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INTRODUCTION

FROM HEADTEACHER, MR BURRIDGE



Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had an amazing term here at Lealands. We have met our new Year 7 students on a fantastic transition day; retained the Town Sports Trophy; enjoyed sports days; been thoroughly entertained at the Summer Concert; viewed amazing art work at the Exhibition; learned all about the many cultures represented in the school at our fabulous Cultural Heritage Day and viewed the incredible work of our Year 8 students at their Evening of Excellence. Students have also visited our internal Careers Day where they thought about all their future options and nearly 600 went out for a fantastic Experience Day. In addition to all this, we

have celebrated the release of our excellent Ofsted report and grades while students have continued to work hard in lessons and exams as well as experiencing many trips and extra-curricular activities. Wow - it's been a busy and exciting time. We are all looking forward to a well deserved break and all that next year will bring.

It just leaves me to introduce our newly appointed Head Girl and Boy as well as their Deputies on the next page and wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

Mr J Burridge Headteacher

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have changed your address, mobile number or email address during the last year and think that you may not have informed us, please email the new details to admin@lealands.luton.sch.uk as soon as possible in order for us to ensure that you receive all necessary information. Many thanks.



SENIOR STUDENTS LEADERS

2023/2024



We are thrilled to announce the appointment of our new Head Girl, Cienna, and Head Boy, Demir. They embody our core values of excellence, responsibility and respect and we have no doubt they will lead by example.

Joining them in their roles as Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy are Kelise and Omer, who have shown exceptional dedication and commitment throughout the selection process.

Their selection process involved rigorous interviews, and they emerged as outstanding candidates who's qualities align perfectly with our school values and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments. We extend our warmest congratulations to them on their well-deserved roles.

As ambassadors for our school, we are confident that they will excel in their positions and make us proud every step of the way.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SAVE THE DATE:

End of Summer Term: Thursday 20th July 2023

GCSE Results Day: Thursday 24th August 2023 - 10am-12pm

Autumn Term Begins: Tuesday 5th September 2023
Prospective Parents Open Evening: Wednesday 4th October 2023

TERM DATES:

Summer Term: Monday 17th April 2023 - Thursday 20th July 2023

Autumn Term: Tuesday 5th September 2023 - Friday 15th December 2023

Half-Term: Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October 2023

STAFF TRAINING DAYS:

Friday 21st July 2023 Friday 1st September 2023 Monday 4th September 2023

Full term dates can be found on the school website: https://www.lealands.luton.sch.uk/termdates

Increase to the cost of a school meal

Starting from September 2023, the price of a school meal will increase to £2.50 per day. We have been working alongside our caterers and suppliers to minimise the impact on costs, but regrettably, for the first time in many years, we have had to implement a modest increase that falls below the inflation rate.



VALUE OF THE MONTH

JULY 2023

VALUE OF THE MONTH

July 2023





"More equality, more hope, more humanity, more pride, more acceptance more love"

Kiki K

Celebrate our difference and show Respect for all around us.



SPORTS & EXTRA-CURRICULAR NEWS

PE MEDIA TEAM

For the summer's sporting events, we have been joined by the newly formed Lealands PE Media Team.

The team is a mixture of photographers and reporters from all years of the school who have joined the PE Department for the end of year sporting events; Town Sports and Lealands' Sports Days; to interview and photograph the participants, staff and the students involved. The students have been exceptional in their approach and the articles and photos being submitted have been brilliant! Well done to all students involved and keep an eye out on the PE social media for their sporting reports.

SPORTS DAYS





At the time of writing, we have successfully completed both the Year 8 and 9 Sports Day events, and we eagerly anticipate the start of the Year 7 and 10 Sports Day.

The Sports Days allow us to offer a range of activities which are inclusive to all and gives students the opportunity to demonstrate their teamwork. organisation and communication skills, with regards to team planning and participation in the team events. The traditional athletics allows students to strive for excellence and personal bests whilst scoring points for their tutor group.

We have seen excellent participation so far across all the events from the first 2 days, fantastic races, competitive games and students working cooperatively with others.

Well done to all students who have taken part, in which it has been a thoroughly enjoyable couple of Sports Days.



SPORTS & EXTRA-CURRICULAR NEWS

(CONT'D)

Well done to the winners in Year 8, **86TP** and the winners in Year 9, **93AG**!

