



DRAGONFLYER



The Newsletter of Lakeside Primary School: October 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first Dragonflyer of the 22-23 academic year, and what a busy half term it's been! We have especially enjoyed being able to invite parents back into school for meetings, events and especially our PTA Spooks and Sparkles disco yesterday! Thank you so much to them for organising this! We are looking forward to many more fun events ahead.

Please remember that the Monday after the Half Term break (Monday 7th Nov) is an INSET DAY, and we look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Tuesday 8th November.

Free books for pupils

The Books Council of Wales are funding the **Schools Love Reading Campaign**. This will be rolled out across all primary state schools in Wales and provides a free book for every child. Today your child will bring home their free book to enjoy reading over the half term break.

Catering / Kitchen News

- We have a new kitchen following a big refurbishment in preparation for the introduction of Universal Free School Meals (UFSM). Free School Meals are now being enjoyed by Reception pupils. More information will follow as the scheme is opened up to more year groups.
- Please see attached flyer for National School Meals Week.

Pupil Groups

We had a great response from pupils in Years 2 to 6 to become members of our pupil groups where classes voted for their representatives. Guided by staff members, these groups are structured, with a Chair, Deputy, Treasurer, etc., and fortnightly meetings are held to work on various projects. The Pupil Groups are:

- School Council
This pupil group is the point of contact for suggestions and ideas that pupils may have for the school. The group is also who we call on when jobs need doing, e.g. the whole group helped to bag up and carry out our harvest donations to the Food Bank collection vehicle. The School Council recently launched a Greenpeace Nature Poem competition and will judge the entries during the next half term. The teachers who are working with the School Council are Miss Taylor (Y6) and Miss Page (Y2).
- Lakeside Citizens
This group consider environmental, health and global matters. They recently launched and judged the Brita Design a Recycling Bin competition and chose the best designs to enter the national competition. The teachers who are working with the Lakeside Citizens are Mrs Bird (Y4), Mrs Evans (Y1) and Mrs Thomas (PPA).
- Digital Leaders
Pupils in this group have the skills to help with IT in the classroom as well as promote digital activities and engagement throughout the school. They have just launched two Half Term competitions for pupils all about autumn and photographing nature (see below). The group also has some exciting ideas for future competitions and activities. The teachers who are working with Digital Leaders are Mrs Vanstone (Y5) and Mrs Evans (PPA).
- Criw Cymraeg
This group promotes the use and enjoyment of Welsh throughout the school. The focus for this year is on working towards achieving the Silver Cymraeg Campus award, following our success in early 2020 in achieving the Bronze.

Criw recently promoted our great Shwmae Day, with competitions and quizzes enjoyed throughout the school. The teachers who are working with Criw Cymraeg are Mrs Loulou (Y6), Mrs Nessbert (Y1) and Mrs Davies (Reception)

- Year 6

We had an extremely high standard of applications from and interviews with Year 6 pupils and were delighted with their enthusiasm and the positive way they spoke about our school. We have now appointed a Head Girl, Head Boy and Deputies. Congratulations to all of them on this achievement. Prefect, Play Leader, Reading Buddy and Official Helper roles are being assigned after half term. Well done Year 6, I am proud of you all!

New Curriculum

Curriculum Meetings with parents

- We were delighted to welcome Reception parents and carers into school for a presentation by Mrs Rayer on how we teach reading in the year group and how parents can help at home
- Mrs Burgin took Year 1 parents and carers through how the new Curriculum for Wales will work in Year 1 and plans for each of the areas of learning and experience.
- The remaining year group curriculum meetings are as follows (please note the start times, which are slightly earlier than last week's Parentmail
 - Year 2: Thursday 10th November at **2.30 pm**
 - Year 3: Friday 11th November at **2.30pm**
 - Year 4: Wednesday 16th November at **2.30pm**
 - Year 5: Friday 18th November at **2.30pm**
 - Year 6: Tuesday 15th November at **2.30pm**

Experts from our school community

Thank you to those of you who have already contacted me with offers of help with our Autumn Term Learning Projects. We have had a fruit farmer all the way from Italy who has come to chat to Year 3, experts from the NHS who will be joining the Year 2 *Brilliant Betsi* learning project, and Year 1 had a Mum and baby visit. Part of the new Curriculum for Wales involves connecting with the world of work and our community around us. 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. This could involve talking to a class or assembly (either face-to-face or remotely), or simply being involved in our learning projects. Our Autumn term Learning Projects are:

Year Group	Learning Projects
Reception	Do you want to be friends? All about what makes a good friend and how we are all similar and different.
Year 1	Moon Zoom , where the focus is on learning all about space and space travel.
Year 2	Brilliant Betsi , the story of Betsi Cadwaladr, a Welsh nurse who lived at the same time as Florence Nightingale; Beat, Band, Boogie : all about music.
Year 3	Scrumdiddlyumptious – all about healthy eating; Contrast & Complement – all about the colour wheel, colour theory and complementary colours.
Year 4	Burps, Bottoms & Bile , looking at the body's processes, including the digestive system, including teeth and how to look after them.
Year 5	Roses and Royals , looking at history during Tudor times and exploring the lives of ordinary people in the 15 th and 16 th centuries.
Year 6	A Child's War – World War 2 in Wales and its impact on children; Frozen Kingdom : the creatures of snowy lands and a focus on the story of the Titanic.

Thank you in anticipation of your help and support.

After-school clubs

Club	Year Group	Day	After Half Term:
Choir	5 & 6	Mondays 3.15-4.15pm	Starts Monday 14 th Nov No Choir Monday 21st Nov
Football	5 & 6	Tuesdays 3.15-4.15pm	Starts Tuesday 8 th Nov
Sportfit	3 & 4	Tuesdays 3.15-4.20pm	Starts Tuesday 8 th Nov
Dancefit	3, 4, 5 & 6	Wednesdays 3.15-4.20pm	Starts Wednesday 9 th Nov
Young Lifesavers	Y5	Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm	Starts Thursday 10 th Nov

Numbers are limited for Young Lifesavers, so Year 5 pupils who wished to join have been split into two groups. Both groups will complete the Young Lifesavers course before the end of the Autumn Term.

Please note that ALL pupils MUST be met by an adult at all times following an after-school activity.

More new clubs are coming soon, with many suggestions from pupils and staff.

Trips & Visits

- Year 5 stepped back in time on their visit to Llancaiach Fawr as part of their Tudor History Learning Project and Year 6 are looking forward to visiting Cardiff Castle straight after Half Term, under their World War II topic and to mark Remembrance.
- Year 4 are currently practising every week with singing teachers in order to take part in the Cardiff & Vale Music Service Christmas Showcase at St David's Hall on Monday 5th December, described as a much-cherished annual spectacular featuring award winning ensembles, special guests and a cast of hundreds.

Half Term Competitions for children and families

One of Lakeside's pupil groups – Digital Leaders – launched two competitions in our assemblies on the last day of Half Term.

Competition One is to MAKE A PICTURE WITH THINGS YOU FIND ON AN AUTUMN WALK, take a photo of it and send it, along with your child's name and class details, to digitalleaders@lakesideprm.cardiff.sch.uk Please send entries before 4pm on Monday 7th November (INSET DAY)

Competition 2 is TAKE A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING AUTUMN COLOURS IN ALL THEIR GLORY. Again, please send entries - with name and class details, to digitalleaders@lakesideprm.cardiff.sch.uk before 4pm on Monday 7th November (INSET DAY)

PTA News

What an amazing start to this year's PTA activities. Thank you to everyone who contributed and volunteered their time to making these fabulous activities happen. Sometimes it's not about the money raised, but more the fun, understanding and engagement our children get from it, although we have raised some decent amounts.

September Uniform Sale raised a staggering £260 for the DEC Pakistan Flood Appeal

We then had our first cake sale in over two years, thanks to years 2 & 6. Clearly Lakeside Learners love cake as a phenomenal £330 was raised. The MacMillan Cancer Research Coffee morning fund-raiser benefited by £165

We were also able to do our first Reduce, Reuse, Recycle event, that we called our 'Spooks and Santa Sale'. We had no idea how this would go, but again Lakeside families did not disappoint. From spooky costumes to Christmas jumpers an amazing £139 was raised, and more importantly our children see the benefit of reusing and recycling.

