

Larkhall Primary Campus Newsletter

Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Families

I hope you and your families are keeping well. This Newsletter updates all of our families with plans for the Larkhall Primary Campus community to commemorate the life of Lina Santos. The Newsletter is being sent via email and Dojo.

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Lina Santos

I wanted to update you all with the plans to honour the life and career of Lina Santos. I first of all want to say a huge thank you for all of your lovely comments since you heard about this sad news. Your words are of great comfort to staff during these times.

As you are aware we have opened two Books of Condolences for Lina. One book is in the Family Centre and the other in the main school entrance on Gaskell Street. Families, if you would like to add your own thoughts and perhaps your own special memory of Lina, then please do come along and contribute to these books, I know the staff and family would greatly appreciate it. There is no need to make an appointment so please come along when you can.

We will be holding a commemoration for Lina on Friday 25th March. This will be held on the school grounds and start immediately after school at 3:15 and finish at approximately 5:30pm. This will be a special event to enable all of the community to pay their respects to Lina and to honour the enormous contribution she made to the life of the school for over 30 years.

I hope as many families as possible are able to come along to this event so please make a note in your diaries. A number of parents have expressed they would like to play a part in this event. Please approach me or one of my colleagues if you are able to participate. I have already spoken to a representative of the Portuguese families within the community, as I know they in particular would like to contribute to this event.

Furthermore, at a later date we will also decide on a more permanent memorial to enable future generations of staff and children to remember Lina.

Finally, I know the children all want to make a contribution to remembering Lina and I will update you at a later date with their plans.

WORLD BOOK DAY

It was amazing to see the children and staff dressed in their favourite book characters. As always, there was lots of thoughts and energy put into these costumes. I have to give a mention to Year 3, whose staff and children dressed up in amazing costumes and to top it off they all then left the school to visit the CLC dressed in their costumes. I bet they received some strange looks from passers by on the way. As always, a big thanks to all for making this date such a special event in the Larkhall calendar.

RED NOSE DAY

Friday 18th March is Red Nose Day.

We will be asking children and staff to come into school wearing **Red** or **Pink** and bring in a £1 donation to raise money.

School Council are also going to be organising a cake sale for the end of the day. This week in assemblies we will talk about the importance of charities and the role they play in society and as a relief to people less fortunate than ourselves.

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair opens on Monday 21st March. The opening times are **Monday – Wednesday from 8:15 – 8:45 and 3:15 – 3:45**. More information will be made available close to this date. To celebrate the power of reading and story telling, this year we are inviting children to take part in an exciting competition. We are inviting all children to plan a creative story, hand it in by Wednesday 16th March and the winners will be announced Friday 18th March. The winners will receive a free book from the Book Fair.

SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

This is always an exciting part of the school calendar. Two children per class will be selected to take part of the whole school Spelling Bee. There will be a mini competition held in class, and the winners will then go on to represent the class in the competition.

The dates and times are below:

Wednesday 16th March

Year 2, 5, 6: 11.30am – 12:00pm

Year 3, 4: 11.45am - 12.15pm

- Year 1: Thursday (date and time to be confirmed closer to the date)
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YEAR TWO PARENT WORKSHOP

The Parent Workshop held in Year 2 was a huge success. The development of all of our children is more assured when school and families work together. With this in mind, one of the many activities we hold dear at Larkhall is our Parent Workshops. A huge thank you to the Year 2 Staff, and for the families who came in, for making this session so successful. Please look out for other Workshops held across other year groups.

That's it from me. If there is anything else myself or a member of the team can do to help and support you during this time, please do not hesitate to get in touch in the usual ways. I am also always on the Gaskell Street gates each morning from 8:40am.

Best wishes

Gary