



Children's Hospital School

'Better Together'

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Summer Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome to the Children's Hospital School newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading about all the latest news across all our settings, Willow Bank School, Leicester Royal Infirmary and The Beacon Unit.

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a very busy term, with all young people working hard across the school as we move to something more normal. Our Year 11 students have been completing lots of work to support their exam assessments, so I would like to say a huge 'well done' to them, but also thank you to the staff who have worked so hard to ensure a fair and robust system.

We are just in the process of designing our new school website which will be launched in August. If you have any comments or suggestions about what you'd like to see or what would be useful then please let us know.

The school has been able to invest in some new technology over the last few terms which includes interactive TVs at Willow Bank and The Beacon, iPads at the LRI and more recently, some Virtual Reality headsets for each school site. We are grateful for the various charitable donations we received to make this happen – notably from the Leicester Hospitals Charity, Carlton Hayes Mental Health Charity, Moto in the Community and The Sir Thomas White Charity.

We've also been doing our own fundraising for LOROS, including a 'wear it blue' day in celebration of Leicester's FA Cup victory!

I hope you have a good half term break with plenty of rest, and I look forward to working with you again when we return.

Best wishes

Stephen Deadman



Celebrating Leicester City Football Club – FA Cup winners 15th May 2021

GRANTS, DONATIONS & CHARITY EVENTS

KELLOGG'S BREAKFAST CLUB GRANT



The Children's Hospital School has been awarded £1,000 specifically to help to support the running of our Breakfast Club and to aid its future sustainability.

Kellogg's has been supporting school breakfast clubs for almost 20 years.

ADDITIONAL IPAD SUPPORT



Huge thanks to DrFoxLHC for helping LRI school so they could buy some additional iPads to support the pupils whilst in hospital. Technology is really making a difference to all the children whatever their age or need.

HOWDENS NEW OVEN AND HOB

We wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone at Howdens for the kind gift of a new oven and hob, see below a picture of them installed in our Food Tech room.

The installation was carried out over the Easter Break and students have already been using them during lessons.

The oven and hob have made such a huge difference.



BOOKS2AFRICA

Books2Africa is a UK registered charity that is improving the quality of education in Africa through the provision of books, computers and educational resources that enable individuals and communities to acquire knowledge and achieve their full potential in a globalized world.

The charity collects and ships donated educational resources from individuals and organisations in the UK, reducing waste and increasing 'readcycling'.



CERTIFICATE OF THANKS



Awarded to

Children's Hospital School

For donating and funding
a shipment of

**17 box(es) of books and
resources to Africa**



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FOYLE FOUNDATION

The school received a £4,500 grant from the Foyle Foundation.

Out of this grant money we have some new additions in The Hub – a set of Kindles for the students to use.

We have tried to ensure that there is a good range of content on the Kindles but if students request anything specific then please let us know and we can see about getting more content added.

Some of the books have audio versions and the students will need Bluetooth headphones to listen to these – we have some spare sets of Bluetooth headphones for this.

As the Kindles are the Paperwhite version, the brightness of the screen can be adjusted, as can the font style and size – this makes them ideal for students who may have dyslexic tendencies or suffer from visual stress.

Stewart Scragg

SENCO

Willow Bank School

ROYAL INSTITUTION'S STEM GRANT SCHEME

The Children's Hospital School has had a successful application for a grant and been awarded up to £500 to fund the DroneDays visit. See below for pictures taken from this event.

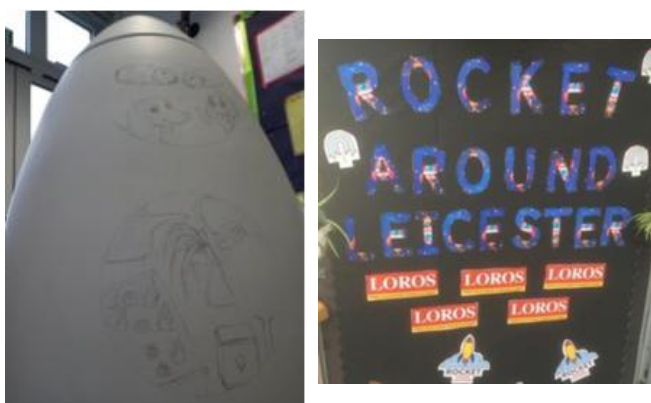


ROCKET AROUND LEICESTER - LOROS

Willow Bank staff and students have been busy this term getting our rocket prepared for blast off to take part in Rocket Around Leicester. Rocket Around Leicester is a fundraising event raising money for LOROS, which will take place in and around Leicester city from July to September.

