

# L.J.S. NEWS



## The Monthly Newsletter of Laxton Junior School

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*'Never let the fear of striking out get  
in your way.'*

George Herman "Babe" Ruth

*Dear parents, children and other members of  
the school community,*

*Welcome to the February edition of the LJS  
News. We had an incredibly busy January and  
the children have thoroughly enjoyed all of the  
learning on offer. I am sure that February will  
be just as exciting.*

*On behalf of the staff,*

*Mark Potter*

### **DATES AND HOLIDAYS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR**

#### **Easter Quarter 2010**

Quarter commences Monday January 11th.  
Long Exeat - Saturday 13th - Sunday 21st  
February inclusive.  
Quarter ends at 3.45pm Friday 26th March.

#### **Trinity Quarter 2010**

Quarter commences on Monday 19th April.  
Long Exeat - Saturday 29th May - Sunday  
6th June inclusive.  
Quarter ends at noon Wednesday 7th July.

#### **Michaelmas Quarter 2010**

Quarter commences on Monday 6th  
September. New Reception Form -  
Wednesday 8th September  
Quarter ends at 3.45 p.m. Friday 15th  
October.

### **PARENT CONFERENCES**

Parent Conferences, where you will be able to discuss your child's report with their Form Teacher, take place this week.

**Tues. Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Parent Conferences**  
**Thurs. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> - Parent conferences**

There will not be any after school clubs on these days.

### **PARKING AT LJS**

**Please** ensure that when you do park your car in the LJS car park, you try to stay within the marked bays. Doing so will allow more cars to park, thus freeing up valuable space for others. Staff will continue to park on the left hand side of the car park as you enter the gates. Please leave these clear for staff, particularly in the mornings when the car park is at its busiest.

I would also like to remind you that there are additional parking spaces in the council car park behind the Joan Strong Centre off East Road. You can access the playground through the gates at the bottom of this car park.

Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

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## INTERPRETING YOUR CHILD'S REPORT

It has been brought to my attention that the new reporting to parents format did not include a description of the grades or an explanation of the personal development goals. Please forgive this oversight and I hope that the information below will enable you to reflect more accurately on your child's learning development.

The final page of the Mid-Year Report reflects your child's development as a pupil of Laxton Junior School. These learning goals are a combination of the personal development goals from our Personal, Social and Health Education programme and the characteristics of the kinds of children that we at Laxton Junior School wish to celebrate. Our children's learning enables them to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding so that they may be positive influences on the society around them.

We use the definitions Beginning, Developing and Mastery for these personal development goals and we feel that by using these in your child's report we are able to, more comprehensively and accurately, reflect the learning that has taken place.

The definitions are Year group specific and as such it is possible that you may see variances in achievement year on year. If a child is beginning to show one of these attributes, this means that they are able to show such a skill but are yet to do so consistently and as expected by someone of that age.

If a child is developing a skill, this means that they are consistent in their use of the skill.

If a child is showing mastery, then, whilst far from being perfect, they are showing the highest level of that skill for that age group.

Furthermore, the table below explains in more detail the criteria staff use when making their judgements for your child's effort and attainment grades:

<b>EFFORT</b>
<b>A</b> - Consistently conscientious and demonstrates excellent self-motivation.
<b>B</b> - Works conscientiously and has good self-motivation.
<b>C</b> - Has a satisfactory approach to work.
<b>D</b> - Greater self-motivation and a more concerted approach are needed
<b>ATTAINMENT</b>
<b>A</b> - Consistently produces work of an excellent standard.
<b>B</b> - Is capable of producing work of a high standard.
<b>C</b> - Is working to a satisfactory standard.
<b>D</b> - Is not reaching the required/expected standard for reasons explained in report.

The attainment grade your child receives will also be linked, where possible, to their scores in their most recent examinations; in this case, the internal assessments at the end of the Christmas Quarter. Should you require any further explanation of your child's grades or the personal development goals, please come to School and speak with us.

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## LJS SCIENCE FAIR

The first ever Laxton Junior School Science Fair was a roaring success and I would like to thank you all for the support given to your children with their investigations.

