



DRAGONFLYER



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Easter Break Dragonflyer after a very short but busy half term. I would like to thank Lakeside families yet again for your engagement with our learning, teaching and other activities, including fundraising (see Comic Relief below).

This half term, Year 3 pupils undertook daily swimming lessons for two weeks and Splash Central staff and members of the public praised the children's behaviour at the pool and how committed, engaged and enthusiastic they were for their lessons. We are very proud of them!

Thanks to Mrs Wilkinson and the Lakeside Choir, who joined other choirs and instrumentalists (several from Lakeside) at the Cardiff & Vale Music Service *First Experiences Festival* at St David's Hall. It was a wonderful concert and a great experience for the choir and audience alike.

Some Year 5 pupils took part in a debating competition in Howells School this half term in which the Lakeside team came overall third. One pupil won the Best Runner-Up Speaker Award and another won the Best Questioner of the Competition. Well done to those who took part and thank you to their parents/carers, Mrs Vanstone and Mrs Tanner.

Year 6 pupils entered the Rotary Club of Llanishen's 'Colin Baber Award - Primary Schools Essay Competition'. Many primary schools enter this competition and we're very proud to announce that one of our Year 6 pupils has received an award for coming 3rd overall out of all the entries. Well done to her and thanks to Miss Taylor and Mrs Loulou for organising!

Year 4 visited Caerphilly Castle on a very rainy day, but thoroughly enjoyed their visit which is part of their *Castles and Kingdoms* Learning Project.

And finally... We had the pleasure of seeing morning and afternoon Nursery children showing us their Easter bonnets in the Easter Bonnet Parades. Thanks to parents/carers for attending, and more importantly for helping their children make their lovely bonnets. It was a welcome huge dose of cuteness just before breaking up for Easter.

PTA Uniform Sale

Many thanks to the PTA for organising today's Preloved Uniform Sale taking place in the FP hall at the end of the day.

PTA News

Last year was our first Lakeside seedling sale and not only was it good fun, but we also had a great turnout of both donations and eager buyers. So, we plan to do the same this year, sometime in May. Please plant, pot and propagate over the Easter hols if you wish to join in.

Thank you, from the PTA

Sharing Sessions for parents/carers

Thanks to all the parents/carers who joined us to share the work their children have been doing over this half term. Each sharing session was unique and it was a delight to welcome so many people to school and the children always enjoy seeing their families and sharing their work. We look forward to next term's sharing sessions.

Parent Consultations

It was lovely to welcome you into school to look at your child's work and to meet their teachers. Thank you very much for your positive comments and feedback. Thank you also to those of you who also provided us with valuable feedback in the parent/carer questionnaires. This is much appreciated. Here is the QR code for the questionnaire for anyone who needs it.



Below also is the information about accessing your child's individual feedback from their Welsh Government personal assessments. Please go to www.hwb.gov.wales/. You will need to log in with your child's log-in details, click on the Personalised Assessments tab, then Learner Feedback. The feedback is in the form of interactive PDF files where you will find examples of the types of questions your child got right and ones that they had difficulty with.

A guide to Welsh Government test results can be accessed here, if needed:

<https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/reading-and-numeracy-assessments/personalised-assessments-information-for-parents-and-carers> and information about the feedback can be accessed here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PzMIR3b6XcD_18kPjB9dlp6vFrj4ArkZ/view?usp=share_link

School dinners

We have been advised by Cardiff Catering that the cost of school meals is going up to £2.75 from the first of April. Parentpay will be updated to reflect this.

Universal Free School Meals

The local authority has informed us that Universal Free School Meals will be rolled out to include Year 1 from Monday 24th April, 2023 and Year 2 from Monday 5th June, 2023.

Experts from our school community

As usual, we would love to hear from experts who can help us with our Learning Projects next term. Below you will see a list of our upcoming Learning Projects, some of which are continuations. If you see anything here that you can help with, if you have skills, talents or an interesting job or hobby that you think would be useful and engaging for the children to hear about - in any year group, not just your child's - please contact me on MitchellR28@Hwbcymru.net. This could involve talking to a class (either face-to-face or remotely), or simply being involved in our learning projects. Our Learning Projects after the Easter break will be:

Year Group	Learning Projects
Nursery	Are Eggs Alive? about the life cycles of creatures from egg to adult; using the story of the Very Hungry Caterpillar
Reception	What lives in a rock pool? – rock pool creatures and those we find at the seaside
Year 1	Enchanted Woodland – what we find in a woodland and our local area, and what we sometimes find when there's magic in the air. Year 1 is particularly looking at the history of Roath Park, so if anyone knows a local expert...
Year 2	Our Natural World – all about the world around us: minibeasts, ponds, the coast and the impact of plastic pollution on our environment.
Year 3	Tremors – earthquakes and volcanoes: how they work, why they happen and what occurs during an eruption.
Year 4	1st Half Term: Castles & Kingdoms : the history of medieval Wales, William of Normandy and the Welsh princes; 2 nd Half Term: Blue Abyss : the oceans and seas, their creatures, exploration and inspiration.
Year 5	Scream Machine – studying forces and mechanisms through the context of fairground and theme park rides.
Year 6	Darwin's Delights : looking at the theory of evolution All our Mexicos – Mexican food, Mexican music, Mexican everything!