LOROS have teamed up with the National Space Centre and 'Art in the Wild' to create a fleet of huge uniquely designed fibreglass rockets to be displayed around the city throughout the summer.

Please give generously to the collection box in Willow Bank reception. Watch this space (!) for updates on our design, exclusive location and fundraising ideas happening in Willow Bank over the coming months in aid of LOROS.



LCFC FA CUP LOROS FUNDRAISING



Willow Bank School had to wear something blue or Leicester City kit on Friday 14th May to celebrate Leicester City getting into the final of the FA Cup, which they then went on to win!!

£89.86 was raised for LOROS.



Our Willow Bank School cook made these lovely biscuits to celebrate the occasion.



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LEICESTERSHIRE CARES LTD VIRTUAL EMPLOYABILITY EVENT

Leicestershire Cares Ltd organised an exciting virtual employability event at Willow Bank School on Tuesday 13th April 2020.

5 Business volunteers from Hinckley and Rugby Building Society, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Lloyds Banking Group and Willmott Dixon gave short talks on their career sectors during assembly to the whole school. This was followed by mock interviews for the year 10 and year 11 students. These activities were designed to help the students gain a greater understanding of the world of work, to help students develop their confidence and enable them to have the key skills needed to succeed at future interviews.

The mock interview feedback from the volunteers was extremely positive and the students did a fantastic job in impressing the volunteers. Each student received a certificate and some of the students gained star award certificates for their outstanding interviews. Well done to all the students involved!

Gemma Martin



Local Offer Live 2021 VIRTUAL EVENT

Special Educational Needs
and Disability 0 – 25 years old

24 to 28 May

Virtual stalls, activities,
performances and
workshops



Free
Event
for all

To find out more:
0116 454 4650

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Programme and booking
information will be
available closer to time



EASTER CREATIONS

Another amazing creation from Nicky in the school kitchen (decorating thanks to our students)



PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Thursday 24th June @ 2:00pm

The Adolescent Brain and the Fight/Flight/Freeze
Response with Micki Handford

Micki Handford
Pastoral Manager

BEACON 'BIG SHOUT OUTS'



This term's 'Big Shout Outs' were awarded for:

Perseverance in Science.

Excellent contributions in PSHE.

Improved attendance to lessons in school.

Brilliant effort with your mock papers!

Consistent attendance and positive approach!

Settling in well at school.

MEET THE STAFF



Lisa Ellis
HLTA

Lisa joined the LRI teaching team at the Children's Hospital School 5 years ago. She has a particular interest in early learning and has developed the Early Years curriculum and provision within the hospital setting. She is also passionate about teaching art and enjoys planning and organising drop-in art sessions within the classroom.



Kayt Hennessy
Teacher

Kayt joined the Children's Hospital School in September 2019 as a teacher at the LRI. Although Kayt's main focus is Primary Education, she enjoys teaching all age groups from aged 4 to 16. Her particular subject interest is English and it is rare that her lessons do not involve a book in some way or another!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Your children may be eligible for free school meals if you receive:

- > income support
- > income-based jobseekers allowance
- > income-related employment and support allowance
- > national asylum seeker support
- > child tax credit (providing you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- > the guaranteed element of state pension credit
- > working tax credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit

Applying could also help your school get extra funding through the Government's Pupil Premium scheme.

Visit: <https://freeschoolmeals.leicester.gov.uk>

TERM DATES

Summer Term 2021

Half term break: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021

School closes: Friday 9th July 2021



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