

Launton C of E School Newsletter

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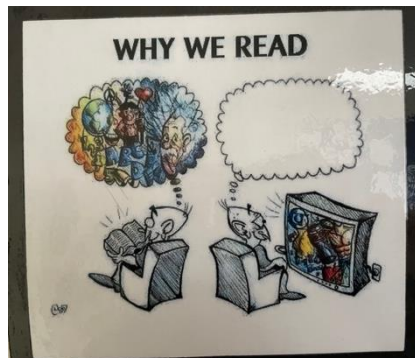
In marginally drier conditions than those seen recently, our squad in the Bicester schools' football league were in action, wonderfully supported by friends and family, including classmates who went along to cheer for them. Thank you.

Here is the team's match report:

'On Monday, the Launton Year 6 Football team played against Glory Farm School. Everybody really enjoyed the game, even when there were difficulties on the pitch. We played as a team, demonstrating our school values throughout – everyone played their part!

Our team showed real determination: Alfie, Elliot, Austin, Clarence, Keira, Henry, Haruka, Jack D, Joshua and Chloe. Elliot commented "Austin, who scored 4 goals, showed courage throughout the match". "Our entire team played really well and we were very proud of each other", said Chloe. Compassion was demonstrated by the shaking of hands at the end.

Launton won 6-1, the goals being scored by Austin, Clarence and Alfie, assisted primarily by Elliot.



The children are buzzing with plans for how they will celebrate World Book day next Thursday. The pre-loved book sale will be held in the front garden from 3pm for nursery parents and Cherry Class children and from 3.15pm for children and families in all other classes. There will be a 'themed morning' in Forest Groups, with older 'forest buddies' supporting younger children and they are organising an exhibition of their wonderfully imaginative 'Book in a Box' projects. Children are keen to take everyone to the exhibition in the hall: entry is through the front garden. (Please ask the Afterschool Care team for alternative directions if your child is in wraparound care.) Exhibits will be returned home on Friday. Two of the children's favorite posters from our library...

Message from the PTA

WORLD BOOK DAY - Thursday 7th March

Please continue to bring in your preloved book donations ahead of the book sale. They can be left in a red box by the hall. The book sale will be after school in the front garden next Thursday. Books can be bought for any donation you can give. Cash or card accepted.

EASTER EGG HUNT - Sunday 24th March

Those attending will be hunting for coloured stones to exchange for Easter eggs which are kindly donated by the village. The event will be a fun afternoon on the school field with games and face painting on offer in addition to the hunt. Tickets for the Easter Egg Hunt can be ordered in advance by [completing the order form online](#) or from the village shop after 1st March.

Tickets are £4 per hunt. There is no need to purchase tickets for those not hunting.

Thank you to all those who have offered to help with the leafleting and collection of donations from the village.

We also need volunteers on the day. [Please sign up here to help.](#)

Contact us by email at friends@launton-pta@googlemail.com

The trustees this year are;

Chair: Victoria Brandham

Vice Chair: Lucy Crawford

Secretary: Sarah Harrison

Treasurer: Laura Pickering & Laura Smith



In other news

The Annual Village Clean Up has been scheduled for 9th March. More information can be found [here](#).

Updates & Reminders

Dates for the Diary –

Monday 4th March – Reception and Year 6 National Childhood Measuring Programme (Information emailed to parents of children in Reception and Year 6)

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Sunday 24th March – Easter Egg Hunt

Useful Links -

[Home Upgrade Grant for families](#)

[Home Start Volunteering](#)

The NHS has published the following guidance for parents and carers about [measles](#).

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service `road Safety Team have asked us to signpost you to their guide [Walking with Children 365 Alive](#). The [Footsteps](#) programme is simple to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops.

[CAMHS Parent 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](#)