

Launton C of E School Newsletter



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In the news this week...

All of the pupils in school are enjoying their new fitness challenge of 'Tennis Tap Ups' organised by Mr Mawn on Mondays. Pupils from Rowan Class reported:

"Even though the ball kept running away from me, I showed resilience to keep trying to get 10 bat ups," said Finn.

"I liked to keep bouncing the ball up and up with my racket," said Taylor.

"I got 10 bat ups and it made me feel really proud of myself," stated Rosie.

Rowan Class have also enjoyed participating in Yoga and Dance this term. In Dance, the pupils had to show specific movements linked to instrumental sounds representing the ever changing weather!

"I enjoyed listening to the number of tambourine beats which meant we had to stop and change direction," said Iona.

"My favourite instrument was the rainmaker as it was like we were jumping in puddles," said Evelyn.

"The tambourine sound made me happy and warm as if I was skipping in the sunshine," Arabella.

"The ice skating movement was the best as I liked the sound of the bells and ice skating!" George. "Listening to the maracas makes me feel cold. Like I was stomping my feet in the snow," Lena.



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Report from Ash Class about what Children in EYFS have been doing.

This week, Ash class have been discovering what happens to water when it is freezing cold during Winter. The children decided to leave water out in a tuff tray over the weekend and investigate whether anything happened to it. On Monday, the class observed that the water had frozen and had turned to ice. They noticed that the ice felt cold, wet, and slippery. Jonny observed the ice carefully and said "The ice is see-through." The children then decided to leave the ice out to observe what happened next. The class noticed that as the weather became warmer it started to melt and turn back to water.

Message from the PTA

Happy New Year from the PTA.

It's January Sale time for Preloved Uniform. We will be selling preloved uniform in the school hall on Thursday 16 Jan from 2:45pm. All items will be half their usual price, so please come and buy those extras you need now or stock up for the future.

We are planning the events for the rest of the year - so watch this space for more dates for your diary!

To contact the PTA, email

friendsofLaunton-pta@googlegroups.com

Your current trustees are:

Lucy Crawford - Chair (Yr 2)

Emma Austin - Vice-Chair (Yr 1 and 3)

Charlotte Noakes - Secretary (Reception and Yr 3)

Laura Smith - Treasurer (Yr1 and 5)

Catherine Hall - Treasurer (Yr 3)

The PTA is very much excited to announce that planning is now underway for the PTA Disco! We're hoping to finalise dates very soon. In the meantime, can you help.....



In search of children's DJ for the PTA disco!

If you know anyone who would be prepared to volunteer their time at our PTA disco, please contact your class rep or any member of the PTA!

And if you'd like to get involved in helping at the Disco then please get in touch.



In other news

Katie Swinburn our Home School Link worker alongside Karen Ariss from adult education at Abingdon and Witney College will be running a free 10-week nurturing programme for parents. It is a fantastic course that supports parents in building emotional health for the whole family. It can help provide strategies to understand, recognise and regulate children's behaviour at home. You are more than welcome to come along to the first session before deciding if you want to attend the whole course.

The course will run from the 25th of February to the 13th of May every Tuesday (excluding the Easter Holidays) at 12.30pm to 2.30pm at Brookside School. Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be available. Please email familylinks@brookside.oxon.sch.uk to book your place or ask any further questions

[Family Links Leaflet](#)

Updates & Reminders

Useful Links –

[Brass Lessons in School](#)

[Clubs and Events](#)

[Launton Village Players Pantomime 2025](#)

[Oral Health Newsletter December 2024](#)

[Support for Parents](#)

[Internet Safety Webinar](#)

Remember: Please be aware that we have children in school with **serious food allergies**. To ensure the safety of all of our children please avoid sending your child to school with anything that contains nuts this includes sandwiches containing peanut butter or chocolate spread.

Useful Links

Here is the NHS [Is my child too ill for school](#) information.

As parents and carers, there are ways we can support our children to give them the best chance to stay mentally healthy. Encouraging and guiding a child to think about their own mental health and wellbeing are vital skills you can teach them from a young age. [Children's mental health - Every mind matters](#)