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The Newsletter of Lakeside Primary School: March 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support throughout our Inspection. I am so proud of the whole school community, but especially the children who all told the inspectors how proud they were to be pupils at Lakeside. I will be in touch after Easter with a publication date for the Inspection report.

Well done also to our Year 3 pupils, staff and families for the success of our two-week swimming course at Splash Central. The staff at Splash Central were full of praise for the Lakeside pupils for being so polite, respectful and committed to their swimming lessons – we're very proud of them!

We wish all families who are celebrating Ramadan the continued blessing of the Holy month and Eid Mubarak for after the Easter break! We also extend our good wishes for a pleasant – and colourful! - celebration to those of you who are celebrating Holi. Best wishes to everyone for a peaceful and enjoyable Easter and Easter break.

Thank you so much for your kind donations of food and toiletries for the Food Bank at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Gabalfa. We delivered all the donations yesterday and the church wanted us to thank our families very much for helping – our delivery will make a big difference to people who might otherwise have struggled over Easter.



School meal price increase

We have received notification that school dinner prices are rising from £2.75 to £2.85. The increase will be in place from 1st April.

Universal Free School Meals

A reminder that **Year 5 pupils will receive UPFSM from Monday 8th April, 2024**, and Year 6 pupils will receive UPFSM from Monday 3rd June, 2024. Meals will need to be ordered by 8am each day via ParentPay. Please contact the school office if you have any problems ordering. Thank you

Easter Competitions from the Pupil Leadership Team

Please see the attachments with details of two competitions launched by the Pupil Leadership Team for children to take part in over the Easter break. They are to think of a name for the Wellbeing Pod, and to design a Wellbeing Pod mascot. Thank you.

News

- Reception received a delightful visit from some puppets early this half term, to launch their Puppets and Pop-ups learning project
- Year 2 visited Roath Park as part of their Tales from Wales learning project
- The Lakeside Chess Championship took place, with pupils from Years 2 to 6 taking part in several rounds of chess games in which they all did extremely well.
- Following this, a Lakeside Chess team took part in the World Chess Union's primary school team championship on March 16th – and I'm delighted to report that the Lakeside team won and are now Wales Primary Schools Chess Champions. Well done all and thank you to the parent who runs the team and to all parent-carers who enabled their children to take part in the championship.
- Year 3 completed two weeks of swimming lessons.
- Some of our instrumentalists and our school choir took part in two music service Spring Showcase concerts last week. Excellent events, as always, and many thanks to the parents/carers who take the children to and from rehearsals and concerts.
- A huge well done to the Lakeside Netball Teams! Not only did their Year 6 members take on the teachers in a hard-fought and close match on Red Nose Day, but that same day the teams played against Marlborough Primary in their very first competitive matches. Well done to them and thanks to the parent-volunteers who run the team and to parents/carers for transporting their children to and from the match and for cheering the players on as they played.
- The School Council delivered another van-full of donations for the Food Bank at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Gabalfa – thank you so much for your generosity yet again Lakeside families!
- Year 4 visited Caerphilly Castle as part of their Here and There learning project
- Parents, carers and staff enjoyed two lovely Easter Bonnet parades by Nursery children this week
- Year 1 and Year 5 welcomed parents/carers to school to share this term's work with them

Whole-school events this half term

- The School Council presented a whole school assembly on International Mother Language Day, where they talked about how many Mother Languages are spoken at Lakeside and how important it is to keep languages alive.
- On World Thinking Day, pupils who attend Rainbows, Cubs, Brownies, etc., wore their uniforms to school
- Welsh Week: pupils in Nursery to Year 2 enjoyed creating Welsh art and learning Welsh songs ready for their Eisteddfod. Years 3 to 6 pupils created Welsh art and pieces of decorated handwriting, and rehearsed for performance competitions on Eisteddfod Day. Thank you to Criw Cymraeg for running this event.
- Thank you to children and families who purchased Marie Curie daffodils during Welsh Week. I'm pleased to share with you that our daffodil sales raised a wonderful £244.03.
- Lakeside celebrated World Book Day on Friday 8th. Pupils enjoyed wearing comfortable clothes and having time to read during the school day.
- We all enjoyed Red Nose Day – wearing odd shoes and socks and watching the Year 6 v teachers netball match. Year 5 pupils set up stalls on Friday morning to raise money for Comic Relief and they raised a phenomenal £599.27 towards our grand total of £785.61. Thank you to all of you for your donations, to Year

5 staff and pupils and their parents-carers, and to all the pupils and families who bought cakes, etc on the day.

PTA News

A big thank you to those who attended the PTA meeting this week. Lots of exciting ideas were discussed and plans are afoot for some great events next term, including a seedling sale, book sale, quiz and of course the much-loved Summer Fayre.

Dates for your diary:

- Friday 19th April: Seed and Book Sale
- Monday 13th May: Cake Sale
- Thursday 6th June: Lakeside Quiz (adults only!)
- June TBC: Plant Sale
- Friday 5th July: Summer Fayre

If you'd like to get involved in helping at any of the PTA events please contact lakesideprimarycardiffpta@gmail.com or join the PTA Whatsapp group on <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Dfgt2EVr45u07ZdqhkKHf4>

On 19th April 2024 the PTA is organising a Seed and Book Sale. If anyone has any spare kinder egg pods (see pic below) they could donate for us to use could you drop them off at the school gate the FIRST WEEK BACK after Easter please? Thank you! Plant sale will then take place in June - date tbc!!!



