

Hello everyone! A big welcome to Spring—a season of colours and sunshine! Happy Mothers' Day for Mothering Sunday!

As the weather is getting warmer, just a reminder that all students must bring a named water bottle to school so they can quench their thirst during the day. As per the Covid RA we are unable to make available the drinking water fountains so please remind your child/ren about their water bottles daily. Also LFPA students can wear the summer school uniform as indicated in our School Uniform policy.

Class assemblies will be starting again next term so please see below for the days your child's class will be presenting their learning to all parents in the hall at 2.45 pm. I look forward to seeing you all at these assemblies which the teachers and students take immense pride in preparing and sharing.

During the Easter holidays, our Maths and English Leads will be running their respective competitions for the students. Can I please urge you to support your child/ren in these competitions. More details are in the following pages.

Next Friday, we will sadly be bidding farewell to Mrs A Bergin, our Deputy Principal, who is relocating with her husband. She has been an invaluable part of the Senior Leadership Team since joining us in 2019. But more importantly we will miss her bright and happy face we see everyday. On behalf of the staff, students, parents and governors I would like to express our gratitude to Mrs Bergin for her diligence and professionalism during her time here with us.

I would like to wish all staff, students and parents a Blessed Easter. We would also like to acknowledge our Sikh families who would be celebrating Baisakhi during the holidays. For our Muslim families we would like to say all the best with the fasting for the month of Ramadan which starts during the Easter break.

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## Events

**25 March—Ice Cream Sale—all proceeds go the Ukraine Crisis Appeal**

**27th March—Mother's day**

**1st April—Term ends—SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2:30PM**

**19th April—Children return to school**



## Class Assemblies

**29th April- Year 4 Marie-Curie at 2.45 pm**

**6th May- Year 4 Nicola Tesla at 2.45 pm**

**13th May- Year 4 Charles Darwin at 2.45 pm**

## Parents workshops

**25th March at 9 am—Grow coffee morning & Habits of discussions**

**29th April at 9 am—Parents coffee morning, Zones of Regulation and The Rights Respecting School**

## Whole School Attendance

**Top Attendance for Week  
ending 04/03/2022**  
Year 4—Charles Darwin

| Week ending 04/03/2022 |                   |      |
|------------------------|-------------------|------|
|                        | Class             | %    |
| 1                      | Charles Darwin    | 99.7 |
| 2                      | Otter             | 99.3 |
| 3                      | Maya Angelou      | 99.3 |
| 4                      | Charles Dickens   | 99.3 |
| 5                      | Renzo Piano       | 98.8 |
| 6                      | Squirrel          | 97.9 |
| 7                      | Ladybird          | 97.7 |
| 8                      | Maryam Mirzakhani | 97.6 |
| 9                      | Marie Curie       | 97.3 |
| 10                     | Rabbit            | 96.7 |
| 11                     | Katherine Johnson | 96.5 |
| 12                     | Fox               | 96   |
| 13                     | Grasshopper       | 95.2 |
| 14                     | Cressida Cowell   | 94.6 |
| 15                     | Butterfly         | 94.5 |
| 16                     | Mole              | 94.5 |
| 17                     | Archimedes        | 93.7 |
| 18                     | Zaha Hadid        | 93.6 |
| 19                     | Nikola Telsa      | 93.3 |
| 20                     | Norman Foster     | 93   |
| 21                     | Badger            | 92.7 |

**Top Attendance for Week  
ending 11/03/2022**  
Year 4—Marie Curie

| Week ending 11/03/2022 |                   |      |
|------------------------|-------------------|------|
|                        | Class             | %    |
| 1                      | Marie Curie       | 99   |
| 2                      | Charles Dickens   | 98.6 |
| 3                      | Charles Darwin    | 97.9 |
| 4                      | Squirrel          | 97.6 |
| 5                      | Rabbit            | 97.3 |
| 6                      | Mole              | 96.7 |
| 7                      | Maya Angelou      | 94.8 |
| 8                      | Ladybird          | 93.7 |
| 9                      | Renzo Piano       | 93.3 |
| 10                     | Grasshopper       | 93.2 |
| 11                     | Otter             | 93.1 |
| 12                     | Archimedes        | 93   |
| 13                     | Zaha Hadid        | 92.8 |
| 14                     | Fox               | 92.7 |
| 15                     | Katherine Johnson | 92.3 |
| 16                     | Nikola Telsa      | 92   |
| 17                     | Butterfly         | 91.7 |
| 18                     | Cressida Cowell   | 91.7 |
| 19                     | Badger            | 89.7 |
| 20                     | Norman Foster     | 88.7 |
| 21                     | Maryam Mirzakhani | 86.2 |

