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February Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are emerging out of the winter and the signs of spring are beginning to blossom! The Spring 1 half-term has vanished in the blink of an eye and we are already preparing for the road to Easter. There has been lots of lovely learning going on since our return after the festive period and you can read more about that in the class page reviews below. Key dates for next half-term can be found at the bottom of the newsletter. You will soon be receiving a questionnaire about our school and what you would like to see from Lawns Park going into the future. This is an opportunity to have your say and help us to shape our school so that it can be the very best for our children. The more parents that return the questionnaire, the more we will hear the true voice of our community and be sure that the school is working for everyone. We would appreciate your support with this.

Enjoy the half-term break, kind regards,

Mr Chapman – Headteacher

TRAINING DAYS FOR 2024

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

- Friday, 8th March 2024 – training day.
- Monday, 22nd July 2024 – training day.
- Tuesday, 23rd July 2024 – training day.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

We are sad to announce that we will be bidding a fond farewell to Miss Lewis at the end of February as she moves on to pastures new. Miss Lewis has worked with all classes during her time at Lawns Park where she has taught in place of the class teacher for PPA lessons as well as supporting children on the Little Wandle reading programme. Miss Lewis has secured a permanent Year 5 teaching role at a new school and we know that she will be a big success as she has been fantastic during her time at Lawns Park. We wish her lots of luck in her new role.

EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY

There has been a lot of illness over the course of the winter and, as such, a lot of pupils have seen their attendance drop below the target of 96%. Where a child's attendance is below 95% this is equivalent to them having missed 47 or more lessons - below 90% is equivalent to them having missed 95 or more lessons. Please do try your hardest to ensure that your child attends every day that they possibly can.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....



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OFFICE REMINDERS

A few reminders from the office team. Please could all parents/carers check that they have done the following:

- Please ensure that notifications are turned on in the app for Schoop so that you are receiving messages from school.
- Please sign up to the simmsparent app to change any personal details that are required (e.g. new mobile phone numbers, change of address, medical info).

Thank you, the Office.

KINDNESS STARS

This year we have launched the 'Kindness Stars' weekly badge presentation for the whole school. Your child may have come home with a golden star-shaped badge – if so, they have been nominated by their class teacher for doing something particularly kind in class or around school during the week. Our two 'Kindness Ambassadors' from Year 5, Evie and Liliana, announce the awards in assembly on Friday and children receive their pin badge which they are welcome to wear on their school uniform as a sign of their dedication to kindness. Our ambition is to create a school where every individual is a kindness star.



N-ICE TIME

A group of Lawns Park children were chosen to take part in an ice-skating session at Planet Ice near Elland Road in January. Many of the children had never even laced up ice skates before, never mind tried to find their way around the ice! However, by the end of the session many were really finding their feet and gliding round with confidence. Some were still requiring a little bit of help from a supportive penguin but everyone enjoyed themselves and many felt like they might want to have another go at some point in the future. One day we might even see some children performing toe loops, triple salchows and axels if they keep up the same speed of improvement!





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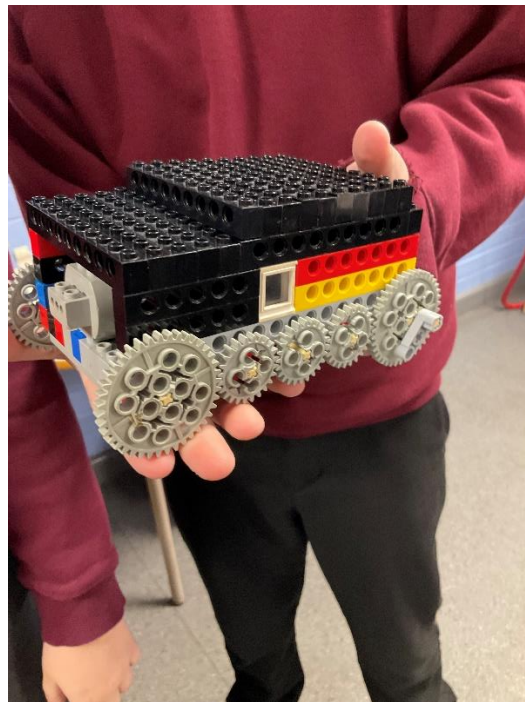
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What's been happening in school?

Year 6

In Year 6, we had a very productive half-term learning all about the Tudors and their influence on the city of Leeds- called Ledes in those days. The visit from Queen Elizabeth I was spectacular and we learnt so much about life for ordinary people in Leeds. In addition to this, we became masters of algebra, learnt about pulley systems and programming robots. Year 6 wrote Tudor biographies and also became playwrights in the same league as the great Tudor writer, William Shakespeare!





