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## Newsletter February 2023

We hope all our families had a lovely February half term. The learners have returned refreshed and ready for learning. This is an important term and a lot of new learning will take place across the curriculum to consolidate learning from the Autumn Term and Spring 1. The Year 6s are preparing for their SATs which are only nine school weeks away and we welcome support from home. All learners must be reading daily at home, both narrative and non-fiction texts, as this helps enormously with writing, handwriting, spelling and enables them to fully access the whole curriculum. Please can all Parents / Carers also ensure that their child / children complete all home learning set on Seesaw.

### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

On **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023** there will be a 'face to face' Parent Teacher Meeting for Year 6 parents only. This will give parents of learners in Year 6 a valuable opportunity to talk to the class teacher about progress to date as well as how parents can best support their child in preparing for the SATs in May. At this meeting teachers will share with the parents how their child has done on the Mock SAT tests; targets to work on and will identify, where appropriate, which learners need to attend Booster Interventions. It is essential that a parent or carer for each child attends this meeting. The meetings will start at **1.30pm** and will take place in the Sports Hall to avoid disrupting the rest of the learners in school.

Parents who have children in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will be provided with a time to attend a Parent Teacher Meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> which will also be held in school.

These meeting dates have been chosen so that they do not fall within the month of Ramadan.

### **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 have been 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.

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

## **Times Table Rockstars**

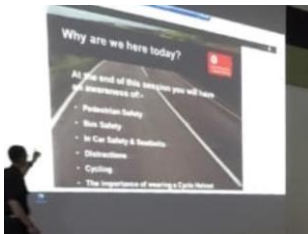
In our latest class v class, Timestable-Rockstar competition, learners were asked to play for 15 minutes each day during the half-term holidays.

In all, 233 learners represented their classes amassing a grand total of 217,695 correct answers. The latest league table can be seen below as the classes battle it to become our supreme champions and enjoy a bouncy castle party at the end of the school year. Our next round of fixtures will begin on the 17<sup>th</sup> March. As part of our Home Learning Policy, all learners should practise their timetables daily using TT Rockstars.

Class	Win Points	Bonus Points	Total Points	Correct answers
4 Sycamore	2	1	3	29819
3 Oak	2	1	3	27528
6 Ash	2		2	24565
6 Elder	2		2	21700
5 Larch	2		2	17610
4 Chestnut	2		2	14157
4 Willow		1	1	27226
3 Elm				17526
6 Rowan				13994
3 Maple				11856
5 Cedar				7706
5 Beech				4008
Total:				217695

## **Fire Officers Visit**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> February, year 6 took part in a Road Sense Workshop and a fire safety recap led by the firefighters at Nelson Fire Station. Year 6 learners asked many questions and went home with invaluable safety messages.



## **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.



## **Charity Work**



Thank you to all of our school community who donated towards the 'Save the Children' Turkey – Syria Earthquake Appeal. Contributions, which even included pocket money, will support providing children with access to food, shelter and warm clothing.

## **Nasheed Choir:**

We have been given the incredible opportunity to take part in the premier of the first polyphonic Nasheed choir for primary and secondary aged children. We are working with Julian Evans every Wednesday evening to rehearse unison vocals and harmonies to Nasheeds and then will collaborate with other schools in the area to perform these. Julian is a fantastic vocal artist and works with Hussnain Hanif to create vocal masterpieces in the local area. His work can be seen here [www.thenasheedchoir.com](http://www.thenasheedchoir.com) Keep your eyes and ears peeled for our final work.



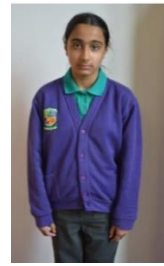
## **Cycling into Spring**

This half term our learners in Year 5 and 6 have been lucky enough to experience a curriculum enrichment with Bikeability. We are proud to be able to provide your child with this opportunity to learn to ride a bike and for those more experienced riders, to be able to learn how to and one which is providing the learners with key

messages on road safety. Our learners have experienced a day practising their basic cycling skills on the school playground before heading onto the roads in the local area if they have shown confidence and acquired the basic skills in the first session. It has been lovely to hear such positive feedback from the learners and how enjoyable they have been finding the sessions.

## **Uniform**

Last year, we sought parent feedback on our school uniform. Following this feedback, from September, ALL learners will move to the purple sweatshirt and teal polo shirt. If your child outgrows their sweatshirt and requires a new sweatshirt, school will now allow all year groups to wear a purple sweatshirt. Thank you.



## **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.