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Curriculum Newsletter – 23rd Edition

I am always struck by how quickly Fridays come around again. The weeks seem to fly by so quickly and as amazing as it may sound, Easter is almost upon us!! The only conclusion I can reach is that everyone is working so hard, and this is what makes the days rush by. In a previous edition of the weekly newsletter, I noted that termlet 4 is the shortest it has ever been but the amount of work we need to complete remains the same. I think this is why all of the children and staff are feeling so tired, and fulfilled. With this in mind, I have great pleasure in welcoming you to the 23rd edition of the weekly Curriculum Newsletter.

Creativity Council Takeover

Many of you will remember the takeovers that have been led by our Creativity Council. The buildings we have occupied include the Curve and Leicester Museum on New Walk. Parents have come along on the day, and been amazed as our children lead a range of different activities with members of the public in attendance. This year, it might be the case that we will be working in partnership with De Montfort University in one of the new buildings on campus. Although this has yet to be confirmed, I suspect this will be our base. On Thursday of this week, it was my pleasure to welcome Sam from the Spark Arts, and he led a session with the newly appointed Creativity Councillors, that focused on the dual concepts of taking something over and representation. They thoroughly enjoyed this and over the coming weeks, there will be 5-more sessions that will prepare them for the takeover in May. There are few things I like more than seeing our children undertaking great works in the community, and impressing everyone with their ability, engagement, and confidence.

The Holy Month of Ramadan

For all members of our Muslim community, Ramadan Kareem. I will be joining you for a day of fasting on **Thursday 21st March**, and know that your good wishes will be with me at this time. Our arrangements at both sites seem to be working. Special thanks to those parents in the younger year groups who have been so diligent in collecting their children at lunchtime. Just a quick reminder that if your child remains in school and they are not fasting in years 5 or 6, they will need a full packed lunch. Please remember that this is part of our Duty of Care, to ensure that your child remains safe at all times.

Menus

After a little bit of a delay, we should be able to publish menus and ordering advice for hot school meals. These will be available to all of the children when we move into our new building, and remain free to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Ordering will again be online, and the menu will follow a 3-week rotation. One of my concerns during the RAAC crisis has been the quality of nutrition that the children have encountered at lunchtime. With this in mind, I am hoping to see high take up rates when this provision comes back to us in the summer term.

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With Special Thanks

As this will be the penultimate newsletter before we move into our new building, I just wanted to pay tribute to and offer my thanks to everyone who has helped us. Without their support, we would not have been able to maintain the Quality of Education your children have encountered at school. I am also very proud that during this most difficult of times, we have actually grown our classes, and at the end of the crisis, we have 3-more pupils on the register than we did at the beginning! I think this pays testimony to all of our parents, who have stuck with us through the good times and the bad. Next week, I will focus on our partners in this venture, but this week, I would like to thank all of you. In many ways, you are the people that Government agencies often forget. I know the sacrifices that you have made since the crisis broke back in April 2023. As a Learning Community, we remain as strong as ever, and this gives me real confidence about the path ahead.

After School Clubs and Parent Groups

I know that as parents, you have all missed our parent groups, and the children are also very eager to recommence after-school clubs. Please be assured that this provision will start soon into the new term, with Parent Groups beginning during the week beginning **Monday 15th April 2024**. I will publish the agreed days and times next week, and shall very much look forward to seeing you there. One thing I can promise is that you will be amazed with the provision your children are encountering, as well as the quality of the new building. I am also proud of this and know that all of the fights we have had with the powers that be have got us the best building possible for our children and community.

Year 2 PE

This week, I had the pleasure of going over to Crown Hills to help the Year 2 children with their PE lessons. With RAAC, there have been few real benefits, but one that has been deeply valued is the relationships we have developed with many secondary education providers. The space available is truly awe inspiring, and our children just love to be in huge areas such as these. We are also grateful to the staff who work so hard to make our children feel welcome, challenged, and safe. I know that these links will continue when we move into our new building, and now that we are neighbours, it will be so much easier for our children to get there!!

Attendance

Despite all of the winter ailments that are doing the rounds, I have been very pleased with the attendance figures this week. My thanks for making sure your children are in school every day.

Week Beginning Monday 11 th March 2024			
Early Years	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Chestnut: 98.1%	1KM: 95.5%	3KW:98.4%	6RK: 97.2%

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