We look forward to seeing the same high standards in the



upcoming Year 7 and 10 sports days!

ROUNDERS

Congratulations to all the girls that attended the rounders training and fixtures this term. All year groups won every game bar one, upholding the Lealands' reputation for dominating sporting events in the area.

We are very proud of all the girls' efforts this year and look forward to achieving excellence again next year.









SPORTS & EXTRA-CURRICULAR NEWS

(CONT'D)

TOWN SPORTS

This time last year, Lealands' wait of 77 years to win the Luton Schools Track and Field Town Sports was over. I am pleased to say that on Friday 30th June, we retained the crown of being track and field town champions once again.

As a department we are so proud of the students who have performed and progressed exceptionally well throughout the summer term in lessons, competitions and in extra curricular practices.

As a school, to win this competition is a huge achievement within the town and is the one trophy/title that all the schools would like to have.

Please see below a picture of the overall points table from the day, a picture of the winning team and just a few of our amazing athletes who won medals on the day.



	Boys	Boys Rank	Girls	Girls Rank	Total	Overall Position
QES	135	5	79	8	214	6
SPA	50	11	57	9	107	10
CHA	134	6	110	6	244	5
CNS	178	2	154	3	332	2
Challney Boys	76	9				
Challney Girls			30	11		
Denbigh	79	8	38	10	117	9
Icknield	76	9	112	4	188	8
Lealands	188	1	214	1	402	1
Lea Manor	0	12	0	12	0	11
Putteridge	165	3	165	2	330	3
Stopsley	122	7	89	7	211	7
Chiltern	149	4	111	5	260	4

















COMPUTING FOR GIRLS EVENT







Lealands was delighted to be part of the Computing For Girls event that took place on July 5th at Stockwood Park Academy. The event was specially crafted to encourage Year 8 students, with a focus on empowering young girls, to explore the wide array of employment opportunities in the field of computing. The event was generously sponsored by Farley Big Local and delivered by STEM Tutoring.

During the event, our students embarked on an engaging journey into the fascinating world of computing, with a particular emphasis on the capabilities of Artificial Intelligence (AI). They were encouraged to envision how AI could shape the educational landscape in schools by the year 2030. It was inspiring to witness their creativity and innovative thinking as they designed their own visions of AI integration in our educational system.

Under the guidance of Dr Ajmal from Bedfordshire University, the girls were given the opportunity to develop marketing campaigns for a new product, exploring the intersections of technology and marketing. This exercise not only allowed them to explore diverse career paths but also honed their

teamwork, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. It was truly remarkable to witness their enthusiasm and the exceptional quality of their ideas.

In addition to delving into the practical aspects of computing, the event aimed to inspire the girls by highlighting the significant role women have played throughout the history of computing. By sharing stories of pioneering female figures in technology, we emphasised the importance of continued female contribution to the field. It is our belief that by nurturing and supporting our young female students, we are shaping a future where women will confidently lead and innovate in the world of computing.



COMPUTING FOR GIRLS EVENT

The following students are commended for their work of excellence.

Marketing Campaign for new technology

What's In My Fridge by Victoria, Eleanor, Zoe and Daria

AI in classrooms

Jess

Petruta

IT Illustrations

Alyssia

Ms Ahmed,

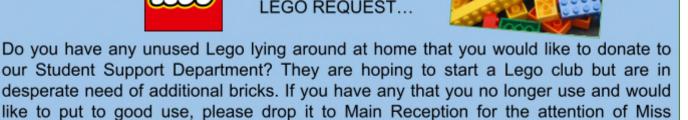
Director of Computing & Business Studies





LEGO REQUEST...

Hodge. Any donation, big or small would be gratefully received. Many thanks!





CELEBRATING CONTINUOUS CREATIVITY!

We have had an amazing year in the Art Department with so much creativity to celebrate and share!

We have nearly completed our two year Artsmark journey and will submit our final 'Statement of Impact' to the Arts Council England in September. A really important focus for our journey is to make sure students have as many cultural opportunities as possible on their own Lealands journey.

After Covid restrictions were lifted, we began with drawing on location around the school environment, exploring the visual language within the architecture. We then took students to the Hat Factory in Luton where we worked with the Culture Trust to allow students to visually analyse the industrial style of the architecture. Students had the opportunity to visit the working studio of Sylvia Lerin, the Artist in Residence at the Hat Factory, who shared her current work with students. They also had the opportunity to speak to a recent graduate who was exhibiting at the Hat Factory and who shared their aspirational creative journey from school to postgraduate study.



