



# DRAGONFLY



The Newsletter of Lakeside Primary School:  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for supporting the PTA Cake Sale in aid of victims of the Turkey/Syria earthquake. I'm delighted to tell you that **£586.37** was raised on that day and has been donated to the DEC Earthquake Appeal. Thank you all so much for your generosity and support, thank you to the PTA for organising it, to parents and carers of Year 2 and 3 who provided the goodies and to all who helped at the sale.

### Reception Sharing Session for parents/carers

Thanks to parents/carers of Reception pupils who joined us today to share the work their children have been doing over this half term. It was lovely to see so many people in the hall and the children were clearly delighted to see their families, even more so when they were able to show them the dinosaurs that they have made. A lovely event for all concerned. Below is a reminder of the dates of other Sharing Sessions for parents/carers.

| Year Group | Date and time                            | Location             | Event                                      |
|------------|--|----------------------|--|
| Reception  | 9.10am: Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February | Key Stage 2 Hall     | Come and meet our Dinosaurs                |
| Year 1     | 9.10am: Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March  | Key Stage 2 Entrance | A celebration of Brazil                    |
| Year 2     | 2.30pm: Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March  | Key Stage 2 Entrance | Visiting Wales                             |
| Year 3     | 2.30pm: Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March  | Key Stage 2 Entrance | Art and Science                            |
| Year 4     | 9.10am: Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March    | Key Stage 2 Entrance | Presentations of different American states |
| Year 5     | 2pm: Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March     | Key Stage 2 Entrance | Planting seeds to grow over Easter         |
| Year 6     | 2.15 pm: Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March | Key Stage 2 Entrance | Tourism in the polar regions               |

### One more INSET Day

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July has been made an Inset Day, which means that the last day in school for pupils before the summer break will be Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### World Book Day rescheduled

This will now be celebrated on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Please see last week's Parentmail telling you all about it (attached).

### St David's Day and Eisteddfod

Please see the attached information for parents/carers about the week after the half term break, which is our Welsh Week. To summarise: there is a competition for pupils to bake something Welsh-themed over half term – there is guidance for this in the attached document. Pupils can wear Welsh national costume or Wales sports kit on St David's Day (Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March). Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have their Eisteddfod on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in which pupils will find out who has won the various Eisteddfod competitions. For this day, please can pupils in Years 3, 4, 5, & 6 come to school wearing their school House colours which will be Red, Blue, Green or Yellow. Thank you.

As always, Marie Curie daffodils will be available to buy on the gate after the half term break

### Parking around school

Thank you to those of you who park near the school for drop-off and/or pick-up for being careful not to block residents' drives and using the streets around the school safely, and with consideration and courtesy.

### Clubs

After school clubs restart on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb as follows:

|                                      |                       |  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Monday 3-15 to 4-15                  | Choir                 | Years 4, 5 and 6   |
| Monday 3-30 to 4-30                  | Chess                 | Year 2. Pupils will be sent letters<br>Miss Page's classroom |
| Tuesday 3-15 to 4-15<br>3-15 to 4-20 | Football<br>Sport Fit | Years 5 and 6<br>Years 3 and 4                               |
| Wednesday 3-15 to 4-15               | Dance Fit             | Years 3, 4, 5 and 6  |
| Thursday 3-30 to 4-30                | Young Lifesavers*     | 5V   |

**\*Please note that Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is a Strike Day so the Young Lifesavers sessions will start the following week.**

### Universal Free School Meals

The local authority catering department tells us that the date for rolling out Universal Free School Meals to Years 1 and 2 has not yet been decided. We will keep parents and carers informed as we receive more news.

### Digital Leaders Safer Internet Day Competitions

The Digital Leaders announced the winners of the poetry and animation competitions in assembly this morning. There were many happy faces and some great prizes. Thank you to Mrs Evans, Mrs Vanstone and the Digital Leaders for organising this.

### Whole-school events this half term

- Pupils and staff NSPCC Number Day raised £220 which was added to our Childline collection for the Safer Internet Day competitions, bringing the total donated to £311.
- Pupils listed birds they saw on the school grounds and submitted the data to the RSPB's Big School Birdwatch
- Digital Leaders presented a Safer Internet Day assembly giving guidance to pupils on how to stay safe online
- Several competitions were launched, entered and judged:
  - Lakeside Citizens' Handwashing poster competition
  - Pupil Leadership Team's Design a School Mascot Competition
  - Digital Leaders' Poem and Animation competitions for Safer Internet Day

### Dyslexia Friendly Schools Silver Award

Lakeside Primary School has been 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.

### Pupils bringing medicines to school

If your child has **prescription medicine** that they need to take during school hours, please can you fill in the appropriate medical form at the school office. Pupils will need to give the medication to their teacher as soon as they arrive in class. The teacher will arrange for it to be put somewhere safe until it needs to be taken.

