



Lawns Park Primary School

Lawns Park: Learning Positivity, Learning Perseverance,
Learning Patience, Learning Politeness.

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Happy Easter to you all (and good riddance to the cold and wet of winter!) We have had a tremendously entertaining half-term at Lawns Park full of ambitious learning, exciting discovery, inspiring visitors and more than our fair share of dressing up and other memorable silliness. The children have worked hard and continue to demonstrate **Positivity**, **Patience**, **Perseverance** and **Politeness** on a daily basis throughout school. The Easter holidays will allow them to refresh themselves and come back ready to tackle a summer term which will be packed, as it always is.

With the holidays in mind, we would like to take a moment to say good luck and congratulations to Year 6 teacher Mr Brown. He will be returning from the break as a married man as he will be tying the knot with his fiancée, Amy, next week. I am sure that you will join us in wishing him the very best for the day itself as well as the future.

We hope you all have a break that includes some family fun as well as some rest.

Kind regards, Mr Chapman

RED NOSE DAY – Thank you so much for your generous donations. We raised £76.15.

OFFICE REMINDER FOR PAYMENTS

Please can all parents make sure that they have downloaded the app for 'School Gateway'. This is our online payment system which parents will use to make all payments. Please also ensure the following apps have been downloaded, Schoop, Sims Parent. 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 6

Another term down and the sun has finally made an appearance! We have had an intense half term over Spring 2 in Year 6, but it has been well worth it. The children have consistently worked hard as they prepare for their SATs in May and should be very proud of all they have achieved so far - we certainly are! We have covered a lot of maths and grammar topics whilst continuing to hone our reading and spelling skills too. Other than this, we have still managed to find a lot of time for the lighter subjects... We have been building 3D models using Tinkercad in computing, learning about the circulatory system in science, the ancient Mayans in history and have been revisited by our cricket coach, Tom, who has delivered some fantastic sessions. A highlight for the staff was definitely World Book Day, where we had lots of fun in our various costumes sharing books, reading strategies and even running the stalls to refresh the collection of books in our library. We truly hope you all have a restful, sunny Easter holidays whatever you get up to and know the children will come back ready to kick on from where they left off before we broke up.





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Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy and exciting few weeks filled with creativity and new experiences. In English, we have been inspired by *The Chronicles of Narnia* to write our own imaginative narratives, developing our descriptive language and storytelling skills. In Design and Technology, we designed and created our own sculptures, showing great creativity and perseverance as we brought our ideas to life. We also enjoyed a fantastic trip to Headingley Stadium, where we had the opportunity to explore the venue and learn more about its history. Alongside this, we have taken part in cricket sessions and rugby sessions with the Rhinos Foundation, building our teamwork, skills, and confidence. It has been a wonderful few weeks of learning, creativity, and memorable experiences for everyone in Year 5.





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Year 4

We have had a very busy 6 weeks in Year 4! We have worked hard in our maths lessons where we have mastered division and become fractions masters! In English, we have written incredible narratives based on the story 'The Lost Thing' and produced some very good rhyming poems to finish the half term. In art, we have enjoyed using clay, our knowledge of the Seven Elements of Art and our history learning to create Ancient Roman inspired pottery pieces. In PE, we worked tirelessly to become top-notch skippers ready for our skipping competition. During this competition, the children impressed us all with their teamwork, perseverance and dedication and as a result of this, we came back wielding some shiny gold, silver and bronze certificates! In science, we have become electricity wizards where we have created our own circuits and learnt all about conductors and insulators. This allowed us to hypothesise about what materials would work in a circuit and what materials wouldn't. We also had a visit from D-Side Dave who spoke to us about how to stay safe online. The children were very knowledgeable and listened with respect and curiosity. Finally, we finished the half-term off with our swimming sessions. These were the last class swimming lessons the class will take part in and they definitely made the most of them! Well done, team!





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Year 3

Wow—what a fabulous term we have had! With the sun shining, it has been wonderful to see so much active learning taking place. We have been nailing our times table practice with daily battles, and it has been fantastic to see pupils confidently recalling their 3s, 4s and 8's, keep up the practice at home! In English, we wrote some engaging narratives all about extreme flooding. In Art, a firm favourite has been our focus on Chris Gilmour, where we have been assembling a gigantic cardboard Iron Man (it is very impressive!) In Science, we have been conducting light experiments and learning about natural and man-made light sources. In Spanish, we have been learning dates and months, and even had a go at holding simple conversations by sharing our birthdays in Spanish!

Next term, we are excited to begin learning about rivers. In our textiles unit, we will be making a book-bag, and in Art, we will explore printing. In Maths, our focus will be on mass and capacity.

We are very excited to return after the holidays for more learning.





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Year 2



Year 2 have had a very busy half term! We had exclusive access to a "version" of the Gruffalo Granny story which we then used as inspiration for our own stories. We hope you enjoyed joining us for story time on Friday afternoon. Safe to say there are definitely some future famous authors in our class! In Geography, we have been learning about Zambia and comparing life in Farnley to life in Mugurameno Village. We found some similarities but we're very grateful to not have crocodiles nearby! This new learning is culminating in a non-chronological report which we are finishing now. Safe to say our favourite subject this half term has been art. We learned about abstract sculptor Yayoi Kusama, also known as the 'Polkadot Princess'. We developed some new clay skills and then created some amazing sculptures which we then covered in polka dots. In reading, we have really enjoyed 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt. There are several other books in this series that you might want to look out for in the library. These books are great for practicing reading with expression. Have a lovely half term and we will see you back for Summer!





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Year 1



Wow, what a busy half term we have had in Year 1! We have been learning about so many incredibly interesting things.

In Geography, we explored oceans and continents and learned about the different human and physical features found around the world. In Art, we studied Andy Goldsworthy and even had the chance to create our own sculptures inspired by his work, using natural materials just like him.

In Maths, we have been learning all about measuring. We had lots of fun measuring different objects around the classroom and comparing their lengths and heights.

Our favourite part of the term was learning about Ernest Shackleton and his incredible adventure, which inspired us to write our very own biographies.

Well done, Year 1, for being outstanding this term – you should all be very proud of your hard work!





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Foundation Stage

This half term Foundation Stage have used the story of 'Handa's Surprise' as a vehicle for their learning. Our journey began with the question, 'Who Am I? Where do I come from?' Through our storytelling, we learnt much about the characters, the culture and the animals of Kenya, making comparisons to our lives here and what we think life could be like for Handa. We have created art inspired by African patterns, researched and created fact files about animals and written our own story based on 'Handa's Surprise'. What a busy half term of learning we have had!

