



# Lawns Park Primary School

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## April Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Well, it finally feels like the winter is over and spring is taking charge! It has certainly felt that way in school over the last half-term and the children have had more opportunities to get out and about to enjoy their learning somewhere other than the classroom. There have been some brilliant activities and trips which you will hear about in this newsletter. The Year 5 residential was a particular highlight as well as World Book Day, the Year 3 and 4 trip to Yeadon Tarn, a variety of sporting events and some brilliant author visits. Summer term will be full of more fantastic opportunities and learning and we can make the best of our surroundings and community in the drier weather (hopefully!) We hope that the children have a good break and a rest and come back full of energy and enthusiasm to tackle a big summer term full of possibilities.

Wishing you all a happy Easter, kind regards,  
Mr Chapman – Headteacher

### TRAINING DAYS FOR 2024

We have two training days remaining for this academic year. Both are at the end of this school year so children will finish school on Friday 19th July 2024.

- Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 – training day.
- Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 – training day.

### OFFICE REMINDER FOR PAYMENTS

Please can all parents make sure that they have downloaded the app for 'School Gateway'. This is our NEW online payment system which parents will use to make all payments.

Please note – we are no longer using Pay360 and will not be able to accept any payments made through this.

Thanks, kind regards, the Office Team.

### EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY – ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Parents have a legal duty to ensure your child attends school regularly. This means that your child must attend every day, unless:

- Your child is too ill to attend that day.
- You have been given permission by school due to exceptional circumstances.
- Your child cannot attend because of a religious observance.

These are the only circumstances where school can permit your child to be absent. If you are having difficulties with your child's attendance and you would like to speak to a member of staff then please phone school and ask to speak to Mrs Miles, Mrs Dean or Mr Chapman.





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## YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL

The Year 5 residential to Herd Farm in March was a huge success, although many parents may still be trying to get the mud out of their children's washing! Miss Holburt's class tackled high wires, zip-lines, archery and numerous other team-building activities and still had time for late night muddy walks, campfires, hot chocolate and the odd game of pool and table-football. It was a brilliant experience and school staff said that they were incredibly impressed by the number of children that faced their fears head-on and achieved more than they could ever have imagined possible. After the Easter holidays, we will be holding a meeting for Year 4 parents about next year's residential and we will be able to introduce a payment plan to you at that stage.





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## YEADON TARN

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Yeadon Tarn where they put their outdoor adventurous skills to the test with some challenging problem solving. The children took part in some activities on the lake, such as canoeing and paddle-boarding, while they also used mapwork to help them navigate around doing orienteering. Amazingly, none of the children managed to find themselves in the water at any stage of the day so we might have some future Team GB Olympians of the future in those year groups! It was a very enjoyable day and one which we will undoubtedly be going to continue with in the future!



## WORLD BOOK DAY

Lawns Park celebrated World Book Day with an exciting day of costumes, activities and (most importantly) books! The children and staff came to school in a whole variety of wacky and wonderful outfits which demonstrated some of their favourite characters as well as an adjective describing that character. We had a whole-school assembly to show off our outfits and then went back to classrooms where we took part in lots of different reading and book related activities. We also enjoyed some D.E.A.R time (Drop Everything and Read) throughout the day whenever the school bell rang. We had a fantastic day and really enjoyed hearing and talking all about our favourite books.





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## NEW LAWNS PARK SPORTS KIT

We are very proud to be able to reveal our brand-new Lawns Park Primary School sports kit which arrived this month. We are hugely grateful to our sponsors for supporting us with the £800 we required to design and purchase the equipment in sizes suitable for both Key Stages 1 and 2. We must take a moment to thank parent Ewelina Savage who approached her employers Aspire Property Group to act as sponsors. We are also grateful to Prashant Pandya who provided sponsorship through community store Nisa Local to support us. We couldn't have made this happen without these community heroes and if you get a chance thank them for their support, they deserve it.



## LAWNS PARK MASTER

This term we have been trialling a new after-school club based on the award-winning television programme 'Taskmaster'. Lawns Park Master has pitted teams of Year 5 and 6 children against each other in trying to complete some VERY silly challenges. These have included such head scratchers as: make the best bread face on one of your teammates' faces; paint a bowl of fruit using real fruit as your paint; build the tallest tower out of marshmallows and many more. Suffice to say, the club has been a huge hit with all involved! It has been a brilliant way to see the children using problem solving and creative thinking against the clock and also just having a lot of fun being silly! Here's a few photos...