Thank you in anticipation of your help and support.

After School Clubs: arrangements for new term

Choir for Years 4, 5 & 6 restarts on **Monday 17th April – the first day of term**

Football – **which is now moving to Mondays** – for Years 5 & 6 starts on the **second Monday** of term: 24th April

Chess – Year 2 - will start on the **second Monday** of term: 24th April

Sport Fit – Years 3 & 4 – will start on the **second Tuesday** of term: 25th April

Dancefit – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – will start on the **second Wednesday** of term: 26th April

Young Lifesavers – Year 5 pupils - will start on the **second Thursday** of term: 27th April

Whole-school events this half term

- Pupils and staff enjoyed a Welsh Week after the half term break, during which pupils enjoyed wearing traditional Welsh costumes, creating Welsh art and held Eisteddfodau in celebration of Welsh culture. Thank you so much for providing the clothes, and for joining in the half term baking competition.
- Lakeside Primary School was awarded the Dyslexia Friendly Schools Silver Award and is the first school in Cardiff to achieve the Silver. Thanks to Mrs Williams for co-ordinating this and to all staff for making us Dyslexia Friendly.
- Comic Relief Day: staff and pupils wore red to mark Red Nose Day and the Pupil Leadership Team collected donations on the gate. Year 5 hosted a charity stall which was extremely popular and raised over £540. The total raised for Comic Relief was £891. Thank you yet again to Lakeside families for your continued generosity.
- Mrs Gamble marked British Science Week with a whole school assembly in which she carried out some experiments with sound waves and making musical sounds, and shared with us her favourite experiments.
- Claire Donald, the author of *Mother Earth is Weeping*, visited school to read her book and share the beautiful illustrations with children. Younger year groups were treated to readings from Claire's other books. Pupils asked very intelligent questions at the end of the sessions, about the book itself and about being a writer.
- We hosted the Scholastic Book Fair in school and many children and parents/carers enjoyed browsing and buying books. Lakeside is given some free books as 'commission' for hosting the Fair.
- Lakeside was one of ten schools on the WOW Walk to School Challenge Walk of Fame – well done Lakeside families!

Year 5 Cycling Proficiency

These lessons will take place in June. The Easter break will be the perfect opportunity for Year 5 pupils to get out and about on their bikes and practice their cycling ready for their proficiency lessons.

Have a great Easter break and look forward to seeing for the summer term.

Best wishes,

Rachel Mitchell

Upcoming events / Term dates

DATES: 2022-2023 academic year

April 2023

EASTER BREAK

Sunday 9th April – Easter Day

Monday 17th April – back to school

Wednesday 19th April – Reception visit to Barry

Friday 21st to Saturday 22nd April – Eid ul-Fitr (exact dates TBC)

Monday 24th April – Mayor visiting school to speak to Year 6

Thursday 27th April – Year 1 trip to Mountain View Ranch in Caerphilly

Friday 28th April – Year 2 to Newport Wetlands

May 2023

Monday 1st May – BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 8th May – BANK HOLIDAY for Coronation

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June – Half Term break

June 2023

Monday 5th June – INSET DAY

Monday 12th June - Year 5 Cycling Proficiency Week 1 – one Year 5 class

Monday 26th June – Year 5 Cyclin Proficiency Week 2 – the other Year 5 class

July 2023

Friday 21st July – last day of 2022-23 academic year for pupils

Monday 24th July – INSET DAY

SUMMER BREAK

Term dates

2022-2023 academic year

Easter Holiday		Monday 3 rd April, 2023	Friday 14 th April, 2023
Back to school for Summer Term	Monday 17 th April, 2023		
EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 1 st May, 2023		
CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 8 th May, 2023		
Break up for Half Term	Friday 26 th May, 2023		
Summer Half Term		Monday 29 th May, 2023	Friday 2 nd June, 2023
INSET DAY	Monday 5 th June, 2023		
Return to school	Tuesday, 6 th June, 2023		
Last day for pupils	Friday 21 st July, 2023		
INSET DAY	Monday 24 th July, 2023		
Summer break			
INSET DAY	Monday 4 th Sept, 2023		
Pupils return to school	Tuesday 5 th Sept, 2023		