Drawing on location: Lealands



siting the Hat Factory



Sylvia Lerin's studio



Tate Modern, London

We are so proud of our creative students who have achieved so much this year and are looking forward to even more visits and opportunities next year!







ART CLUB









This term, Art Club has been absolutely amazing! We have had so many talented students coming to the club of varying experience and skill to either try something new, bring work from home or build on skills they have learnt and liked in art lessons. I've even had several students bring me in their amazing sketchbooks to share which were outstanding! During the year we have learnt many different skills and used many different mediums including clay, painting, drawing, collage, monoprinting, paint pouring just to mention a few and hope to continue exploring different ways of expressing our creativity. If you are a student and have any suggestions of a topic for Art Club that you would like to try out, let me know!

In September we are looking forward to offering Art Club again to our KS3 students, so watch this space for more incredible artwork!

Mrs.Ward-Lindsay (Artist in Residence)





NEW ADDITION TO OUR CREATIVE TEAM!





Hello, my name is Miss Gittins and I am the new art technician. My role entails supporting the smooth running of the art department by ordering supplies and making sure lessons have the correct resources and equipment. As a former student at Lealands I am thrilled to be back here especially in the Art Department helping the students in any way I can to enable best outcomes.



Outside of this role, I enjoy nature and animals and use these as my inspiration when drawing. Please see some of my sketches.





DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

INTRODUCTION TO DofE



Over the course of 4 days, 21 Year 8 students took part in two mini-expeditions to get an understanding of what it takes to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. They had the opportunity to experience camping and camp life but without all the heavy lifting and hours of walking.



They were all very well behaved and an absolute credit to their Head of Year, Miss Cussen.

At Lealands we offer the DofE to students in Year 9, therefore, we hope to see many of these students signing up for the Bronze Award for real when they return to school after the Summer holiday.

Well done: Zoe, Tristan, Ella, Laila, Morell, Daria, Denis-Cristian, Kylan, Lucas, Kiera, George, Kyle, Chloe, Aston, Aamir, Jess, Wika, Sonni and Brandon



'On Monday 12th June, I had the opportunity to begin my starter Bronze experience. When we first arrived at the campsite, we moved all the bags and were shown how to put up the tent. Once everyone had finished we had time to explore and venture into the woods where we played activities and went on Go-Karts. Then we ate our lunch just as it started to rain (oh the great British weather).

In the afternoon, we played football, frisbee and card games, before having a hotdog and burger for dinner. We then had hot chocolate and marshmallows. We spent the night sleeping under the stars.



The next morning, I woke to find ants in my tent which caused me to scream and run out of the tent. Once we were ready, we had the privilege to walk to a windmill and learn some mapping skills before heading home. My Introduction to D of E was amazing and I will definitely be signing up for the real one.'

By Zoe, Year 8



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

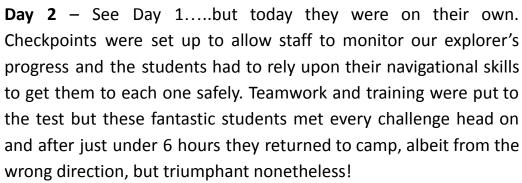
DOFE BRONZE - PURDY'S HEDGEHOGS



On Thursday 22nd June, as GCSEs were ending, this year's DofE students were setting out on their Bronze expedition at Bromham, near Bedford. The weather was hot and their rucksacks were heavy! Spirits were high but there were definitely a few nervous Year 9's in that minibus as we left Lealands.



Day 1 - Hot, very hot! Walking. A lot of walking! Finally returned to camp. Put up tents. Massive thunderstorm! One tent did not hold up to the torrential rain. Clothes got wet but spirits remained high. Food. Bed.





All participants successfully passed this section of the award.

Congratulations: Tasnim, Atika, Judith, Camelia, Rugayato, Zach, Connie, Haider, Natasha and Katelyn.





ACCELERATED READER UPDATE

Congratulations to the following students listed below as they are currently top 3 of their year group this term!