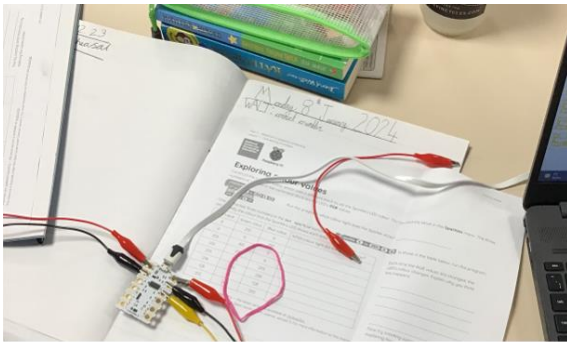
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Year 5

In Year 5, we have had the most spectacular, jam-packed half-term! We have been lucky enough to have had two visitors come in and add even more excitement to our learning. We took part in a Junior STEM workshop where we learnt about cogs, gears, pulleys, drivers and followers! In History, we have been learning all about the Tudors (we even had a visit from Queen Elizabeth I herself!). We got the opportunity to expand our knowledge on Tudor monarchs & crime and punishment, as well as being able to handle artefacts, participate in jousting and Tudor dancing. Our writing has also been based on the Tudors, where we have worked incredibly hard to write our very own biographies on notable Tudors and write our own playscripts in the style of William Shakespeare. In maths, the children have blown us away with their work on fractions- you are all fractions experts! In ICT, we have been programming Crumbles to make an LED Sparkle light up and flash different colours as well as make a motor turn! Finally, in art, we have created some insanely creative Tudor style portraits. Year 5 are definitely making us so very proud!





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Year 4

What a fantastic term we have had in Year 4. We have been busy with our Science topic Sound and we had Sam the 'Sound Man' come in and lead a workshop which we really enjoyed! Also, we have written descriptive newspaper reports based on the narrative 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs'. We also persevered with our sewing topic and learnt how to do running stitch. Next term, we will focus on the text 'The Flood' and we will be creating our own exciting stories based on a flooding!





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Year 3

Year 3 have had an amazing term, filled with lots of fun and excitement. We have been incredibly busy in English, where we have written some fantastic newspaper reports based upon the book 'The True Story of The Three Little Pigs'. We have also been exploring our creative sides, making soft toys in DT and learning about the 7 elements of art.

Next term we will be writing narratives based upon the book 'Flood'. We will also be learning all about rivers in geography!





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Year 2

In Year 2 this term, we have gone Great Fire of London mad! We have written both a diary entry and a setting description to bring the events to life. Last week, we had a visit from Alfresco learning who gave us an outdoor experience which involved building wattle and daub walls and attempting to rebuild Thomas Farriner's house. We were also very lucky to have a visit from a skipping workshop to introduce us to the skills we are going to be using at the festival we are attending in Summer. It has been a brilliant term and I think the adults have had as much fun as the children!





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Year 1

In Year 1 this half term, we have done lots of cross-curricular learning based on The Great Fire of London. We have written setting descriptions and diary entries, learnt lots of facts in History and created beautiful fiery sky paintings in art. We also had a GFOL workshop; it was brilliant! We made walls using the 'wattle and daub' method just like in 1666 and made our own bakeries, thinking carefully about which materials we need to use. Roll on Spring 2 😊





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Foundation Stage

This half term Foundation Stage took a trip into the land of Fairy Tales. Our journey began with a pea-sized problem to solve. We dressed as characters to retell the story of the 'Princess and the Pea' in a castle setting.

Then we had a tasty treat. After reading the 'Gingerbread man we made gingerbread- luckily ours didn't run away!

Our intrepid twitchers took part in the RSPB's 'Big School Birdwatch 2024.' We researched before carrying out a survey of the birds that visit our school. We were so inspired Foundation went on to make our very own flock of birds. What a busy 5 weeks we have had!





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Key Dates up to Easter Holidays

Main dates for Spring 2 half term – 19th February to 28 th March		
Spring 2 Week 1 February	Monday, 19 th February	School opens for Spring 2 term
Spring 2 Week 2 February/March	Tuesday, 27 th February	Year 3 4 football competition 10am-2pm Goals
	Thursday, 29 th February	Friends of Lawns Park BINGO night 5-7pm
	Friday, 1 st March	Year 5 sharing assembly 9-9.30am
Spring 2 Week 3 March	Monday, 4 th March	Individual School Photos
	Tuesday, 5 th March	KS1 Author visit Bethan Woollvin
	Wednesday, 6 th March	Parent's Evening 3.15-6.30pm
	Thursday, 7 th March	World Book Day KS2 Author visit Chris Mould KS2 rugby Stanningley Rugby Club
Spring 2 Week 4 March	Monday, 11 th March to Wednesday, 13 th March	Year 5 Herd Farm residential
Spring 2 Week 5 March	Friday, 22 nd March	Friends of Lawns Park non-uniform day – donations of easter eggs.
		KS2 Pickleball 12.30pm-1.30pm
Spring 2 Week 6 March	Tuesday, 26 th March	Year 3 and 4 Yeadon Tarn trip
	Thursday, 28 th March	Recognition assembly 9am School closes for Easter Holidays

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