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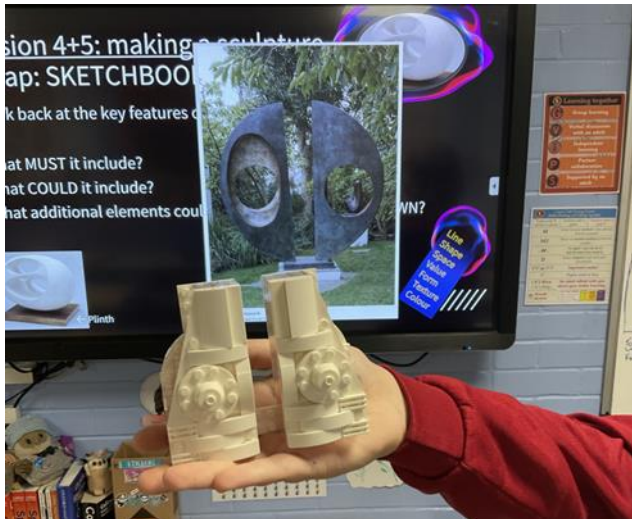
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## What's been happening in class?

### Year 6

Year 6 pupils have been learning to be sculptors in our Art and Design lessons. We were inspired by the abstract sculptures of Barbara Hepworth. We combined her ideas with our science topic on the human heart. To begin with, we used different construction materials to experiment, then sketched and planned an idea. We used Lego, Modroc with wire and clay to create our final pieces. In English, we wrote about health and fitness and the organs of the human body. We became experts on the heart and performed a fun experiment about the effects of exercise on heart rates. It's been a fun and busy half term. Next, our biggest challenge of all is the forthcoming SATs! YOU CAN DO IT YEAR 6!





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## Year 5

WOW! What an absolute showstopper of a half-term we have had in Year 5! We have been very busy doing some fantastic learning, including writing leaflets on healthy eating as well as a persuasive letter in response to how we would feel if the council shut down Herd Farm. In Geography, we have been learning all about North America – which the children have really enjoyed. We were incredibly lucky and had some visitors come in from Greggs to run an 'Apprentice' style day with us. We created our very own products, priced them, made them and then sold them for a profit! Year 5 really are true entrepreneurs.

Lastly, how could I not talk about our phenomenal residential to Herd Farm! The children impressed us so much with their resilience, perseverance and team-working skills. They were just an absolute credit to the school and it was a great privilege to be a part of their experience. Well done team; you made me super proud.

Only one more term together Year 5...let's make it an incredible and unforgettable one.





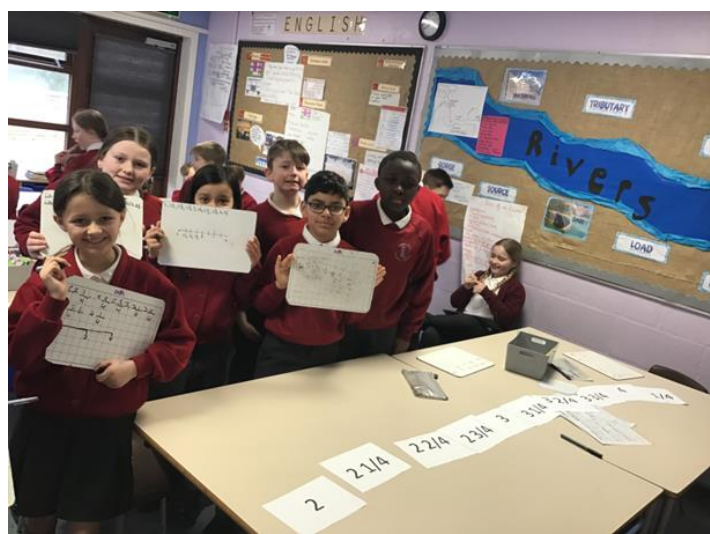
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## Year 4

WOW! What a busy half term Year 4 have had! From composing music to practicing (lots...) of times-table questions, it's been a memorable half term. We have loved our unit all about rivers and have written some amazing non-chronological reports all about the Amazon River and River Nile. Next term, we will participate in our block of swimming lessons in our first week back. We will be nailing our times-table knowledge in preparation for our times-table check. In Art lessons will be exploring and creating digital art-work. Year 4 team can't wait to see the learning we will get up too!





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## Year 3

What a fun filled term we have had in year 3! Lots of our learning this term has revolved around our geography topic: Rivers and lakes. We have even written our own fact file on the River Nile. We had a fantastic day trip to Yeadon Tarn where we did some canoeing, orienteering and bell boating. The children had the best day and did LPPS proud. To celebrate World Book Day, we were also fortunate enough to watch a live production of 'The Secret Garden' which absolutely blew our socks off!

