



Values Education

Our value for March is:
TRUST



MESSAGES, FEEDBACK AND REFLECTIONS FROM THE HEAD

What a difference the sun has made this week – the playgrounds have been buzzing with even more activity and although we have been back to classes playing separately, the children have really risen to the challenges - we even had one class staging a concert for each other today! Our Early Years children have made especially good use of the better weather (although they always make great use of their outside space) and I know they have really enjoyed the additional water they have used in their play. We have had several visitors in school recently, including prospective staff on interview, new parents and local authority advisors. It is always a pleasure to show people around school (although COVID restrictions limit this a little), but it is particularly pleasing when the feedback is so positive. All of our visitors have commented on the welcoming atmosphere and positivity of our staff and pupils, but we have also received praise for the attitude to learning of our pupils, the focus and engagement in the classrooms and the wider experiences we offer. We work really hard to ensure your children get the best possible experience at Laburnum and whilst the pandemic has of course limited some activities, it is great that we have been back in school for a full year now (albeit with unusually high absence rates) and have been able to offer the full curriculum, enhanced by specialist music teaching for Reception to Year 6, school visits (including overnight stays for Y3-6), visitors and experiences, additional healthy lifestyle activities such as Bikeability and the 9 different after school clubs we provide (look out for the Summer Term being advertised). Shortly after Easter, we will also be getting our swimming pool ready for swimming lessons to begin at half term – it really will be great to build the children's water confidence after 2 summers without the pool.

Staffing Update

At the end of this term, Mr Mephram (Y4) is leaving us to take up a post much closer to home and reducing his daily commute considerably. We have successfully recruited a teacher to take over in Willow Class and will be joined by Miss Wright in April. I am sure that you will join us in wishing Mr Mephram good luck as he moves on and in welcoming Miss Wright to the Laburnum School Community. Miss Ford (EYFS) will also be leaving us at Easter, as she has gained a promotion (congratulations Miss Ford!). We are currently advertising for some additional roles in school (you can find these on our website). We often have enquiries from parents about working in school, but most roles require experience and qualifications at least at Level 2. If any parents are interested in a career working in schools, please do come and talk to us. We can offer volunteering opportunities and can also advise you on how to find out more about suitable training that will equip you with the skills to get a post working in a school.

Bikeability Level 1

The Year 4 children, who signed up for it, have Bikeability Level 1 on Monday. This course is all school based and takes place on the playground. Please check ParentMail for a reminder of the details. There will be an opportunity next year, in Year 5 and 6, for the children to undertake the combined Level 1 and 2 Bikeability course (and hopefully Level 3 in Year 6 again).

Bikeability – Level 3

Congratulations to the children in Year 6, who completed their Bikeability Level 3 today. This involved a 3-hour bike ride and learning to deal with busy roads, roundabouts and even a ride on a short stretch of the A1. The instructors praised our children's effort and enthusiasm and once again they all demonstrated the Laburnum values. This is the first time that we have run Bikeability Level 3 and we are really proud of our children. The instructors commented that they often work with Year 6 groups that are not able to be taken out for the full course as they are not ready/confident as cyclists or are not mature enough. As you will know, we invest heavily in the children's physical and mental health and we have been successful every year in attaining the funded Bikeability scheme. Learning to ride a bike on the road with confidence is a skill that they can take with them for the future – and will really help if they ride to school at Laburnum or when they move on to Sandy Secondary School. Well done Year 6!



Parent Parking

We have had a concern expressed by a resident of The Avenue about illegal parking (too near the junction) by school parents. We promised that we would pass on this concern and ask all parents to park with consideration for our neighbours. Thank you.

HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



246



243



220



245

ATTENDANCE

Attendance will return
next week!

