



June Newsletter

I'm not sure about you but I'm still waiting for that summer feeling. It might have finally stopped raining but where is that sun? Here is an update on all things Langar Primary...

Mrs Lark in Class 3

As Mrs Lark moves towards completing her teacher training, for the next two weeks, she will meet, greet and dismiss the children at the classroom door. You should contact her with any issues that you would usually be in touch with the class teacher about. This means that Mrs Nicholson and Mr Patchett shall be on hand to provide additional top-up teaching to the children in the class. If your child says that they've spent some time outside the classroom working on their maths, handwriting or spellings, you'll know why - it's luxury 1:1 tutoring!



There's a wolf on the loose!

The children of class one have been working as detectives to try and find the Big Bad Wolf! They were dusting the area for paw prints, cross examining witnesses, submitting DNA samples to the forensics team and above all were determined not to rest until they'd tracked him down. Have you seen the wolf anywhere? Submit evidence to class one!

Learning done the right way!

When I came to Langar I was a little perplexed at how these children produce such great academic results when all they seem to do all day is play, dress up and chase wolves! A little girl knocked on my door to show me what she'd made during the afternoon. She'd made her own book entitled *Nichola and the Dog* which was a twelve-page epic! There were full sentences, perfect punctuation, beautifully formed letters and every page was charmingly illustrated with felt tip pens - it was a masterpiece! Finding ways to make children *want* to write at length is what makes learning successful. I hope you'll agree that play and fun are fundamental to children's learning.



Sports Day/School Photos

Ladies and gentlemen... the moment you've all been waiting for... Sports Day! This is a traditional summer primary school event. Competitive races on the school field in front of an audience of enthusiastic spectators. The date is **Friday 21st June**. This is the same date as class photographs. This means the children should come to school wearing their usual school uniform. They should bring their house colours to school to get changed into after lunchtime. To remind you, Wilberforce is red. Cadbury is white. Booth is green. Ten Boom is blue.

The first race will start at 2:00pm. We will arrange the chairs so you only need to bring your trainers for the parents' race if you feel that way inclined. Don't forget to warm up properly - we don't want any pulled muscles!

Mr Walker-Jones

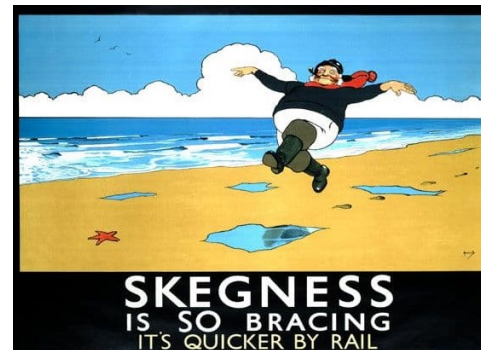
Class 4 at the Mill Adventure Base

The first day back after the half term break started with the year five and six children heading off to the Mill Adventure Base for their residential trip. I had the pleasure of joining Mr Owen-Jones, Mr Hall and Mrs George on what was an action-packed and fun-filled trip. The value of these activities as a way to build confidence, resilience and make memories that last a lifetime cannot be overstated. I must thank parents and staff for helping to make the trip a success.



Assessments across school

Summer term is assessment term. If you haven't noticed then that is probably a good thing! We do everything we can to take the stress out of standardised assessments. It's a technique that works. Over the last few weeks our year one children have taken part in the **phonics screening check**, our year four children have taken part in the **online multiplication check**, and our year two children have been assessed in **English** and **maths**. I was lucky enough to work with a couple of children on their 'quiz' in the Harmony Room. Once we'd finished our reading task we got play with the musical instruments and have a little jamming session. My kind of morning!



Oh I do like to be beside the seaside!

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Petchell are taking the children of class 1 to the seaside. This exciting outing will support the learning in class and be a talking point for years to come. The current plan is to ride the train to Skegness, play on the sand, take a donkey ride and enjoy an ice cream. The trip will take place on **Wednesday 17th July**. More details to follow!

Langar's musical production of Matilda

The children in class 3 and class 4 are currently rehearsing for their musical performance of *Matilda*. I very much approve of the time spent exploring characters, learning lines and working on how to deliver them with gusto. Sometimes I do find it difficult to concentrate on my Headteacher paperwork whilst I can hear Mrs Trunchbull screaming through the walls of my office. I wouldn't have it any other way! We look forward to the evening performance at 6:30 on **Thursday 18th July**.



Langar Summer Fair

The Langar School Summer Fair is set to take place starting at midday on **Saturday 29th June**. As usual, there will be a range of refreshments and amusements on offer on a day that brings the whole community together. Thank you for your tombola gifts. If you or someone you know would like to have a stall or donate a prize, contact Stacey Tuffey on stacey.tuffey@gmail.com.



Langar Music Concert

Yet another community event looms on the horizon, this one starting at 9:15am on the **Monday 8th July**. The concert features singing performances from all the children in the school alongside individual and group performances from those children who receive tuition from peripatetic music teachers. Come and be entertained.

Transition for September...

Periods of transition can be challenging but it is change that keeps life fresh and exciting. On Tuesday our year six children met their new Head of Year from Toot Hill School and started building important relationships with their teachers for next year. At the other end of the school our new starters from the preschool joined all of our children in the dinner hall for a wonderful lunchtime. They felt very welcome. In addition to this, they have been invited to the Teddy bear's picnic on **Tuesday 9th July**. This will also be the date for internal transition days where children get to spend some time in their new classroom. More details will follow.



Mrs Male's trip to Whitepost Farm

I had the absolute pleasure of accompanying Mrs Male and her class on a visit to Whitepost Farm. We got to handle fluffy rabbits, marvel at the weird and wonderful creatures in the reptile house and race go-karts. I was fast, but it was Mrs Male who was the speed demon on the track! It was a wonderful day out and I must express my gratitude to those parents who were able to help out with transport and supervision. It is a privilege to work in such a friendly community with a marvellously positive can-do attitude.

Here's to many more fun outings!