Unfortunately, **no other medicines can be brought to school by pupils**. If your child needs to take non-prescribed medicine during the school day, such as paracetamol, you are welcome to come into school to administer it yourself.

### Year 3 swimming

Year 3 Swimming Lessons will take place every day across two weeks, starting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March and ending Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. The lessons will be at Splash Central. Details of arrangements will be sent to parents closer to the time.

### Last Chance for Lost Property

Yesterday, we sent out photos of lost property – photos of items that have been sent before, plus some additions. If your child has mislaid something, please have a look at the photos and if you recognise something either email the school on [lakesideprimary@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:lakesideprimary@cardiff.gov.uk) Items that haven't been claimed by 3<sup>rd</sup> March will either be donated to the

PTA or taken to a charity shop. To avoid losing items, please label **everything** with your child's name and class so that if it is lost, we can return it. Thank you.

### PTA

Thanks to all who baked, bought and helped at the Cake Sale to raise over £586 for the Earthquake Appeal. Looking forward to the next half term, we will host another pre-loved uniform sale – we have lots of green school-branded jumpers and cardigans, so please come along and grab a bargain.

**MOVIE NIGHT: Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will enjoy a cinema experience on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March.** Details to follow. All proceeds will go toward providing fun things for our kids at school. Nursery and Reception children are loving their new PTA-funded playground markings, and the School Council are putting together a list of items each class would love to have. We look forward to being able to provide these.

Happy Half Term! From the PTA

### Experts from our school community

Thank you to those of you who have contacted me offering to contribute to British Science Week. If anyone else is interested, we would love to welcome you. Now we are looking at our post-half term break Spring Learning Projects, and if any parents/carers/family members can help. Sessions with experts from our school family and community have proved extremely popular with pupils and we, therefore, hope that we can do many more. 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, please contact me on [MitchellR28@Hwbcymru.net](mailto:MitchellR28@Hwbcymru.net). This could involve talking to a class or assembly (either face-to-face or remotely), or simply being involved in our learning projects. Our Learning Projects after the Half Term break will be:

| <b>Year Group</b> | <b>Learning Projects</b>  |
|-------------------|---|
| Nursery           | <b>Are Eggs Alive?</b> about the life cycles of creatures from egg to adult; using the story of the Very Hungry Caterpillar   |
| Reception         | <b>Puppets and Pop-ups</b> exploring puppets and pop up books, making puppets and using them to tell exciting stories   |
| Year 1            | <b>Rio da Vida</b> , all about carnivals, with the main focus on Brazil   |
| Year 2            | <b>Tales from Wales</b> , focusing on stories from Cardiff and in particular Vinny the Seal from Victoria Park  |
| Year 3            | <b>Predator</b> – all about the food chain and how animals interact and survive in different habitats   |
| Year 4            | <b>Castles and Kingdoms</b> , about the Norman Invasion 1066, the castles of Wales, Welsh princes and princesses and how the Black Death affected the population of Wales |
| Year 5            | <b>Sow, Grow and Farm</b> is about planting and growing fruit and vegetables, alongside <b>Tints, Tones and Shapes</b> which is about art.                                |
| Year 6            | <b>Darwin's Delights</b> , looking at the Theory of Evolution, other explorers and how animals adapt to environments  |

Thank you in anticipation of your help and support.

Best wishes,

Rachel Mitchell

## **Upcoming events / Term dates**

**DATES: 2022-2023 academic year**

February 2023

## **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term break**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – back to school

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – World Book Day

### March 2023

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – St David's Day

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Year 3 Sharing Session for parents/carers

#### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - strike day**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Year 3 to 6 Eisteddfod

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 Sharing Session for parents/carers

6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Swimming Lessons fortnight

#### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March – strike days**

10<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March – British Science Week

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Sharing Session for parents/carers

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Ramadan begins (exact dates TBC)

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.30pm – Year 2 Sharing Session for parents/carers

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> - 9.10am – Year 4 Sharing Session for parents/carers

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm – Year 5 Sharing Session for parents/carers

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – break up for Easter

### April 2023

#### **EASTER BREAK**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – back to school

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

### May 2023

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – BANK HOLIDAY**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – BANK HOLIDAY for Coronation**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Half Term break**

### June 2023

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – INSET DAY**

### July 2023

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – last day of 2022-23 academic year for pupils

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July – INSET DAY**

#### **SUMMER BREAK**

## **Term dates**

### **2022-2023 academic year**

|                             |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Spring Half Term            |  | Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February, 2023 | Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February, 2023 |
| Back to school              | Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February, 2023 |  |  |
| Break up for Easter holiday | Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2023    |  |  |
| Easter Holiday              |  | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April, 2023     | Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April, 2023    |

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