

LANGSIDE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Spring 2024

Greetings and Warm Welcome to the Spring Newsletter!

As we step towards the spring, it's heartwarming to witness the daffodils peeking through the earth and the occasional burst of sunshine gracing our days at Langside. Fingers crossed we can get through to Easter without the threat of snow.

Staff Updates



extended community.

It is with mixed emotions that we bid adieu to Rachel Chapple, Nursing Assistant, who has been an integral part of the Langside family for an incredible 33 years. On the 23rd of February, Rachel will embark on a new chapter in her career as she takes on the role of Night Lead at Lily's. Her departure leaves a void that will be felt by both staff and children alike, yet we delight in the knowledge that she remains within our

We will also be saying goodbye to Phil Jones, our bus driver. Phil has been with us for over five years and has helped many families through his kind offer to deliver/collect equipment. We wish him well in his retirement and thank him for his commitment to Langside.

We are also saying goodbye to Liz Wilson.....and welcoming Liz Stansfield. Following her wedding in the summer Liz is now officially changing her name. Please note the new email address... liz.stansfield@langsideschool.org.uk

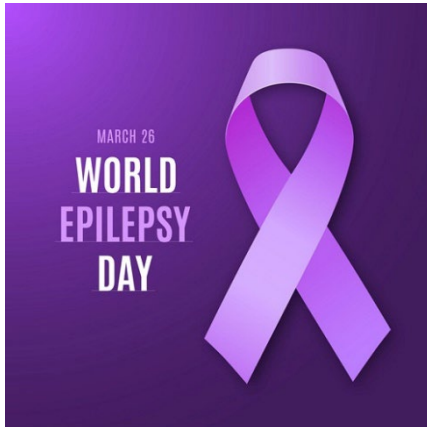
Parent Group

A friendly reminder inviting parents to the upcoming session on the 8th of February at Bourne View Care Home, just next door. Your attendance is highly valued, so kindly inform Cate if you plan to join. Penny will be presenting an update on our innovative 'engagement' curriculum, offering insights into the exciting developments

within Langside. Stay tuned for our next session (to be confirmed), where Liz and Amy will share valuable insights into the world of 'toileting'.

As always, Patsy will be there to welcome you.

If you are attending Parent Group. Please do not park at Bourne View.



Purple Day & Easter Service– March 26, 2024:

Mark your calendars for Purple Day on the 26th of March, a day dedicated to turning the world purple in support of epilepsy awareness. Join the thousands worldwide in pressing the purple button, symbolizing unity, and raising funds to make a life-changing difference for those living with epilepsy. In remembrance of Hazel Thomas, who was fervent about epilepsy management, Langside will host a tea and cakes event to contribute to this great cause. This will be held directly after our Easter Service, which will begin at 10.45. We encourage everyone to don their favourite shade of purple and participate in making a positive impact.

World Book Day Extravaganza – March 7, 2024:

As March unfolds, anticipation builds for World Book Day on the 7th. Staff and children alike are encouraged to embrace the magic of this annual celebration by dressing up as their beloved literary characters.



Physical Changes to Langside

Many of you will have seen that Diverse Abilities has secured the former site that was once Adventure Wonderland. As well as accommodating our Short Breaks team, the new site will see head office move from upstairs at Langside. This week we will also begin work to add another class space to the existing building in the playground. Whilst both these changes will increase the school's ability to take additional children, the priority is very much about securing more space for our existing pupils.

Welcoming a New Parent Governor:

A hearty welcome to Amy Glendon-Smith, our newest addition to the governing body. Amy brings a wealth of experience in project management, and we are thrilled to have her on board. Her expertise and passion will undoubtedly enhance our commitment to providing an enriching educational experience at Langside.

Questionnaires

Attached to this newsletter is the questionnaire that we send out annually, your feedback helps us to ensure that we are as good as we can be. Please return completed questionnaires by Fri 23rd Feb, they can be anonymous.

Can I also draw your attention to the on-line Ofsted questionnaire, responses (positive and negative) can be used as part of future inspections.



Welcome to Parent View



For parents

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected.

We will use the information you provide when making decisions about which schools to inspect and when.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Have a great half term and we look forward to seeing you at coming events.

Jon

Dates for your Diary

Parents Group @ Bourne View	10.30 Thursday 8 th February
Break Up for Half Term	Friday 9 th February
World Book Day	7 th March
Easter Service (Purple Day) @ Langside	10.45 Tuesday 26 th March
End of Term	1.00pm Thurs 28 th March
Start of Summer Term	Tues 16 th April

Langside School: Questionnaire for Parents/Carers

Please answer the following questions by ticking the box with the most appropriate response.

If you would like to give further feedback about any aspect of school life, we would like to hear it and there will be space for this at the end.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1	I feel welcome when I come into school					
2	The school provides a secure environment					
3	Langside meets my child's individual needs					
4	Members of staff are accessible and approachable					
5	Nourish provides the day-to-day information that I require					
6	I am aware of the progress my child is making					
7	My child is sufficiently challenged					
8	It is easy to get feedback on any concerns about my child's progress					
9	Only answer if you have approached the school in the last 12 months with questions or concerns:– my concerns were handled appropriately and in a timely fashion					
10	The school environment is clean, well-organised and provides an effective working environment for my child					

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
11	The school environment is appealing					
12	I feel that the current Curriculum contributes positively to my child's holistic development					
13	School trips and visits are worthwhile school experiences					
14	Langside is led and managed well					
15	The Governing Body is accessible and transparent in its work					
16	I am kept suitably aware of current developments in the school					
17	I would recommend Langside to other parents					

Any further comments:

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Many thanks for the time you have taken to complete this questionnaire.