### Full list of winners:

#### Year 3:

**G:** William Allinson and Calum Fryatt  
**S:** Harriet White and Alice Jenkins  
**B:** James Clark and Zachary Atkinson  
**HC:** Sophie Beeston and Iris Powell  
**HC:** Oliver Bould and Thomas Harrison  
**HC:** Andrew Hayward and Ethan Sears

#### Year 4:

**G:** Edmund Corker and Patrick Boyle  
**S:** William Parkinson and William Baird  
**B:** Millie Herring and Amaan Jamal  
**B:** Stella Simpson and Isabella Warner

#### Year 5:

**G:** Rosie Farrell and Alanna Gilmartin  
**S:** Alec Mickel, Angus Raby and Edward Painter  
**B:** Ben Sears and Charlie Mutsaars  
**HC:** Ruth Palethorpe and Emma Calverly  
**HC:** Rebecca Miller, Emily Tubbs and Rose Thompson  
**HC:** Emmi Beeston and Sarah Elmadbouh

#### Year 6:

**G:** Findlay Taylor and Thomas Dudley  
**S:** Rosie Greene and Ruth Warwick  
**B:** Alex Efford, John Stubbs and Joseph Brashaw  
**HC:** Imran Jamal, Michael Heys and James Tonks

*G – Gold, S – Silver, B – Bronze,  
HC – Highly commended*

### Best Display:

Emmi Beeston and Sarah Elmadbouh

### Best Use of Computer:

Luke Jones and Jason Parker

### Best Use of Photography:

James Foreman and Toby Learoyd

### Best Oral Presentation:

Annabel Bowers, Olivia Sanders and Olivia Harper

### Best use of Multimedia:

Alex Efford, John Stubbs and Joseph Brashaw

### Best of Fair:

#### Edmund Corker and Patrick Boyle

Every child, including those in the infant classes, received a certificate of participation.

Our judges, Mr Philip Couzens, Director Educational Development at Oundle School, Mrs Ann Chapple, wife of the Mayor of Oundle and Mr Paul Clark, Head of Science at Oundle school, were most impressed with the quality of the investigations and the enthusiasm shown by the children for their science projects.

Many congratulations go to all of the children who participated in the Fair, especially those in Form 6 who also have entrance examinations to contend with. My thanks also go to Mrs Withers and Mrs Pearson for organising such a successful Fair and to you all for supporting your children.

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Laxton Junior School      Calendar of Events for February 2010

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 15:45 Chess: U9 v Stamford (H)	2 <i>No Clubs</i> 17:00-20:00 Parent Conferences - all years	3 EYFS Open Morning 14:00 Netball: U11A, B & C v WH & Stam (A) 15:00 Netball: U9 v WH (H) Football: U9A v Grantham Prep (A) 15:30 -Football: U11 A&B v Copthill (H)	4 <i>No Clubs</i> 17:00-20:00 Parent Conferences - all years	5 12:30-13:00 Music: Come & Play - Strings 15:10-16:30 PFA: Haiti coffee and cake stall	6 Kimbolton School Entrance Examination	7
8	9	10 15:00 Netball: U11, U10 & U9 v Copthill (H)	11 14:00-17:00 Y5: Bedford School - Chemistry visit 14:30 Netball: U9A&B v Kimbolton (A)	12 Charity Stall in aid of NSPCC 18:00-20:30 PFA: Junior Disco	13 Long Exeat	14 Long Exeat
15 Long Exeat	16 Long Exeat	17 Long Exeat	18 Long Exeat	19 Long Exeat	20 Long Exeat	21 Long Exeat
22 Y6: Tate to Tate Trip	23 Y3: Stibbington (Rocks)	24 14:30 Netball: U11A v Brooke Priory (H) 14:30 -Netball: U11B mini tournament (H)	25 08:30-09:30 PFA: Committee Meeting (Library)	26 12:30-13:00 Music: Come & Play - Spotlight Brass 19:00-22:00 PFA: Macmillan Quiz Night	27	28 Chess: U9 & U11 EPSCA Tournament (A)
1 March 08:40-09:10 Music Assembly: Y5 - parents welcome 14:00 -Junior House Cross Country at OS	2 March 13:15-15:15 Y1: St Peter's Church tour by Stephen Webster	3 March 14:00 Football: U11A, B & C v P'boro High(H) 14:30-15:00 Netball: U11 Squad v OS (H)	4 March Y4 Trip: York - Jorvik Centre Netball: U11 IAPS tournament at Worksop College	5 March 12:30-13:00 --> Music: Come & Play - spotlight Woodwind	6 March 09:30-14:00 --> Football: Annual LJS U11 6-a-side Tournament	7 March