Value of the Month

# 6th October 2023

JUNIOR NEWS EXPR

# Message from the Head

'Democracy'

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Aliyah South America Yusuf Rachel Asia Esa Ayaan Europe Abyha Adam **Africa** Mahreen Soroya Sami North America Arsalan Hokusai **Amna** Khirad Baker Tsrar Khayam Hadid Jannah Hepworth Maya A Zayan Naeemah Van Gogh Arkan Mars Fsha **Abdul** Tanveer Venus Dua Siam Neptune Tsha **Jupiter** Ehsan Amna Esa Saturn Homa Goodall Gurnoor David Curie Ali Safiyyah Asadullah Hawking Maryam Mohamad Erika **Jemison** Aaminah Johnson Hasan

Attendance Target = 96%+					
Attendance for w/e 22.09.23			Attendance for w/e 29.09.23		
	Classes who met target	Most improved attendance		Classes who met target	Most improved attendance
Y3	Asia Europe	Africa	Y3	Europe	North America
Y4	Hepworth Hadid Baker Hokusai	Hokusai	Y4	Hepworth Hadid Hokusai	Hokusai
Y5	Mars Jupiter Venus Neptune	Venus	Y5	Jupiter Venus Neptune Saturn	Saturn
Y6	Jemison Johnson	Jemison	Y6	Jemison Johnson Curie Hawking	Curie

Dear families

It's been another busy week in school!

Thank you for your generous donations of food for the Luton Food Bank. It was lovely to see so many parents join us for the assembly. Our Singing Stars and pupils from all the year groups performed so well - thank you to the staff who prepared them for their performances.

#### School Fete

Thank you if you were able to attend our fete last week. We had a lovely afternoon with the children able to visit all the stalls on both playgrounds. There were lots to choose from - basketball, books, face painting, henna, lucky dip and so many more. We raised just over £2000 which will go towards activities for the children.

# **Y6 River Lea visit**

Y6 classes have been down to the River Lea to take part in a river survey, looking at how clean the water is and what insects are living in it. I went and spoke to Jemison about their trip and they were able to tell me the names of so many invertebrates they saw. Thank you to Mrs Bano who organised this trip.

## National Poetry Day

Yesterday was National Poetry Day and Mrs Compton organised a whole school poetry competition. The children have written their own poems and the winners performed them in their year group assembly. We are sending off the very best from each class to the national competition and hopefully poems from our school will end up being published in a book!

## Hello Yellow - World Mental Health Day

Next Tuesday, we are thinking about mental health and wearing a yellow accessory to school. We are also basing our homework on thinking about an issue or worry and talking to a trusted adult in school or at home about it.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Adams



9.10.2023 - Stone Age workshop - Europe class 10.10.2023 - Hello Yellow Day - Whole school

12.10.2023 - Celtic Harmony visit - Africa, Asia and Europe

13.10.2023 - Celtic Harmony visit - South America and North

America classes 16.10.2023 - Black History Week - Whole school

Please keep up to date with your dinner money £2.50 per day & £12.50 per week.

# **FAMILY CENTRE NEWS**

# Dear Families,

# Family Forum—Friday 13th October @ 9:00am in the Family Centre

This is an opportunity for you to have your voice as a parent heard. Share your views with Mrs Adams and Mrs Parkar. Tell us how we are doing, any ideas you may have, what you like and what you may like us to improve on. Unless we know we cannot action. Please do support and have your say.

# Parent Coffee Morning - Wednesdays 9:00am to 10:30am

Thank you to our two mums who host this event for their kind donations of cakes, croissants and savoury pastries. Great to see mums supporting. Please do continue to come, ask your family members all are welcome.

# St Ethelbert Entrance

I am so sorry to repeat myself but I feel it's a must before an accident happens to a parent or a child of our community. Being a parent myself I fully understand how life is so busy and you are all juggling the best you can. However, please leave earlier to get your child to school. There is no need to drive fast on your approach to the entrance, try not to park on the corner opposite the school gates as this is how the road becomes very congested and accidents may happen. Thanking you all in advanced for your support with this.