ATTENDANCE TARGET: 97%



Well done to all of our runners this week!
The winning classes were:

EYFS & KS1

KS2

Cedar

Sycamore

VALUES CHAMPIONS

Apple:	Annabelle & Annabelle
Beech:	Mason
Elm:	Roman
Cedar:	Lincoln
Chestnut:	Lily P
Willow:	Bobby
Sycamore:	Emily
Oak:	Mary

CONGRATULATIONS!



Messages sent to families

536

408 Last week



Photos and videos shared

42

61 Last week



Positive feedback %

100%

100% Last week



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KEY DATES

MARCH	
Monday 28 th	Year 4 Bikeability – Level 1
APRIL	
Friday 1 st	Break Up for Easter Break
Wednesday 20 th	Summer Term Begins – YR-6 Return to School Nursery New Starter 1:1 visits
Thursday 21 st	Nursery Return to School
MAY	
Monday 2 nd	May Day Bank Holiday
All of May	Year 2 KS1 Assessments
Tuesday 3 rd	Class Photographs
Monday 9 th - Thursday 12 th	Year 6 KS2 SATS
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th	Year 6 to PGL Caythorpe Court (residential visit)
Friday 27 th	Break Up for Half Term
JUNE	
Tuesday 7 th	2 nd Half of Summer Term Begins – All pupils return to school
Monday 6 th – Friday 10 th	Year 1 Phonics Check Week & Year 4 Multiplication Check Period
Friday 17 th	Father's Day Breakfast
Tuesday 28 th	Year 1 visit to Woburn Safari Park
Thursday 30 th June – Friday 1 st July	Year 3 Overnight Camp (School Field)
JULY	
Friday 1 st – Saturday 2 nd	Year 5 to National Space Centre (overnight stay)
Saturday 9 th	FLS Summer Fayre



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CHUMS workshops

These workshops are designed as a starting point for families with children who have low level difficulties and may not have accessed support from mental health services. If this is the case we would recommend making a CHUMS/CAMHS referral on our website;

<http://chums.uk.com/bedfordshire-and-luton-referral-forms/>.

Please note that spaces for workshops are limited and allocated on a first-come, first served basis.

WORKSHOPS:

Parent Sleep Workshop (Parent only with children aged 12 and under) - The workshop will cover the following topics; why sleep is important, what is 'good' sleep, possible causes of sleep difficulties and learning strategies to help overcome sleep problems.

- Monday 25th April 9:30-11:30am
- Tuesday 12th July 17:00pm-19:00pm

0-5 Resiliency Workshop (Parent's only) - The workshop will look at the importance of relationships, healthy attachment and how children are constantly learning from those around them. It will cover emotional regulation and how parents/carers are in a prime position to model healthy emotional regulation and behaviours. The workshop will also cover strategies and techniques to help build resiliency in children.

- Thursday 21st April 9:30am-11:30am
- Tuesday 21st June 17:00pm-19:00pm

Primary Resiliency Workshop (Parent workshop for children aged 6-12) – The workshop will cover the following topics; mental health vs mental health problems, emotional regulation, psychoeducation around anxiety and low mood, and strategies for relaxation.

- Wednesday 18th May 9:30am-11:30am

Parent Self Esteem Workshop (Parent only for children 5-12 years of age)- One off workshop which equips parents with an understanding of self-esteem and ways to promote high self-esteem through parenting style and collaborative activities to try at home with their young person.

- Monday 18th July 17:00pm-19:00pm

Anxiety Workshop (For parents of children under the age of 12) - The workshop will cover the following topics; Emotional development in children, emotional regulation, psychoeducation around anxiety and anxiety management strategies.

- Monday 16th May 9:30am-11:30am

Transition Workshops – One-off psychoeducation workshops that provides anxiety /behavioural strategies based on guided self-help to help children with transitions to new schools / reintegration back to school. Parents and young people can attend:

- **Lower-Middle transitions (parent only)**– Thursday 11th August 17:00pm-19:00pm
- **Primary-Secondary/Middle-Upper transitions (Parent and young person)** – Monday 22nd August 9:30am-11:30am

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