Christmas card designs have also been created. The card company are currently processing all orders and will be in touch next term. Thank you to all those who placed orders.

And finally, we finished the term with the long awaited and anticipated Spooks and Sparkles Disco. The children and certainly some parents had an awesome time getting down to the beat of our resident Lakeside DJ and the costumes were amazing. Thank you to all those who helped make this event happen. We raised a phenomenal £1,175, which definitely exceeded our expectations.

Look out for dates next term & email lakesideprimarycardiffpta@gmail.com should you wish to help out and get more involved. Alternatively, just catch someone at an event or in the playground.

Cake Sale – years 1 & 5 – Friday 11th November
Table Top/Car boot sale – Friday 25th November
Christmas Fayre – Friday 2nd December

Other Fundraising/Charity Events

In addition to amazing fundraising from the PTA, Lakeside families also donated 182 kilos of food donations as we celebrated harvest, and this which will provide 17 local people with three days' worth of food through Cardiff Food Bank. Our Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day saw staff and pupils wearing lots of yellow and the collection on the gate for Bronwen's Wish raised £360.

Lakeside Learners

As usual, children who have shown **Resilience**, **Resourcefulness** and **Independence**, and who have **Collaborated** well, have been awarded Lakeside Learner stickers and certificates. Please remember to ask about the characters if your child brings a sticker or a certificate home!

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable half term break.

Best wishes,

Rachel Mitchell

Upcoming events / Term dates

Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November – Half Term break

November 2022

Monday 7th November – INSET DAY

Tuesday 8th November – Year 6 trip to Cardiff Castle

Wednesday 9th November – Colorfoto individual photos

Thursday 10th November -Year 2 curriculum information meeting for parents

Friday 11th November – Remembrance Day

Friday 11th November – Year 3 curriculum information meeting for parents

Friday 11th November – PTA Cake Sale – Years 1 and 5

14-18 November Anti-Bullying Week

Wednesday 16th November - Year 4 Curriculum information meeting for parents

Friday 18th November – Year 5 curriculum information meeting for parents

Friday 18th November – Children in Need

Friday 25th November – PTA Table-top / Car Boot Sale

December 2022

Friday 2nd December – PTA Christmas Fair

Friday 9th December – Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children fundraiser)

18th – 26th December – Hanukkah

Friday 23rd December – last day of term

CHRISTMAS BREAK

January 2023

Sunday 22nd January – Chinese New Year

February 2023

Friday 3rd February – NSPCC Number Day

Tuesday 7th February – Safer Internet Day

Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February – Half Term break

March 2023

Wednesday 1st March – St David’s Day

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

10th-19th March – British Science Week

Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day

Wednesday 22nd March – Ramadan begins (exact dates TBC)

Friday 31st March – break up for Easter

April 2023

EASTER BREAK

Sunday 9th April – Easter Day

Monday 17th April – back to school

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

May 2023

Monday 1st May – BANK HOLIDAY

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

June 2023

July 2023

Monday 24th July – last day of term

SUMMER BREAK

Term dates

2022-2023 academic year

Additional Inset Days have yet to be scheduled

	ON	FROM	TO
Inset Day	Monday 5 th September		
Inset Day	Tuesday 6 th September		
Back to school (pupils)	Wednesday 7 th Sept		
Break up for Autumn half term	Friday 28 th October, 2022		
Autumn Half Term		Monday 31 st October, 2022	Friday 4 th November, 2022
INSET DAY	Monday 7 th November		
Back to school	Tuesday 8 th November		
Break up for Christmas	Friday 23 rd December		

Christmas Holiday		Monday 26 th December, 2022	Friday 6 th January, 2023
Back to school after Christmas	Monday 9 th January, 2023		
Break up for Spring Half Term	Friday 17 th February, 2023		
Spring Half Term		Monday 20 th February, 2023	Friday 24 th February, 2023
Back to school	Monday 27 th February, 2023		
Break up for Easter holiday	Friday 31 st March, 2023		
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		
Break up for Half Term	Friday 26 th May, 2023		
Summer Half Term		Monday 29 th May, 2023	Friday 2 nd June, 2023
Return to school	Monday 5 th June, 2023		
Break up for summer	Monday 24 th July, 2023		
Summer break			
Return to school September 2023	Monday 4 th September, 2023		