

3RD MARCH 2023

We were straight back into the swing of things on Monday with our Book Week work. Book Week is one of my favourite times of year as it allows the staff to be creative with their timetable and really allow the children to immerse themselves in a text for the week. We saw some *fantastic* costumes yesterday: thank you for your help with this, it really helped us to celebrate World Book Day with a bang! Our thanks to Mrs Aujla, as always, for organising such a fun week.

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
2 MARCH 2023

Thank you to all parents and carers who have attended meetings face to face or over the phone this week with your child's class teachers. These are really valuable meetings that allow us to share the progress your child is making this year and their next steps so please get in touch with the school office if you were not able to make your meeting for any reason so that you can reschedule at a time which is convenient to both yourself and the class teacher.

Thank you also for your support in purchasing books from the Book Fair. Your purchases generated us an amazing £1400 in commission which Mrs Aujla will be able to use to further enhance valuable reading resources for classrooms.

Please make sure you are reading messages and letters home carefully as we are getting lots of calls to the office asking for information which we have already communicated with parents. It is important to make sure that you have your Parent App notifications turned on so you don't miss anything important. Thank you for your help with this.

Class Attendances—Week beginning 27th February 2023—Average attendance 97.2%

Attendance has seen a big increase this week—thank you! We continue to aim for an overall attendance of 96% for the academic year. **Please remember that I am still *unable* to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines. These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.**

Class 1	94.8%
Class 2	98.0%
Class 3	98.0%
Class 4	94.8%
Class 5	95.0%
Class 6	95.0%

Class 7	100%
Class 8	98.4%
Class 9	99.2%
Class 10	95.1%
Class 11	98.4%
Class 12	99.2%



Best Wishes
Mrs J Hill

Prefects

A special congratulations to the children chosen to be this term's prefects. These children have stood out amongst their peers as model pupils whose attitude and effort at school and with their homework last half term has been exemplary:



Year 3—**Inayah**
Year 4—**Lucas**
Year 5—**Opal**
Year 6—**Asad**



School Dinners

Next week, we will be on Week 3's dinner menu. Dinners are £2.20 per day and children can switch between dinners and sandwiches from home daily if they wish.



<https://gaytonj.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/Week-3-Menu-Spring-Summer-2023.pdf>

Big Walk and Wheel

Get set... we're taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2023 the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 20th-31st March. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved!



What do you need to do?

Encourage your child/children to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

Including everyone

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel.

We know it may be more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. If you want to discuss more about your child's specific needs, please contact Mrs Costema and we will make sure to look into how your child can take part.

Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school and that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

Useful resources

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have hassle-free journey to school.

Download your free family guide using this link:

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-school-run-guide/>

For more information about the event go to www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk . Enjoy the challenge!

Red Nose Day 2023



We will be selling red noses in school from Monday 6th March in the school hall when doors open at 8:45am. Children should come into school through their usual door. Noses are £2.50 each.

Red Nose Day is Friday 17th March: We are inviting the children to wear a **splash of red** (e.g. red nose, t-shirt, hairband, socks or Comic Relief merchandise) along with their school uniform on the day for a donation (no jeans or football shirts please).

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Dinner Money Debt

As we approach the end of our financial year, we would greatly appreciate parents clearing any dinner money debt you have on your accounts with us as soon as you are able, as any debts are taken from the school budget that is carried forward into next year's financial planner. A reduction in these debts will allow us to be able to plan our spending much more clearly to ensure we can enhance our curriculum provision as we would like for the children in the summer term and into 2023-24. Please contact the school office if you are having difficulty in paying off any dinner debt and we will be happy to discuss a payment plan with you. Thank you.



Want to Talk About it?

Following on from our assembly on Safer Internet Day before the half term break, here are some ideas worth sharing from Internet Matters on having conversations with children about their online activity. Please remember that you can contact the Safeguarding Team at school if you have any concerns around Internet safety by emailing safeguarding@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk and that you can sign up to can create an account with National Online Safety by clicking the link below and adding your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/gayton-community-junior-school>

Get familiar with regular conversations

- ✓ Start a conversation when your children will be more receptive and engaged, such as on the way to or from school
- ✓ Ask them for advice on how to do something online and use this as a conversation starter
- ✓ Make sure they know they can come to you if they're upset by something they've seen online
- ✓ Be sensitive and encourage them when they share their online experiences with you
- ✓ If your child talks about an issue with you, stay calm and listen without judging them

Check they know the rules

- ✓ Don't share personal information like their phone number or email address online
- ✓ Only talk to real life friends or family if they are on sites with a social media element
- ✓ Explain that people they meet online might not be who they say they are
- ✓ Tell them to be a good online friend and not to say nasty things even if it's just a joke
- ✓ Use secure and legal sites to download music and games
- ✓ Make sure they check with you before downloading any programs to avoid viruses

Breakfast

Numbers have risen this week and we were pleased to be able to provide breakfast to 39 children over the course of the week of breakfast provision **for those who need it.**

