



A message from the Head

I hope that you enjoy reading the articles relating to the many events and activities that have taken place at the LPS during the Autumn Term. Our students have created a display of hand made poppies in memory of those service men and women who died in WW1 and in other conflicts. Some of our students helped to organise a Children in Need coffee morning and raised an impressive amount of money. We also enjoyed visits from a range of guest speakers, including Darryl Laycock, who returned to our school to talk to our students about the impact of knife crime during our knife crime awareness week.

We have also made a number of changes in our staff team. In January 2024 I will be beginning a phased retirement and Nicola Anderson, who recently joined us as a Senior Leader, will be taking on the role of Co-Head Teacher alongside me. Nicola has a wealth of Leadership experience, as she is also the Head Teacher of Leicester City's Primary Pupil Referral Unit. We have also appointed Tom Liney to the position of Assistant Head of School [Key Stage 3]. Tom has lots of great ideas for developing our Key Stage 3 education and personal development programmes.

I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and productive Xmas and New Year.

Shaun Whittingham [Head Teacher]

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Dates for your Diary:-

**Students break up for the Christmas Holiday on
Friday 22nd December 2023 (at 1.00pm)**

**Students return to school, after the Christmas Holiday, on
Tuesday 9th January 2024**



CRIME PREVENTION WEEK

Your Nicked !!!! ...

During Crime prevention Week we had a visit from Leicestershire Police. Some of our students enjoyed being Police Officers and took the opportunity to arrest some of the staff



DARRYL LAYCOK – RETURNED TO THE LPS TO SPEAK TO OUR STUDENTS ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES OF BEING INVOLVED IN KNIFE CRIME AND CRIMINAL GANGS

HALLOWEEN FUN & GAMES

Staff & students celebrated Halloween by taking part in some spooky fun & games



1. Spooky Hands

2. It's a grave situation



3. Roll out the pumpkins



4. We made spooky cakes!



5 & 6. I want my mummy!





LPS Success ..



They're poets & they didn't know it ...



Students proudly displaying their poetry certificates

Some of our students participated in this year's Young Writers Poetry Competition, *This Is Me I am...* Out of the seven students that participated in the competition,

I am happy to announce that all seven will have their personal poetry published in a poetry book, due to be available to buy on 6th December 2023. Also, all seven students' work will be entered for the grand prize for the competition!!! - Well done!

Maria Grainger (English Teacher)



IN MEMORY OF OUR BRAVE SERVICE MEN & WOMEN.



LPS STAFF & STUDENT INFRONT OF THE VICTORIA PARK WAR MEMORIAL HOLDING THE WREATHES AND "TOMMY" SOLDIER SILHOUTTTE CUT- OUT THAT THEY MADE

On the 13th November a group of LPS staff & students, from our Oak & Ash tutor groups, visited the War Memorial, on Victoria Park, to display some Poppy Wreathes and a "Tommy" Soldier Silhouette cut-out that they had made. This was the culmination of a project about WW1, which the students had been working on throughout the month of November.

Online safety



Updated - November 2023

We've updated the e-safety section of our website. Please visit <https://bit.ly/lpsesafety> for important information on how to be safe in Cyberspace



Uniform Success!



Our new Key Stage 3 uniform has been a great success – The vast majority of our students are wearing it and they all look very smart!

Children in Need & More!



SPOTacular Coffee Morning

On the 17th November the LPS hosted a SPOTacular Coffee morning in support of the BBC's Children in Need Appeal. Local residents, family and friends were invited to attend and wear something spotty for the occasion. There was a raffle, a "Best Cake" competition and a range of stalls selling cakes and fancy goods. I am pleased to be able to announce that we

raised a total of **£480** for Children in Need. [Below are some pictures of our students & visitors enjoying their coffee & cake!



**Lots of cakes
were sold and
eaten!**

Tom Liney,
our Assistant
Head of
School,
volunteered
to sit in a
pool of
beans and
slime – He
was a great
sport!



Happy Diwali

During Diwali our staff and students celebrated by making Diwali decorations and taking part in a Diwali dance class.



St Philip's Centre visited us & provided workshops for every group in the school. Introducing all students to Diwali and showing them decorations and ways to make doorstep art.



We also had Nurpur arts visit us to give all students a bollywood dance workshop, Both staff and students took part in this fun



Some extra bits

Black History Month

(1st October to 31st October 2023)

In October staff & students celebrated Black History Month by taking part in a variety of activities



We had the pleasure of hosting EAGA, the BBC Gospel Choir of the Year Award-2023 winners. The choir came in for the second year running for our black history month celebrations, Kevin from our Beech tutor group sang with them, which was lovely to watch.



The students also had a taste of the Caribbean, with food from "Urban Roots Leicester".



OUR KS3 STUDENTS ARE ACHIEVING WELL

Already, this year, a number of our Key Stage 3 students have achieved functional qualifications in mathematics and English, with some students gaining qualifications in both subjects – Well done to all of these students.



A SPECIAL VISIT TO OUR KS4 TEAM

In November our KS4 Education Team hosted a visit from representatives of other special schools. The focus of the visit was the quality of our KS4 education provision and the progress & achievement of our students. The feedback we received was very positive & it was acknowledged that our students make good progress and achieve well when they are with us. Some of our students were very positive about the education and support that they receive from us as the following quote, from the feedback report, conveys

"The GCSE pupils observed also provided Pupil Voice and were able to say they were happier at LPS than their previous settings and that they enjoyed the vocational days."

Follow the steps below to help the LPS to raise Some, much needed, funding?

THE LPS HAS APPLIED FOR A TESCO COMMUNITY GRANT*

1

Visit any of the
following Tesco
stores

- Saffron Lane
- Evington
- Lutterworth
- Countesthorpe
- South Wigston Superstore
- Aylestone Lane
- Narborough
- Hinckley Road
- Aberdale Road
- Rowley Fields

Collect tokens from
the checkout

2



Vote for the LPS

3



4

WHAT WILL WE DO WITH THE MONEY IF WE WIN THE VOTE?

The LPS will use the money
to purchase care packages to
help our students & their
families during the school
holidays



Food
Supplies



Health Care
Products



Toys

Customers have until 14th January 2024 to vote for us!

TESCO

Community Grants