<u>Year 7 Top 3</u>	Year 8 Top 3
Harry Tiller	Saarah Vohra
Aasiyah Khwaja	Amelia Ichim
Alekh Lamsar	Saima Malik

Here at Lealands, we would like to thank parents/carers for consistently checking reading logs every week and speaking to your child about what book they are reading. It is really important we keep these conversations going as it helps motivate and influence students to keep reading and build up on their love of literature. Although the current Year 8s will no longer have Accelerated Reader when they are in Year 9, they are still more than welcome to visit the LRC during their break and lunch and still be able to loan out books.

On Wednesday 19th July, we hosted an Accelerated Reader Pizza Party for our top Year 7 and 8 students. As Ms Rezaei always reminds students, it has nothing to do with ability, but those students who really did commit to the reading programme and tried their best. Although the ultimate reward for continuously reading is that students will see a big change in their reading age improving, better mental health and progressing in other subjects, but to also reward them with cheesy pizza doesn't hurt either!







YEAR 7 POETRY

We are proud to share some fabulous examples of poetry written by a group of talented young writers from Miss Hakim's Year 7 English class.

The Fever

Cold or hot. You can't decide, You feel like you were shot, You lay on your bedside.

Your blankets are a friend and a foe, As your temperature will glow, You lay in bed asleep. The very thing you want, Is to make a big, giant leap.

By Gabriel Mironica

The Monstrous Fire

The blazing, bright fire, The fire is like red wolf eyes, red as a cherry, Fire dripping like blood, The fire said, "I am bright and warm as a bear, I am ripe and sour as a sweet peach, I am a vibrant as a butterfly on a flower at night, Flashing like a torch light in the night.

By Taliyah-Marie Tottman-Sands

I've Never Made A Garden

I've never made a garden, but I'm about to try at home

If you try to make a garden, never try alone The rain will help quench its thirst The sun will help it grow, the wind will help scatter the seeds

And your garden will have all the help it needs.

By Aliya Tohmo

The Bottom of the Ocean

A starfish sinks to the bottom of the ocean The surrounding fish watch with no reaction They can't tell if its dead Or if it's just light from its head It lands at the sand, and tangles in the corals It's stuck.

A goldfish sinks to the bottom of the ocean The surrounding fish watch with no reaction They can't tell if it's dead Or if it's just light from its head It lands at the sand, and tangles upon the seaweed It's stuck

A shark sinks to the bottom of the ocean The surrounding fish watch with no reaction They can't tell if its dead Or if it's light from its head It lands at the sand, and tangles in the soap's Its stuck

The rest of the fish that watch, get prised towards A void cover's the shore, they are impotent to see Or maybe they are overwhelmed, by the one they used to

They never wanted to feel, as if they can't be respected It's stuck from the root

It doesn't seem fair, we don't want to stay stuck like them.

By Karis Griffiths



YEAR 7 POETRY

(CONT'D)

The Ugly Duckling

Once upon a time, in a farm far away A mother duck had seven eggs.

For hours she would sit Then she noticed one didn't quite fit.

Six had hatched all beautiful and yellow But one dull and grey, what a strange little fellow? The others were quite small, He didn't look like them at all.

No one liked him. That made him feel quite dim, He felt misplaced, Like he was a waste.

He wonders all day wishing he was like the others, Perfect with their bold, bright colours, Or like a swan Then all his worries would be gone.

He wanted to be beautiful He wanted to be accepted He wanted to fit in He wanted to be loved

Some time had past "Why aren't I beautiful?" The little duckling asked A swan overheard "Why would you say such a thing?"

By Autumn Strange

Billy Goat Gruff

Down by the river, Lived Billy Goat Gruff, The wool was a bunch of fluff, A grumpy old troll, Who puffs and huffs, Lives under the bridge.

Trip! Trap! "Who is here?!" "It's me, Ready to eat grass, For my eating class, But for you I am not very juicy but my brother is," Trip Trap! "It's me, The brother, I need grass, In a alass. You would not want me my big brother is juicier,"

Trip!Trap! "It's me. The big brother, That is hungry, For grass, So I can harass it,"

The big Billy Goat Gruff goes "arghhh", The goblin went off the bridge like a fridge, He went into the river and he was a kicker.

