

Parentmail Friday 31st January, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

The netball squad thoroughly enjoyed their training session with the Cardiff Dragons netball players last Friday, and they also welcomed Lisvane Primary to Lakeside for a match this week, in which they played very well. Final scores were 13-1 and 7-3 to Lisvane. Thank you, as always, to our netball coaches for your expertise and dedication!

We enjoyed decorating the Half Aker Wood Garden with Chinese New Year flags bearing Year of the Snake designs, and pupils learned about Chinese New Year, its origins and how it is celebrated. It was lovely to see pupils wearing national costume on Wednesday – thank you to parents/carers for making this such a special day.

The PTA Loose Change Challenge has launched to great excitement and has generated a lot of donations already. We think it will be a close-run thing as all the classes compete to collect the heaviest amount of coins by the end of next week!

#### **NSPCC Number Day – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> we will be raising money for the NSPCC as we celebrate Number Day. It will be a non-uniform day and pupils and staff are invited to wear numbers to school.

#### **International Mother Languages Day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

The official International Mother Languages Day is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February, but we will be holding our Eisteddfods on that day, so we will celebrate Mother Languages a week earlier. Our School Council pupil group will deliver an assembly celebrating all the languages of the world, and the wonderful range of languages spoken here at Lakeside. Pupils are invited to wear national costume to school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February if they wish.

#### **PTA News**

**Please see the attached information about the PTA discos on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Wear white and/or neon colours and shine brightly! Nursery to Year 2 Disco 5 - 5.45pm; Years 3 to 6 Disco 6 - 7pm.**

#### **Other upcoming PTA events**

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – exciting mystery visitor coming to school to see the children...!
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Nursery to Year 2 PTA Cinema Night in school: arrive 5pm for 5.15pm start
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Years 3 to 6 PTA Cinema Night in school: arrive 5pm for 5.15pm start
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April – PTA Duck Race at Roath Park 9.30am
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Spring Fair after school – seeds/plants, books, cakes, and more
- There will also be Cake Sales dotted across the term and a parents/carers event.

As always, a huge thank you to the PTA and event/fundraising volunteers for all that you do. The money you raise and donate to or spend on us has a huge and positive impact on school life.

#### **Warm Homes Scheme**

Please see attached a leaflet from Shelter Cymru providing advice on fuel support that is available and important information to help keep you warm and safe in the winter months.

### **Sharing Sessions dates: Spring 2025**

Below are the dates for our parent/carer sharing sessions which will take place in the large school hall during March and into early April.

Nursery	Easter Bonnet parades Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 10.45am & 2.30pm
Reception	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am
Year 1	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am
Year 2	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 9.15am
Year 3	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am
Year 4	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am
Year 5	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 9.15am
Year 6	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am

Wishing you a pleasant and safe weekend.

Best wishes,  
Rachel Mitchell

### **Upcoming events / Term dates**

#### **February 2025**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Dydd Miwsig Cymru / Welsh Music Day  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – last but one Year 5 Young Lifesavers session for 5V pupils  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Winning class of PTA Loose Change Challenge announced  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – PTA ‘Disglos’ Ultra violet disco – 5-5.45pm for pupils in Nursery to Year 2; 6-7pm for pupils in Years 3 to 6 (wear white and glow!)  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February - last Year 5 Young Lifesavers session for 5V pupils  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – International Mother Languages Day  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – exciting mystery visitor coming to school...!  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Eisteddfodau  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – break up for Half Term

#### **March 2025**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Sharing Session  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Young Lifesavers session for 5B pupils: session 1 of 5  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 & 6 residential visit to Llangrannog  
**No Young Lifesavers session this week due to Y5 and Y6 residential**  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Reception to Year 2 PTA Cinema Night  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Sharing Session  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Young Lifesavers session for 5B pupils: session 2 of 5  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Years 3 to 6 PTA Cinema Night  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – COMIC RELIEF DAY  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Pupils v Staff netball match for Comic Relief (during school day)  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Sharing Session

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Sharing Session  
 Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Sharing Session  
 Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Young Lifesavers session for 5B pupils: session 3 of 5

April 2025

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Year 2 Sharing Session  
 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Year 5 Sharing Session  
 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Year 5 Young Lifesavers session for 5B pupils: session 4 of 5  
 Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April – PTA Duck Race  
 w/c Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Parent Consultations this week  
 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Bonnet parades  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April - Year 5 Young Lifesavers session for 5B pupils: final session  
 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – break up for Easter  
 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – back to school

May 2025

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May – proposed date of Spring Fair in lower playground (after school)  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – break up for Half Term

June 2025

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – INSET DAY**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – back to school for pupils  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Sports Day – National Indoor Athletic Centre, Cardiff Met University – morning

July 2025

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day – National Indoor Athletic Centre, Cardiff Met University – morning  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – last day for pupils – break up for summer

**Term dates**

**2024-2025 Academic year**

**Spring Term 2025**

Back to school	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January		
Break up for Spring Half Term break	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February		
HALF TERM BREAK	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	
Back to school	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March		
Break up for Easter break	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April		
EASTER BREAK	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	

**Summer Term 2025**

Back to school	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April		
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May		

Break up for Half Term break	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May		
HALF TERM BREAK	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	
<b>INSET DAY</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June		
Return to school	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June		
Break up for Summer	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July		
<b>INSET DAY</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July		