





# Headteacher's newsletter #2

Autumn 2

 Website: <https://www.loughton.milton-keynes.sch.uk/>

 Phone: 01908 665971

 Email: office@loughton.school

24.11.22

## Autumn 1 reflection

Autumn term 1 was jam packed full of year group trips, residentials, visitors to school to enhance the curriculum and sporting fixtures. The term ended on a high with our inter-house cross country competition and colour run.

Over this term, we have had some lovely comments from outside providers on our children's behaviour and knowledge. This has made all the staff very proud of our children and we hope this continues across the year.

## Staffing

I am sad to inform you that we have, this week waved a very fond farewell to Miss Sarah Fennessy, our medical coordinator. Miss Fennessy has nursed lots of poorly children over the years and has now moved onto pastures new. At the end of this term, we also say goodbye to Mrs Sarah Taylor in HB4 and Mrs Helen Slorach from year 6. Both Mrs Taylor and Mrs Slorach have provided endless support for the children in their respective areas and will be greatly missed. We thank all three and wish them the very best of luck for the future.

## Attendance

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, we are really concentrating on attendance this academic year.

I have analysed the autumn term 1 data and I am pleased to say that 214 children gained 100% attendance during this half term. These children will all receive an attendance token, which is worth 50 house points.

## Religious Education

As a school, we are very proud of the way we celebrate all religions and cultures. Over the last couple of weeks, we have had a number of children who have told us they cannot take part in RE lessons or in the music lessons where they are learning Christmas songs for the Carol concert. If you do not wish your child to take part in RE lessons, you must write to myself explaining the reasons why. The MK guidance is as follows:

*The primary religious educator is the parent. Where parents object in conscience to the religious education provided by the school, they may withdraw their children from part or all of the RE curriculum. Where withdrawal takes place, by law a parent takes personal responsibility for the religious education of their child. **A pupil cannot be withdrawn from RE by a parent to support other areas of their learning. Schools have a duty to keep pupils safe, but not to provide them with additional work.***

## Inter-house Cross Country results

### Year 6 boys

1. Crispy – Pankhurst
2. Ru – Attenborough
3. Sam – Attenborough
4. Will – Valentine

### Year 6 girls

1. Emily – Shakespeare
2. Yana – Pankhurst
3. Eleanor – Valentine
4. Ashmi – Shakespeare

### Year 5 boys

1. Zacharia – Valentine
2. Joshua – Shakespeare
3. Junior – Attenborough
4. Ochi – Valentine

### Year 5 girls

1. Lara – Pankhurst
2. Stella – Valentine
3. Natalia – Valentine
4. Aila – Valentine

### Year 4 boys

1. Leo N – Shakespeare
2. Leo W – Pankhurst
3. Jacob – Shakespeare
4. Owen – Valentine

### Year 4 girls

1. Isabella B – Pankhurst
2. Isabella M – Shakespeare
3. Naomi – Shakespeare
4. Ava – Valentine

### Year 3 boys

1. Aiden – Pankhurst
2. Rudy – Shakespeare
3. Noah – Pankhurst
4. Cillian – Pankhurst

### Year 3 girls

1. Bella – Pankhurst
2. Jasmine – Valentine
3. Khadija – Pankhurst
4. Asiya – Shakespeare

**Rebekah Green**  
Headteacher



## Parent helpers

We welcome volunteers to join our team to support with a variety of roles across the school, enriching the provision for our children.

### Voluntary positions available:

- **School librarian** - we are looking for someone or a couple of people to help with the day-to-day running of the school library and maintaining stock etc.
- **Reading champions** - to support listening to children read and enjoy stories being read to them
- **General classroom support** – helping with day-to-day tasks in and around the classroom.

If you are interested in any of the above please contact Mrs Charlie McNeaney on [Mcneaneyc@loughton.school](mailto:Mcneaneyc@loughton.school)

## Enterprise Day

As part of our PSHE curriculum, the children explore how to use money in day-to-day life. To bring this learning to life, we will be holding an enterprise day where parents can come in and work with their child in class making a product to sell. A letter will be coming out in the next few days explaining how you can book your slot. We have limited spaces in each session so only one adult per child will be able to take part in this experience day. You can however, share your slot by doing ½ hour each.

## Winter Wonderland

We will be hosting a Winter Wonderland in our school courtyard during the last week of term for our year 3 and 4 children. They will get to walk through Winter Wonderland and then meet Santa and his elves at the end of the visit. As part of the enterprise day year 5 will be making treats for them to take home at the end of the day. There will be a charge of £3 for this experience. Some of the money will go into the whole school fundraising pot and the rest of the profit will be given to year 5 to spend on a treat as part of the Enterprise learning experience. More information will be coming out via ParentMail next week.

## Upcoming Diary Dates: Autumn term 2

Friday 25 Nov  
Delightful donut fundraiser

Monday 28 Nov  
Year 3 'Lion King' dance workshop

Wednesday 30 Nov  
Movie night 1: Sonic 2

Thursday 1 Dec  
Flu immunisations  
Movie night 2: Encanto

Friday 2 Dec  
Whole school Christingle assembly

Tuesday 6 Dec  
Year 4 and 5 Carol Concert

Wednesday 7 Dec  
Enterprise Day

Week beginning 12 Dec  
Winter Wonderland and festive window displays

Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 Dec  
Year 6 Christmas cracked visits

Wednesday 14 Dec  
Chartwells Christmas lunch and festive jumper day

Friday 16 Dec  
Loughton Stars Celebration assembly (invite only):

**Children who have consistently demonstrated our 5 star values this half term will be celebrated in this special assembly. Parents of those children chosen are welcome to join us and will be invited separately via ParentMail.**