breakfast
fuel for learning

FEBRUARY HALF TERM		
Thursday 9th March	All Day	Year 5 Museum of Making Trip—See Letter
Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March	All Day	Potential Strike Days
Friday 17th March	All Day	Red Nose Day—Wear a splash of red—donation
Monday 20th March	All Day	Year 5 Faith Trail—Details to follow
Monday 20th—Friday 31st March	Mornings and Evenings for the fortnight	Big Walk and Wheel
Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st March	All Day	Year 3 Roman Workshops
Wednesday 22nd March	All Day	Year 4 Space Centre Trip—See Letter
Thursday 23rd March	During the school day	Year 3 visits to Newmount Church—Easter Experience
Wednesday 29th March	All Day	Year 6 School Nursing Team Visit—See Letter
Wednesday 29th March	9:30-11:00	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Sensory Processing & Needs
Thursday 30th March	All Day	Reward Day—Non Uniform for all pupils
Thursday 30th March	PM	Break up for Easter Holiday
Friday 31st March	All Day	INSET 5
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 17th April	AM	Back to School—Summer Term 1
Monday 1st May	All Day	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May	All Day	Additional Bank Holiday—School Closed to Children
Tuesday 9th-Friday 12th May	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 12th—Sunday 14th May	All Weekend	Year 6 PGL Trip
Wednesday 17th May	9:30-11:00	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Transition & Summer Support
Friday 26th May	PM	Break up for Half Term
MAY HALF TERM		
Monday 5th June	AM	Back to School—Summer Term 2
Wednesday 28th June	9:30-11:00	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Internet Safety & Mental Health
Friday 21st July	PM	Break up for Summer Holiday
2023-24 INSET DAYS		
Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2023	All Day	INSETs 1 & 2
Monday 6th November 2023	All Day	INSET 3
Monday 8th January 2024	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 3rd June 2024	All Day	INSET 5

Influence & Inspire

Influence & Inspire is a community development organisation providing Sunnyhill and surrounding communities with safe warm spaces, beneficial provisions and services. They run a clothing bank with pre-loved clothing and footwear (donations welcome), can make referrals to other organisations to support families and also serve hot and cold food at their Saturday Family Hub. <https://www.influenceandinspire.co.uk/>





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Littleover
Tennis Club



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TENNIS HOLIDAY CAMP

Littleover Tennis Club



As an accredited Mini Tennis Centre for the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), Littleover Tennis Club is proud to announce their Easter Holiday Camp.

Alex Roome and his team of experienced, DBS Checked Sports Coaches deliver a quality program in a fun and safe learning environment.

Where:

Littleover Tennis Club
40 Eastwood Drive
Littleover
Derby
DE23 6BN



When:

3rd April – 6th April (9:00 - 15:00)
11th April – 14th April (9:00 – 15:00)

The Holiday camp is for children aged between 4 – 14 years old and will run from 9:00 – 15:00. A low pupil to coach ratio is in place to ensure a high quality of learning is always given to the children. In every session we ensure it is suitable for all levels of skill from beginners to more advanced players.

We ensure that the court size and Mini Tennis equipment is modified to ensure that every child is playing at a level that is right for them.

Throughout the week Alex and the team will make sure that the children learn but also get involved in fun and games including some competitions.

What's needed:

- Appropriate sports clothing (PE Kit)
- Packed Lunch & Drinks for the day (non-fizzy)
- Positive attitude to learning & FUN!



How to book:

If you have multiple children a form must be completed for each one.

£20 per day

Please mark below the dates your child will be attending.



Cheque:

Please complete the form below along with a cheque and return to Alex Roome, 53 Martha Road, Langley Country Park, Derby, DE22 4PB.

Cheques should be made payable to A.Roome

Bank Transfer:

Please transfer payment to Alex Roome and send the attached form or email the details to alexroome@sky.com

Bank Transfers are available please contact via email or SMS to obtain this information

Once Alex has received your booking and payment he will confirm via email or SMS as per your preference.



Littleover Tennis Club Half-Term Holiday Camp

Dates	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
3 rd April – 6 th April					X
11 th April – 14 th April	X				

Child Details (please print)

Full Name	
Date of Birth	
Medical Conditions	

Parent/Guardian Details (please print)

Full Name				
Contact Number				
Email Address				
Contact preference (please tick)	Email		SMS	
Total Payment	£	BACS or Cheque?	BACS Reference	

If you do not want any further emails/SMS's from Alex regarding future camps please tick here

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Photos will be taken at the sports camp for the purpose of advertising. Please tick here if you do not want any photos of your child to be used by Alex or Littleover Tennis Club

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Your child's and your personal details will **NOT** be passed on to any third parties.

Blagreaves & Littleover Neighbourhood Forum
Monday 6th March 2023, 7.00pm
Littleover Social Club, Blagreaves Lane

Dear Friends

Please find enclosed a copy of the agenda.

The Forum is held regularly and aims to give residents both an opportunity to have a say on the issues that affect the neighbourhood and to find out what is happening in the Blagreaves and Littleover community.

Making Blagreaves & Littleover Safer – A member of the Blagreaves & Littleover Safer Neighbourhood Team will provide an update on activities in these areas. They will be there to answer any questions you may have or respond to matters of concern relating to crime and community safety.

You will be able to discuss and agree the Blagreaves & Littleover Safer Neighbourhood Team policing priorities for the next 3 months.

Questions - At the meeting you can raise any questions or queries. If you would like to ask a question, please use the form included and hand in to the meeting or send it in to the Neighbourhood Officer.

As always, you will have the opportunity to meet other people who care about the neighbourhood and raise your views and concerns relating to Blagreaves & Littleover.

Yours sincerely

Blagreaves & Littleover Neighbourhood Team

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Monday 6th March 2023, 7.00pm

Littleover Social Club, Blagreaves Lane

1	Submitting questions for the meeting	7.00pm
2	Welcome and introductions	7.15pm
3	Policing in Blagreaves & Littleover A chance for you to meet and raise issues with your local police	7.20pm
4	PPOTeam Update Public Protection Team	7.35pm
5	Cllr Updates	7.45pm
5	Question Time/Ideas for Board Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunity to ask questions # - Opportunity to provide ideas to spend Board Funding & Traffic Management Priorities <i># Please write down your question or ideas on a form on arrival at the meeting</i>	8.05pm
6	Date and Time of the Next Joint Meeting TBC	8.30pm