## Attendance Ladder



# **Attendance**

## **Attendance Reminders**

Lake Farm Park Academy has high expectations for every student from the moment they join our school. Children have the right to a high quality education and we provide this at Lake Farm Park Academy . High attendance is necessary to ensure that your child benefits fully from the learning opportunities on offer and to ensure they leave school having developed positive lifelong habits and as well rounded individuals.

## **Medical Appointments**

Appointments, where possible, should be made outside of school hours or in the holiday period. This includes routine dental appointments. If this is unavoidable, your child should still attend school before or after the appointment where possible. Any session missed that was deemed reasonable to attend will be marked as unauthorised leave.

## **Absence Requests**

Absence requests will only be considered for exceptional circumstances and these are dealt with on an individual basis. Leave will not normally be considered for students whose attendance is below 95%. Students requiring a day off for religious observance must fill in an absence request form in advance. Retrospective requests for absences will not be authorised.

## **What to do if your child cannot attend school:**

**Absence must be reported on a daily basis.** You must contact the school on 02085732622 option 1 (**before 9.00am**) on the first day of absence. This can be done by emailing [lfpaoffice@theparkfederation.org](mailto:lfpaoffice@theparkfederation.org) by specifying your child's name, class and the reason why they cannot attend. If they are ill, please give a clear explanation of their condition. **For a prolonged absence due to illness, medical evidence will be requested.** This can be in the form of a prescription, medical paperwork or an appointment card/letter.

# Safeguarding

Dear Parents,

Due to the very high level of trespassing on the tracks by young people in our local area, Network Rail in partnership with Learn Live are working to help raise awareness to students across the UK educating them about the dangers of the train tracks through interactive digital delivery.

**The session is less than 15 minutes and explains why it is important to stay safe near the tracks.**

Remember 15 minutes can help save lives and provide important safety information to you and your child/ren.

Please click on the link below to view the relevant safety video:

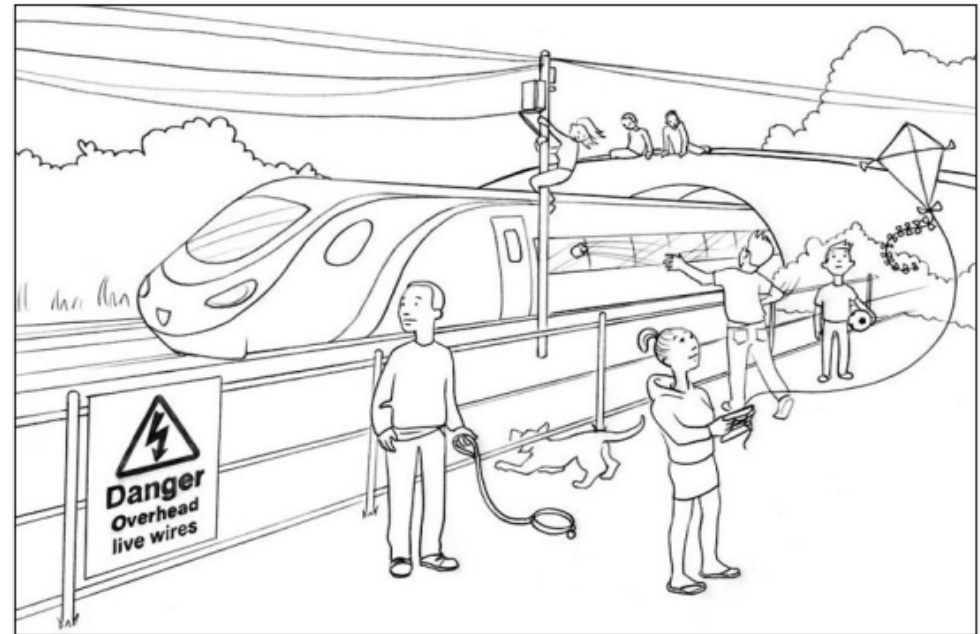
**Primary school version: Age 7- 11 (with subtitles)**

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk/>

<https://learnliveuk.com/i-am-train-safe/>

## Spot the hazard

Have a look at this picture of a typical railway scene. Circle all of the things you think might be dangerous. Once you've done that you can colour the picture in!