By Lithushan Chandrakumar

The Closest Friends

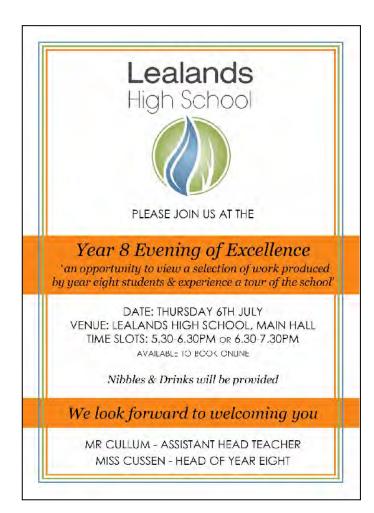
The closest friends bring happiness, Joy and not despair, They are the ones that you make your best memories with, The ones that are always there, The ones who bring yellow to your blue, That's when you know they are true.

By Gracie-Anne Winfield



AN EVENING OF EXCELLENCE

On Thursday 6th July, Year 8 parents and carers were given the opportunity to come to Lealands, tour the school, meet staff and see some of the fantastic work that our students



have produced throughout this academic year. It was a wonderful evening and we thank all those who came to support the event.













CULTURE HERITAGE DAY

On Tuesday 11th July, we had an absolutely incredible day celebrating Culture Heritage Day!

Lealands was buzzing with vibrant colours and insightful discussion as students proudly attended school in traditional dress and flags of their heritage, celebrating the rich diversity we have here at Lealands.

All lessons were culture themed and during assemblies, students shared performances of traditional dance, singing and music; culminating in a wonderful runway show.

The aim of the day was to celebrate the rich cultural diversity that we have here at Lealands and give every student and staff member the opportunity to express themselves and their own culture.

Thank you to Mr Taplin and our Student Voice for organising such a fantastic event and to all of the students and staff who came together to make this day so special!









CULTURE DAY

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SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Luton Local Authority Support

https://m.luton.gov.uk/Page/Show/Health and social care/children and family services/Pages/default.aspx

Holiday Activities: Sign up for local activities in Luton Area:

https://m.luton.gov.uk/Page/Show/Health and social care/children and family services/family-support-guidance/ Family%20Information%20Service/Pages/School-holiday-activities-in-Luton.aspx

Holiday Activities and Food Programme: Central Beds Area:

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/200/holiday activities and food haf programme

If you are concerned for a child: Luton

Luton Children's Services Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub:

If you're concerned about the welfare of a child (0 to 18 years old) please call the MASH team on 01582 547653.

Concerned about a child or young person? Central Beds:

Call 0300 300 8585 immediately (office hours). For out of hours reports call 0300 300 8123.

Please report Urgent concerns to Emergency Services: 999

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

From the NHS:

https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/mental-health-services/

Call 111 option 2

Young Minds:

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/

Samaritans: Call 116123

https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help

Chat Health for 11-19 years

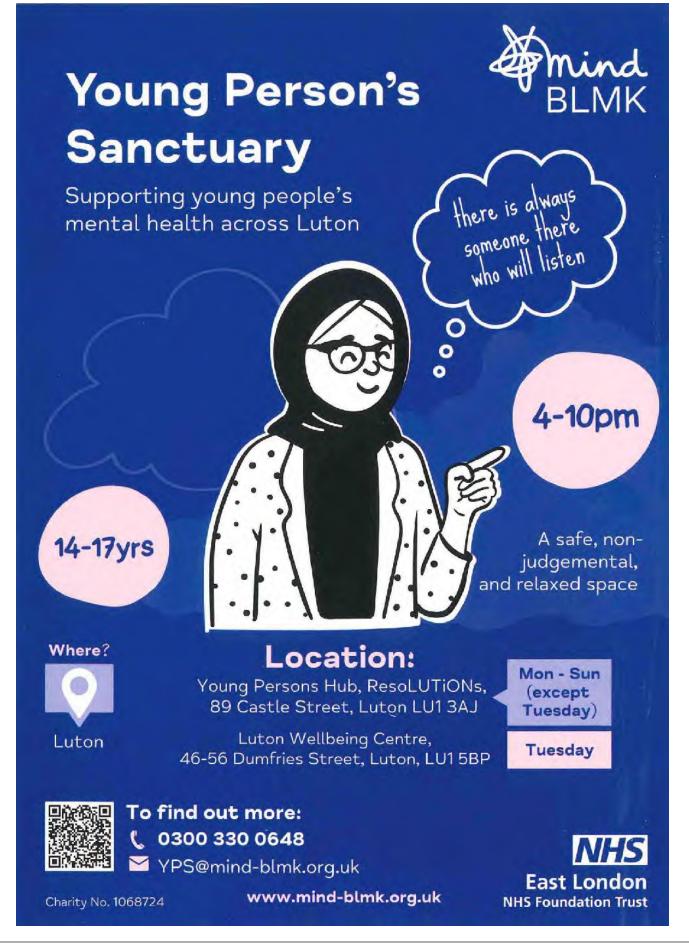
https://chathealth.nhs.uk/

Text: 07520 616070

Young Person's Sanctuary 14-17 years Drop In – see next page for leaflet

Please note staff email addresses will not necessarily be monitored through the holidays, however please do update us with relevant information for September.







UNIVERSITY OF BEDFORDSHIRE TRIP



On Tuesday 6th June, students studying Health and Social Care and Child Development attended a 'Health Care' trip at the University of Bedfordshire. They took part in a variety of workshops to explore careers in health and social care. These include nursing and midwifery, social work and psychology. They also had the opportunity to work within the simulation labs for the day in order to learn more about patient care.



Students were given a tour of the Virtual Reality Suite to see how VR is used in supporting psychological techniques. They had the opportunity to speak to representatives from the university with regards to courses or any other information they wanted to know about.













CAREERS FAIR



On Tuesday 4th July, Lealands hosted its Careers Fair for students in Years 7-10. With over 20 representatives from local and national businesses, further education colleges, universities, apprenticeship providers along with the armed forces and the emergency services in attendance, they helped to inspire the next generation.

Our annual Careers Fair has proved to be an excellent opportunity for our students to



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valuable gain face-to-face time with potential recruiters and specialists in their fields as many consider their future beyond Lealands or what options they wish to take for GCSEs.









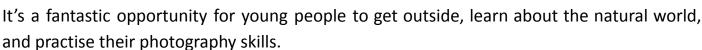
RSPCA YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER

Enter the RSPCA Young Photographer Awards

- Send your amazing animal images
- Categories for under 12s and over
- Use a camera or a mobile phone
- It's completely free to enter
- Some fantastic prizes on offer
- Awards ceremony at the Tower of London

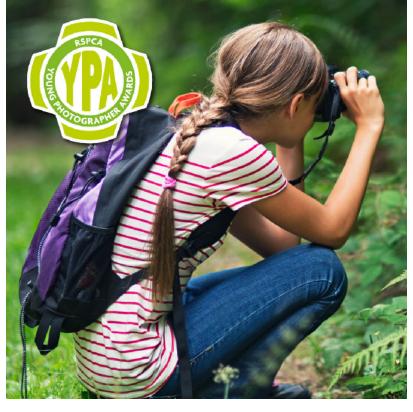
The RSPCA Young Photographer Awards are open to anyone aged 18 or under

The prestigious annual competition is open for entry until 15 August 2023.



There are some brilliant prizes on offer and the chance to attend an awards ceremony, presented by RSPCA President Chris Packham. So get creative and send your best animal images!

Enter at: https://young.rspca.org.uk/ypa/home





YEAR 8 FUNDRAISING UPDATE



In our February newsletter, we reported that our Year 8 students had taken part in a fun run to raise money for the Luton & Dunstable Hospital's Sky Panels Appeal and raised a fantastic £770.58.

We recently received notification that the appeal has now reached their target. Well done Year 8 for your fantastic contribution!

EXPERIENCE DAY

On Thursday 13th July, a wave of excitement swept over the school as students and staff eagerly gathered for their much-anticipated Experience Day trips. Destinations like London, Southend, Thorpe Park, Chessington,



Harpenden and more awaited their arrival. We hope they all enjoyed their experiences and made lots of lasting memories.



















Road Safety Concerns

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

We have recently held our community priority meeting for NORTHWELL & SUNDON where we received a number of complaints about illegally parked vehicles and inconsiderately driven vehicles near the school which coincide with the school's start and finish times. This not only causes inconvenience to local residents but also causes real road safety issues, including danger to pedestrians crossing roads.