Thanks, PTA

Parent/Carer Consultations

- Monday 15th April - Parent-Teacher consultations for parents/carers of pupils in Class 1E only will take place throughout the day
- Wednesday 17th April – Parent/Carer consultations (all classes except 1E) from 3.40pm
- Thursday 18th April – Parent/Carer consultations (all classes except 1E) from 3.40pm

Dates for Parent Sharing sessions: all in Big Hall

Reception	Wednesday 24 th April 9.30am
Year 2	Tuesday 16 th April 2.30pm
Year 3	Thursday 2 nd May 9.30am
Year 4	Thursday 18 th April 9.30am
Year 6	Tuesday 30 th April 9.30am

Learning Project Experts

As you know, we love to welcome experts from the school, and wider, community to be 'experts' in our Learning Projects. If you, or someone you know/family member, have knowledge and experience to share with the children connected to any of the following subjects, we would love to hear from you. Thank you.

	Summer Term	The kind of expert we would like
Nursery	Are Eggs Alive? Build it up	Nursery children will learn about growth and life cycles and watch caterpillars grow into butterflies; Mr Carey will be demonstrating bricklaying to Nursery children. Anyone who can add to his knowledge of building will be very welcome.
Reception	At the beach On the Farm	Someone who knows about looking after the beach environment and plastic pollution; Anyone who is a farmer or knows about looking after livestock and/or agriculture
Year 1	Enchanted Woodland	This learning project is all about native trees, plants, flowers and animals, and pupils visit and learn about the history of Roath Park. Year 1 would love to meet any wildlife experts or anyone who knows about Roath Park.
Year 2	Our Natural World	Year 2 will welcome experts on insects, spiders and other small creatures, like slugs and snails. The project also looks at pollution and its effects on the natural world as well as learning about The Countryside Code and its importance.
Year 3	Tremors Flow	Year 3 would love to meet a volcanologist or geologist who knows about volcanoes; All about rivers, river banks, famous rivers and pollution – anyone who can join us to talk about these things will be very welcome.
Year 4	Blue Abyss	Year 4 would love to meet someone who knows about the oceans, seas and sea creatures of the world, as well as about deep-sea diving and the science of boats and submarines.
Year 5	Scream Machine	Anyone who can talk about the science behind roller coasters with a focus on forces, cam mechanisms, pendulums, pulleys and prototypes will be very welcome!
Year 6	A Star is Born	A learning project about musical theatre. Year 6 will be delighted to meet anyone who can talk to pupils about costume and set design, props, acting and direction.

After-school Clubs

Please note the change to Choir – it will now take place after school on Tuesdays

Club	Day & Time	Year Group	Start date
Chess	Mondays 3.30-4.15	Years 2 to 6	Monday 22 nd April
Football	Mondays 3.15-4.15	5&6	Monday 22 nd April
Choir	Tuesdays 3.15-4.15	4, 5 & 6	Tuesday 16 th April
Code	Tuesdays 3.15-4.15	Year 5	Tuesday 23 rd April
Dance fit	Wednesdays 3.30-4.15	3, 4, 5 & 6	Wednesday 17 th April
First Aid	Thursdays 3.15-4.15	Year 5	Thursday 25 th April
Netball	Fridays 3.30-4.30	5&6 (waiting list)	Friday 12 th April

Wishing you all a peaceful Easter break.

Best wishes,

Rachel Mitchell

Upcoming events / Term dates

April 2024

- Monday 8th April – return to school
- Monday 8th April – Universal Free School Meals begin for pupils in Year 5
- Wednesday 10th April – expected date of Eid ul-Fitr
- Monday 15th April – Year 1 visit to Mountain View Ranch
- Monday 15th April - Reception visit to Barry Island
- Monday 15th April - Parent-Teacher consultations for parents/carers of pupils in Class 1E only will take place throughout the day
- **Tuesday 16th April – Year 2 Sharing Session 2.30pm**
- Wednesday 17th April – Parent/Carer consultations (all classes except 1E) from 3.40pm
- Thursday 18th April – Parent/Carer consultations (all classes except 1E) from 3.40pm
- **Thursday 18th April – Year 4 Sharing Session 9.30pm**
- Friday 19th April – World Bee Day at Lakeside
- Friday 19th April – PTA Seed and Book Sale
- **Wednesday 24th April – Reception Parent Sharing Session**
- Monday 29th April – Colorfoto – class photos
- **Tuesday 30th April –Year 6 Sharing Session 9.30am Big Hall**

May 2024

- **Thursday 2nd May – Year 3 Parent Sharing Session**
- Monday 6th May – BANK HOLIDAY
- Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th May – Years 5&6 Manor Adventure residential trip
June 2024
- Monday 14th May – PTA Cake Sale

June 2024

- Monday 3rd June – INSET DAY
- Thursday 6th June – PTA Quiz (adults)

July 2024

- Friday 5th July – PTA Summer Fayre
- Monday 22nd July – INSET DAY

Term dates

2023-2024 academic year

Easter Break		Monday 25 th March, 2024	Friday 5 th April, 2024
Return to school	Monday 8 th April, 2024		
EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 6 th May, 2024		
Break up for Half Term	Friday 24 th May		
Summer Half Term		Monday 27 th May, 2024	Friday 31 st May, 2024

INSET DAY	Monday 3 rd June		
Last Day of term	Friday 19 th July		
INSET DAY	Monday 22 nd July		