## Take a look at this week's



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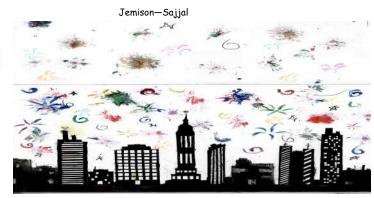
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#### Hepworth-Rameen







# PE-Mr Osborne

The past four weeks has seen WAJS students participate in: Luton schools' cross country, tag - rugby competition, year 3/4 and year 5/6 multi skills festival and a football league match. The next two weeks are very busy. Selected pupils have a Boccia tournament, an indoor cricket fixture, girls' football league game, netball match, sports hall athletics festival, boys' futsal tournament and a football league fixture. Clubs are going from strength to strength! Lots of children are staying very active over the course of the school week - this makes me very happy indeed.

We still have spaces for children to attend the following clubs: year 5 football club (Monday after school), year 3 / 4 dodgeball (Wednesday before school) year 5/6 athletics (Wednesday after school).

# Year 3

Year 3 have continued to settle into life at junior school and are now confident finding their way around. In English, we have had our first go at writing a class story and the children have enjoyed describing a dark, scary cave. This week, the children will be writing their own journey stories, which they are very excited about. In Maths, we have started a new unit of work looking at addition and subtraction. Over the next few weeks the children will use a variety of equipment to help them get to grips with column addition and subtraction of 3-digit numbers. Africa, Asia and South America classes have enjoyed a fantastic Stone Age adventure in the Willow Garden, building shelters and lighting fires. Europe and North America classes have this to look forward to very soon.

Miss Thingsaker and the Year 3 team

# Year 4

Year 4 have been adding numbers in columns using place value counters and recording using formal methods. In science, we completed numerous experiments about the properties of solids, liquids and gases. In English, we have begun to write our diary entries and the Year 4 teachers are really proud of the children's first piece of independent writing in Year4, Lastly, thank you to the children who took part in the Harvest assembly — you were incredible. Thank you as always for your support with times tables and reading.

Mr Patel and the Year 4 team

# <u>Year 5</u>

Year 5 have been working incredibly hard on writing Greek myths, we've delved deep and created some imaginative texts. We've said goodbye to our chicks but have welcomed some very beautiful butterflies, do ask the children about the process of metamorphosis. Recently some of the children have disengaged from TTRS, we do encourage your child to play daily for a minimum of ten minutes. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 Team

# <u>Year 6</u>

Year 6 have continued their excellent start to Year 6. In maths, we've been learning division and multiplication and children are keen to show off their new calculation skills. In science, we investigated the properties of light and tested a range of materials to see whether they reflected, transmitted or absorbed light as part of our learning about light. Year 6 children had the opportunity to visit the River Lea and learn about the health of the river, as well as partake in some river-dipping to identify some interesting species. Teachers have been consistently impressed with the high standard of Learning Log homework children are producing. In addition, Year 6 classes have worked hard in their Times Tables Rock Stars' battles with some comprehensive victories! Lastly, thank you to the children who took part in the Harvest assembly — you were amazing. Thank you as always for your support.



In our English lessons across the school the children were all immersed into their new texts with a WOW hook.

In Year 3, the children are reading The Tunnel. They got to experience what life was like for the characters Jack and Rose as they went through the tunnel in the story by going through a tunnel in Year 3 that led them all to their classrooms.

In Year 4, the children are reading Gregory Cool. Life is a little different for Gregory when he arrives in Tobago to visit relatives. The children's classrooms were all decorated with a Caribbean theme and the children listened to some calypso music.

In Year 5, the children are reading the mythical story of The Gorgon's Head. The teachers all dressed up in togas to start the topic off with a wow! The children were immersed straight into the text and then designed their own mythical beast.

In Year 6, the children have been reading a story entitled 'The Door' which is about a young boy conquering fear and facing up to a beast. The children were all faced with mysterious boxes where they experienced overcoming their own fears by placing their hand inside without knowing what was inside and making a guess.



# National Poetry Day- Thursday 5th October 2023

This week to celebrate National Poetry Day, the children will be spending the afternoon writing a poem with the theme 'This is Me!' With the support of their teachers the children will look at a range of poems before deciding which style of poem they would like to write about themselves.

There will be one lucky winner from each class who will receive a prize. They will also read their poem out to their peers.

We will be sending off a selection of entries to the Young Writers Competition in the hope that some of our children's entries will appear in a published book of poems- watch this space.

Good luck to all of our children.