Although we encourage walking and cycling to school, we acknowledge that it is essential that vehicles are used, by some, to provide transport for journeys to school. We must ask you to take care that your parking does not cause inconvenience to local residents. Nor should it cause danger to passing pedestrians, cyclists, or traffic, even if this means you need to park a little further from the school gates.

Please ensure that you obey the following rules which form part of the requirements of the Highway Code:

DO NOT stop or park:

- Near a school entrance
- Anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- At or near a bus stop or taxi rank
- Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- Near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- Opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- Where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- In front of an entrance to a property
- On a bend
- Where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

You MUST NOT stop or park on a pedestrian crossing, including the area marked by the zig-zag lines.

YOU MUST NOT make 3point turns in the road.

YOU MUST NOT drop children off in the middle of the road.

In addition, we would ask that extra care and consideration is taken when driving near the school site.

We will be liaising with the Local Authority parking enforcement teams, who have CCTV equipped vehicles and will contact owners of offending vehicles and where appropriate, penalty charge notice may be issued.

We will also be liaising with the school to establish any vehicle continuing to cause an issue in the area.

Kind regards,

PCSO 7372 Claire DANIEL

Claire.danie @beds.police.uk

Bedfordshire Police Community Team



EXTENDED LEARNING IN MATHS

As you are all aware, this year we moved from Hegarty Maths to Sparx Maths for our extended learning. The move has been a huge success and made a big impact on our students' learning. Compared to previous years, we nearly doubled the amount of students fully engaged in extended learning and we are hoping to build on this success and get many more students to benefit from this in coming years. In the meantime, I just want to take this opportunity to praise some of our Sparx Super Stars. These Students have earned the most XP points in Sparx Maths this academic year. These students persevered and worked extremely hard, so a big **WELL DONE** to all of them!

Year 7 – Ashan B Year 10 – Ishrat A Year 8 – Maks W Year 11- Gabby M Year 9- Abbie H

BIZZIE BEES PRE-SCHOOL



Did you know that on the grounds of Lealands we have

Bizzie Bees Pre-school?

Bizzie Bees is on the grounds of the school and has spaces from September 2023.

They offer 15 & 30 hour funding for 2,3,& 4 year olds.

For more info call: 07791515503

Or email: bizziebees4@yahoo.co.uk





Join GCSEPod this summer for SummerPod.

A fun programme to help you prepare and get ahead for next academic year!

Visit www.gcsepod.com/summerpod and register today!







WATER SAFETY

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well. Over the last few years, Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, Bedfordshire Police and the Local Authorities have been contacted by residents across Bedfordshire raising concerns for young people swimming and jumping into outdoor water sites including:

Wixams Lakes - Wixams Priory Marina – Bedford Kempston Milll - Kempston

Blue Lagoon – Arlesey River Ivel - Shefford Stewartby lake - Forest of Marston Vale

Over 400 people accidently drown in the UK and Ireland every year, and many more have non-fatal experiences with some of these being life changing.

We want to alert parents and young people of the potential dangers and risk to life, especially as we are now enjoying the hot weather and sunshine.

Even the strongest of swimmers can get into trouble in water outdoors and we have particular concern for young people who could be putting themselves at risk without knowing the dangers.

Outdoor water can contain many hazards such as entrapments, weeds, rubbish, drains, broken bottles, pollution, under water currents and it can be very hard to judge depth meaning that deep water can suddenly catch someone out but jumping into shallow water could result in serious injury.

Young People may not understand the effects of cold-water shock which can occur when jumping into a river or lake on a hot day. The average water temperatures in the UK are just 12C and anything below 15c is classed as cold water.

Please help to educate young people by showing them and discussing the video below:

Cold Water Shock Video https://youtu.be/27Kexl-BSzM

We have further advice on water safety on our website;

Safety advice | Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service (bedsfire.gov.uk)

There are also activities that parents can do at home with their young people to educate on water safety and other areas of safety;

Home | StayWise

Water Safety Advice | Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK)

https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers/learning-from-home/water-safety

Despite the obvious safety risks, Fire service have no authority to stop people swimming outside or in open water, but if you have concerns of safety or anti-social behavior, we would ask you to report this through to the Police non emergency number on 101

If someone is in trouble in water and needs help in an emergency, please call 999 and ask for FIRE SERVICE

I hope you find this information useful. Stay safe!!!

Kind Regards, Stacey Moore, Community Safety Officer, Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

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