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Newsletter January 2024

We have had a busy start to 2024 with exciting events and opportunities for all of our learners who returned refreshed and ready for learning following the Winter break. This is an important term, especially for year 6 who are preparing for their SATs.

All learners **must** be reading daily at home, both narrative and non-fiction texts, as this helps enormously with independent writing and spelling as well as enabling them to fully access the whole curriculum. In addition, Accelerated Reader quizzes need to be completed as this will help with developing comprehension skills. Please can all Parents / Carers also ensure that their child / children complete all home learning tasks set on Century.

Year 6 SATs

Thank you to all parents who attended the SATs meeting with Mr Heseldon. Mock SATs are taking place this week and the year 6 team have already begun analysing each learner's strengths and areas to develop before the official tests in May. Please contact school if you have any questions about the assessments.



Learning Zones

Please log onto to the school website to see what your child's class has been learning this term. All the Learning Zones are regularly updated. This is a brilliant way of gaining information about what your child / children have been learning. In addition, at the beginning of every term the Medium Term Plans and Curriculum Letters are placed on the website so that you can look at what your child will be learning over the term. Please click the link below to access these pages on our website. Ask your child about the knowledge organisers and how they help with their learning. You can also watch an information video about out Home Learning at Lomeshaye.

[Lomeshaye Junior School - Year Group Learning Zone](#)

Year Group Learning Zone
Mr. Heseldon explains Home Learning Expectations

Click the links below to find out more:

- [Year 3 Learning Zone](#)
- [Year 4 Learning Zone](#)
- [Year 5 Learning Zone](#)
- [Year 6 Learning Zone](#)

Rock Kids

On Wednesday 22nd January, we were joined by Rock Kids for an awesome day of 'rocking out' whilst engaging with some vital health and wellbeing messages. During the day our learners were reminded that they have a completely unique place in the world which they celebrated through dance and song. It was a fabulous day for learners and staff who all participated and celebrated individuality.



Bird Watch

On Friday 26th January Lomeshaye participated in the RSPB's big garden bird watch. Learners spent time in our school garden with Mrs Cooper our Science Learning Lead where they spotted, categorised and counted different varieties of birds.



You can find out more about the RSPB and the birdwatch in the following link. There are also activities you can do with your children during half term. [Big Schools' Birdwatch 2024 \(rspb.org.uk\)](https://www.rspb.org.uk/big-schools-birdwatch-2024)



UV Dodge Ball

On Friday 26th January our House Point winners for the Autumn Term Al Aslamia celebrated with a UV Dodge Ball Festival in our sports hall. Congratulations to all learners in House Al Aslamia who have earned house points last term for demonstrating the school values and putting effort into their learning.



Parent Coffee Morning

On Thursday 25th January it was lovely to welcome parents to our first Lomeshaye Coffee Morning. Mrs Butt and Mrs Spokes were joined by the ladies from the Hillo Hub who shared lots of information about available activities within our community in a welcoming and friendly setting. We look forward to welcoming more of you at our next coffee morning on Friday 9th February



Nut Free School

Please may we remind you that Lomeshaye is a Nut Free School. Several of our learners have allergies to nuts, and it is not safe to have any form of nut on the premises. People who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger an allergic reaction which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties.



First aid staff in the school are trained to use Epi-pens (an injection of adrenalin) which are required immediately if this happens. Please do not put any nut products in your child's lunch box.

The following items must not be included in children's packed lunches: any product that includes Nutella; granola nut cereal bars, nut butters, any form of nutty snack.

There are many other products that can present a risk, so please check the packaging of products closely.

Family Support and Early Help

We are extremely lucky to have a knowledgeable and supportive Family Liaison Worker at Lomeshaye Junior School. Mrs Shazia Butt works within the Inclusion Team and provides a wide range of support and signposting to many of our families. As a school, we work closely with the Child and Family Well Being Service whose services range from parenting strategies to budgeting. We also have links with the school nurse and other health and well-being services which we are able to refer to. Currently we have many families who find themselves in need and we want you to know that we are here to help. Please do not hesitate to get in touch and have a conversation – we will do our best to do what we can to support you. We are also better able to support your children in school if we know of any out of school issues which may be affecting their learning.

Finally

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Office to arrange a meeting with the appropriate member of staff.