**RAILWAY ELECTRICITY IS 100 TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN ELECTRICITY IN THE HOME.**

It is very dangerous so remember the Rail Life 'Safety Top 3':

- **STAY CLEAR OF THE TRACKS.** Is it worth putting your life on the line?
  - electricity can jump up to three metres.
  - don't play with kites or balloons near overhead power lines.
- **USE THE LEVEL CROSSING.** Shortcuts across the railway can kill.
- **KNOW THE SIGNS.** Be alert to railway signs, they could save your life.

## Wellbeing Tip of the Week

### Positive Affirmations

Affirmations are positive statements that can help us to challenge and overcome any negative thoughts or doubts we may have about ourselves. When we repeat them often, and believe in them, we can start to make positive changes. These positive mental repetitions can reprogram our thinking patterns, so that over time, we begin to think, feel, and act differently. According to research, spending just a few minutes thinking about your best qualities before a presentation or test/exam, can help to calm your nerves, increase your confidence, and improve your chances of a successful outcome.

By definition, your affirmation will be personal to you, and specific to what you want to achieve or change, but the following examples may provide some inspiration:

- I am proud of myself
- I can ask for help when I need to
- I am a good friend
- I am not afraid to stand up for myself
- I have a positive attitude



## Mother's day / Celebrate the special woman in your life

### Best breakfast recipes

#### Ingredients

150g self-raising flour

½ tsp baking powder

1 large egg

150ml milk

½ tbsp maple syrup, plus more to serve

1-2 tbsp butter, plus more to serve

#### Method

##### STEP 1

Put the flour, baking powder and a pinch of salt in a bowl. Whisk to combine and aerate the flour slightly. Make a well in the middle, crack in the egg and pour in the milk and maple syrup. Whisk to form a thick, smooth batter.

##### STEP 2

Heat a non-stick frying pan over a medium heat and add 1 tbsp butter. Brush around the base of the pan, and pour any excess into a small bowl - you only want a small film on the base of the pan or the pancakes will crisp at the edges, rather than being a uniform golden brown.

##### STEP 3

Add 2-3 tablespoons of batter to form small-medium pancakes, about 10cm wide. Do this in batches to ensure the pancakes don't stick together during cooking. Fry for 2-3 mins until bubbles rise to the surface, and the sides look set. Flip and cook for another 1-2 mins until golden on both sides. Keep warm in a low oven or on a warm plate while you make the rest - you should get six pancakes. Repeat with the remaining butter and mixture until all the batter is used up. Serve in stacks with more maple syrup and butter.



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# BATTLE OF THE BANDS

FEATURING

**17:00 4th April 2022 - 17:00 8th April 2022**  
(Between 09:00 and 17:00 daily)

\* ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE \*  
PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE \* THE WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE  
THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL \*  
ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES \*

**TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS**



# There's a BUZZ Around School

*Have you heard about our Spelling Bee Competition?*



All pupils in Year 1-6  
are invited to take part in the  
Spelling Shed competition  
over the Easter Holidays



## Spelling Bee

### Round 1

### Rounds 2 and 3

April-May 2022

May 2022

Pupils will all receive spelling lists to practise for Round 1 over the Easter break

### Spelling Bee Rules / Strategies:

- All pupils will have a chance to enter this competition when we return after the Easter break. Dates for each round will be confirmed and distributed.
- Elimination rounds will be administered fairly in year groups
- At home, pupils should play for **no more than** 15-20 games in total
- Quality > quantity – focus on the accuracy of spellings
- Learning age-appropriate words will help children's writing skills

