipping up the child's backpack and giving a quick goodbye kiss. The child goes into school, and the parent heads back to the car, looking like they just finished working a 12-hour shift. Yep, they were late. As parents, we know how those simple five minutes can throw us off for the rest of our day, but what about the kids? How does being late to school really impact a child? Is everything OK once he or she gets settled in the classroom? Probably not.

If you have ever volunteered in a classroom and seen the late students come in, your heart can't help but break for them. Their faces are sweaty from rushing and red from the embarrassment of disrupting class. Those children might also be wondering how they are supposed to "hurry to class" while at the same time not run in the hallways. With morning messages blaring overhead, they shove their coats and backpacks into their lockers or cubbies. In their haste, they might drop their notebook on the floor. They quietly put homework where it belongs and their lunch into the bin. With all eyes on them, they finally settle at their desk, 20 minutes after the teacher started instructing. They have missed important announcements and discussions about last night's homework. The rest of the class will sit quietly while the teacher brings the late student up to date on what was missed. That child didn't mean to be late. Maybe they were just really tired. But Mom might be mad. And everyone is irritating them, and now they don't understand the assignment. They never quite catch up, and they are on edge. Who wouldn't be with that start to the day?

It may seem like 10 minutes isn't really that much, but for the typical school day of 6.5 hours, a student who is only 10 minutes late every day will miss **30 hours** of school time that year. If a child is 10 minutes late getting to school, it is more like 20 minutes until they are actually learning. The impact on the class as a whole is even larger. If two kids are late, one by 5 minutes and one by 10 minutes, then the class schedule might get pushed back. That means the teacher will need to alter something else during the day to account for time the class lost helping a late student catch up.

The occasional tardy is nearly inevitable. Things happen to all of us. Coffee spills and shoes get lost. Conversations need to happen. There are a million things that can cause people to run behind. Ideally our daily routines would include time to account for mishaps to minimize tardiness. If you are finding that your child is late one or more times per week, though, you may need to change your routine to ensure a successful start to your day. Here are a few suggestions that may help.

- 1) Pack backpacks/lunchboxes the night before.** The last thing you want to be doing as you are rushing out the door is trying to find lost homework. Make sure everyone's backpacks are ready to go and prepare home lunches as much as you can. Also fill their water bottles ahead of time and store in the refrigerator.
- 2) Lay clothes out.** Seems too simple to make a difference, but hunting down matching socks or pants without holes in the knees is quite the time consumer. Not only that, but you won't have to worry that you didn't notice your child was wearing shorts in negative degree weather until after you arrived at school.
- 3) Set up a "last stop" area.** Pick any available area near the door you typically leave through and put everything there for the day: backpacks, phones, homework, and especially coats and shoes. There are no last-minute distractions this way.
- 4) Play a family favorite music list.** Music can get people moving and can even turn a mood around. Pick upbeat songs that everyone enjoys. Play the same set each day so that everyone starts to recognize the cues and where they should be. For example, when the second song ends, breakfast is over. The third song ending means teeth should be brushed, and when the last song starts, they should be heading to get their coats and backpacks on.
- 5) If all else fails, wake up earlier.** Not the most enjoyable solution, but sometimes drastic measures are needed.

Vicki Little is a work-at-home mom with two young kids.

Charity Events

We are delighted to announce that the Laurel Lane Charity events run by our pupils are back this March.

Every class have picked the charity they want to support and are very busy preparing goods for their fundraisers.

Please support their initiative and effort by coming to the events and purchasing the items they will have to offer. It is such a great cause to teach our children to be kind and supportive of those in need!

Please note the following dates into your diaries.
The events will take place on Thursday outside the School Hall from 3 pm on:

March 24, 2022 - Year 6

March 31, 2022 - Year 1 and Year 5



The Right Trousers

We are desperately in need of spare trousers for our older pupils in case they need to change them during the day because their own trousers have gotten wet or muddy.



If you are able to donate any trousers, especially age 9 upwards, we would be extremely grateful to receive them. Please hand them into the school office.

If you are able, you may want to put a spare pair of trousers or tights in your child's bag in case they may need them.



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