



The John Locke Academy Newsletter

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There has been a lot to celebrate at John Locke Academy over the last few weeks and we have plenty going on before half term. Hot off the press news is that John Locke Academy came third place for a School Special Project in the Hillingdon in Bloom competition. The judges were impressed by the quality of our allotment.

Aliens at JLA:



A strange craft landed on the field last week, giving year 2 lots to think and write about. We made sure it was safe and then allowed the children to investigate. This week the children are thinking about how the stranded aliens might be able to get back home.

Our Sport Relief certificate arrived, reminding us that we raised £2 535.60 for Sport Relief in the summer. This will be on display in the main entrance. Our Macmillan Coffee morning raised £227.



We have continued to think about Kindness and how we can be kind to others. Over the last few weeks these children have had a special mention in our celebration assembly for an act of kindness: Tejumade,

Lily VB, Penny, Lola, Avneet, Brandon W, Zara C, Gabrielle, Bethany, Thomas B, Ruby, Rio, Arthur, Valentina, Oishi, Arnie, Ishaan, Sophie A, Khloe. Miss Fidge and Mrs. Shah also had a mention.

Harvest celebration:

I'm not quite sure where September went, but the change in weather means we are well and truly in the Autumn now. We will be celebrating Harvest on Friday 7th October. Parents are welcome to join their children in class to work on a Harvest activity from 2.45pm. We would also welcome food donations (dry food, cans and tins only please.) These will be donated to the Hillingdon Food Bank. Please bring your donations in over this week and leave them with your child's teacher.

Parking:

Please find attached a letter regarding parking etiquette. Thank you to everyone who is helping to ensure that we take collective responsibility for the safety of children and adults using the roads in and around the school.

Date changes:

Please note the following changes to the advertised dates: Prince and Princess Day (which is a dress up day for reception) will be on Friday 10th February. The Bug Ball (again for reception) will be held on Friday 7th July.

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Parents Evenings:

Our first parent/teacher conferences are on Tuesday 18th October and Thursday 20th October. Sign up sheets are available in your classroom. Please sign up for the most suitable time. Children are invited to these meetings as we are discussing their learning. Meetings cannot be arranged outside of these times unless agreed with Mr. Butler.

Website:

A lot of work has been undertaken to make sure our website is up to date and is easy to keep up to date. The slide shows and handouts from our recent workshops have been added to the website (under the Curriculum tab, click on workshops). We will put all future workshop material in the same area.

The blog will keep you informed about recent events and the calendar will prepare you for upcoming events. The website has the required information regarding curriculum, policies, staffing contacts and the school day.

Home Learning:

We welcome your feedback regarding home learning. If it is taking a long time to complete, please talk to your class teacher.

Keeping Children Safe:

We work hard to ensure that your children are safe at school. We are taking measures to ensure that everyone is aware of the possible risk on the roads and in the car park. This will include road safety training for your children.

Occasionally children may get hurt or hurt themselves at school. We will always try to let you know if a child has been hurt and the surrounding circumstances. Please remind your child to always speak to their teacher if they get hurt.

We have put in temporary fencing (to be replaced by something more permanent) to ensure that children are safe while the gate is open for nursery parents around lunchtime. The fencing there must be kept shut. Please do not enter the school that way unless the fence is open in the morning and afternoon. The top gate must never be propped open unless supervised by a member of staff.

Please ensure that we know about any medical conditions, allergies or wellbeing concerns. This ensures that the right action is taken if a child is ill or appears to have something on their minds while at school.

We are very pleased with how quickly our children have settled in after the summer and how much thinking and learning is going on around the school.

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