We are so excited for next term, learning all about plants and animals in science and writing some more non-fiction texts in English.





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## Year 2

This term in Year 2 has been book bonkers! We celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite characters with adjectives to describe them. A few favourites included Dorothy and Toto, a spaceman and Horrid Henry. We also had a visit from Bethan Woolvin who showed us some of her books and how she goes about creating them, as well as letting us draw some characters in the style of her illustrations. Our art topic has been collage and the children have ended this term by producing a landscape collage in the style of artist Megan Coyle. We were inspired and enthused and as a result created some real masterpieces! We have loved learning about the continents in geography but sadly we can't share a picture of the continents song, even though I'm sure all the parents now know every word to it! Happy Easter everybody!





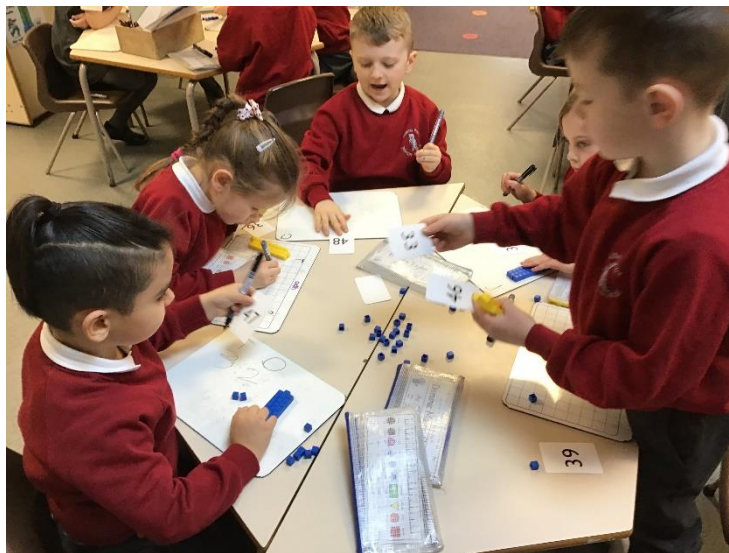
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## Year 1

Year One have had a jam-packed half term filled with learning and fun! In maths, we have been learning about place value in 50, which has been very tricky! In science, we have loved learning all about animals and their diets, which then helped us to write some non-chronological reports about animals. We celebrated World Book Day by having a visit from Bethan Woollvin, an author/illustrator who creates her own twisted fairytales. The children LOVED this session, Bethan read one of her stories to us, showed us her studio and showed us how to draw some of the characters from her books. I think many of the children have now been inspired to become authors and illustrators when they grow up! In art, we have been creating collages of landscapes and in DT we have been building Tudor-style houses; hopefully we'll be able to set them alight just like the Great Fire of London! Have an egg-cellent Easter.





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## Foundation Stage

This half term Foundation Stage have immersed themselves in African culture through the story of 'Handa's Surprise.' They have made musical instruments and played along to traditional African music and song. They created beautiful African art using the skills of colour-mixing and blending, told stories, written stories and thoroughly loved their learning. Next half term we will be asking the question, 'What's growing on the farm?' We are also eagerly awaiting the arrival of a very special delivery!





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## Key Dates up to May Half-Term

Main dates for Summer 1 half term – 15 <sup>th</sup> April to 24 <sup>th</sup> May				
Summer 1 Week 1 April	Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April	School opens for Spring 2 term	Year 4 swimming every day this week.	After school clubs begin this week
	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	EYFS Explorers event at Lineham Farm (10 children)		
	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	KS1 Panathlon at Pudsey Leisure (8 children)		
	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1 and 2 STEM Workshop		
Summer 1 Week 2 April	Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 3 and 4 STEM Workshop		
Summer 1 Week 3 April / May				
Summer 1 Week 4 May	Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday (school closed)		
	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 and 4 Football Competition at Dixons Academy 1.30pm (8 children)		
	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Barrie the Punctuation Guy 9.30 am		
Summer 1 Week 5 May	Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week.	Year 6 free breakfast club 8.30am	Year 6 grammar SAT
	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week.	Year 6 free breakfast club 8.30am	Year 6 Reading SAT
	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week.	Year 6 free breakfast club 8.30am	Year 6 Maths SAT
	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week.	Year 6 free breakfast club 8.30am	Year 6 Maths SAT
Summer 1 Week 6 May	Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half-term.		

If you have any comments/questions/feedback, please do not hesitate to get in touch.  
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Kind regards,

The Lawns Park Team