

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

*"Success is not permanent. The same is also true of failure."* Dell Crossword

This year is the LRS's 84th year of existence and we can certainly look back with considerable pride on the achievements of the school during the past years. We have much to be grateful for and we extend our sincere thanks to the parents, staff and learners who have done so much for our school since its inauguration.

Over the last two years we as a school have faced many and varied challenges, not the least being Covid-19. These challenges will bring about changes for our school and with the willing assistance of the parent body, the professionalism of the staff and the enthusiastic co-operation of learners, we will succeed in making Leicester Road a better school where the highest ideals are achieved.

One way that the staff and governing body have decided to face the challenges and changes for this year is to embrace the concept of the Theme "**CHALLENGE YOURSELF**", which is what we encourage you and your children to do no matter in what field of work or position in life you find yourself.

In so doing, this will be a great and positive year.

### **EXTRA-MURAL ACTIVITIES:**

The Extra-Mural timetable was handed out to learners last week and we hope to have everyone's full support as the programme gets underway. Learners are to be encouraged to choose the activity that interests them, or an activity which they enjoy and in which they are most likely to achieve success. Learners, who are chosen as reserves, are expected to remain at matches for the duration of the match. Regular participation in the weekly practice sessions is a pre-requisite for team inclusion. Learners are expected to wear the correct uniform to practices and matches.

### **PLEASE READ LETTER SENT OUT BY LRS REGARDING SPORTS**

### **CRIME:**

There has been a spurt of incidences of crime in the neighbourhood. Please be vigilant when dropping off and fetching your children. Chat to your children about transport arrangements, gates they will be fetched from, not leaving with strangers etc. One can never be careful enough! Please exercise extra-care and caution. A more detailed letter will follow soon.

### **LITTER:**

Parents, please encourage your children to be proud of their environment and clean up after themselves.

### **MANNERS:**

Some of our learners, especially in the Senior Phase, have forgotten to:

- 1 Greet staff members and visitors to our school.
- 2 Move out of the way of adults when passing them in a corridor or pathway.

The matter of manners is small, yet of great importance, as good or bad manners create first impressions.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

Official school photos were taken today, Monday, 31 January 2022 for Grade R & 1. On Monday, 7th February 2022 photos will be taken for Grade 2-7 learners. It is vital that learners are dressed in their full summer uniform. Learners are to have the correct hairstyle and look presentable. No make-up is allowed.

### **VACCINATION LETTERS AND CONSENT:**

Vaccination letters were given to Grade 6 & 7 learners. All consent forms must be filled in and returned ASAP please.

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### **SHOPPING CENTRES – A WORD OF CAUTION TO PARENTS:**

We are aware of the practice of dropping children off at the different big shopping centres where they are left free to entertain themselves. We bring to parents' attention the following for careful consideration:

- 1 Children meet people not known to parents who perhaps would not be approved of if parents knew them. These people are often of the wrong age group.
- 2 Children, who are left on their own, tend to become mischievous; they don't always tell the truth about what they are doing and may be tempted to transgress.
- 3 Prevention is better than cure. Drug abuse is rife. Prevent problems from developing, rather than having to deal with the results.

If your child says, "... but all the other children are allowed to", don't be fooled or made to feel guilty. Sensible parents say no when their children's safety, security and well-being are at risk. Don't give in to child pressure!

### **LIBRARY: PLEASE DONATE BOOKS**

Our library is now up and running and our learners are once again able to take out books. We would appreciate any donations of new books to add to our collection. We will acknowledge the donation at assemblies.

### **LEICESTER ROAD SCHOOL FEES 2022**

Please note that Leicester Road School is a **CASH FREE ZONE**.

GRADE R FEES – **R24 700.00** per learner per annum (5% Discount if paid in full by end February 2022)

GRADE 1-7 – **R21 112.00** per learner per annum (5% Discount if paid in full by end February 2022)

Workbooks for Gr R – **R200.00** (Leicester Road Early Learning Centre bank account)

### **Options on payment methods**

- EFT/Deposit directly into the Schools bank account
- Debit/Credit card @ LRS or via LRS website
- Debit order instruction (mandate to be completed annually)

Please ensure that the correct references are used on all payments made

- Reference for school fees: School fee account number OR Child's Surname, name & Grade (e.g. 3ABCD001)
- Reference for items: Child's surname, Grade & Item (e.g. Romeo, J Gr3 Workbooks)
- Kindly ensure that your reference number on payments is correct as to avoid delays/errors in account allocations – if you are not sure what to use as a reference, please email [debtors@lrschool.co.za](mailto:debtors@lrschool.co.za) / [finance@lrschool.co.za](mailto:finance@lrschool.co.za)

### **COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS**

Our school staff welcome the opportunity to discuss with parents matters of mutual concern: educational progress/problem, homework, etc. Parents, who wish to do so, should make an appointment with the class educator. Should further discussions be required, please feel free to telephone the school Office to make an appointment with the heads of Department, the Deputy Principal or the Principal (Mr Driver).

Please keep the class educator informed of any therapy, counselling, extra lessons or medical conditions which may occur from time to time. All information will be treated as confidential. Copies of reports or a brief note, detailing the necessary information, should be sent to the class educator.

### **LINE OF COMMUNICATION**

Please take note that **ALL** queries need to **FIRST** be addressed with the educator concerned before an issue is escalated.

*Parent → Educator → HOD → Deputy Principal → Principal*



**DEVELOPMENTAL SWIMMING:**

As per the swimming letter that went out last week, there are an overwhelmingly large number of learners attending developmental swimming. Therefore, learners were allocated to a particular group.

The allocations are as follows:

- Grade 1: **Group 1:** Monday – 31 January, 14 February and 28 February
- Grade 2: **Group 2:** Wednesday – 2 February, 16 February and 02 March
- Grade 3: **Group 3:** Monday – 07 February, 21 February and 07 March
- Grade 4-7: **Group 4:** Wednesday – 09 February, 24 February and 09 March

Developmental swimming is only for learners who attended the assessment/trials that were held. The educators doing developmental swimming are concentrating on teaching our learners to be water safe.

We are appealing to any parents who can assist us with looking after learners outside the pool, whilst educators focus on learners in the pool, to please contact Mrs Ismail on [info@lrschool.co.za](mailto:info@lrschool.co.za) or telephonically on 011 615 7328/9.

Swimming on Tuesdays and Thursdays is **ONLY** for Gala swimmers.

**FOUNDATION PHASE CHESS:**

There are also an overwhelmingly large number of learners attending chess in Grades 1 to 3. Therefore, learners will be allocated to a particular day. They will be receiving a letter with the day that they may attend. Please adhere to this.

Yours in Education,  
Mr KWM DRIVER  
School Principal

  
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Sign

  
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Date

**HIGH SCHOOL EXHIBITION FOR GRADE 7 LEARNERS**

**HAVE YOU CHOSEN A HIGH SCHOOL?**  
**HIGH SCHOOL EXHIBITION 2022**  
**Grade 7's ONLY**  
**NO MASK NO ENTRY**

Venue : Bedfordview Primary School  
School Road  
Bedfordview

Date : 3 February 2022 (Thursday)

Time : 17h15 – 18h30

Contact: Mrs. P Naidoo ([guidance@bprimary.co.za](mailto:guidance@bprimary.co.za))

Tel : 011 455-4700  
Fax : 011 455-2012

Approximately 15 schools will have stands at the school and representatives from their staff and student body will be on hand to answer any of your questions. There is no cost to enter and students should wear their school uniform. Parents may attend with your child, unfortunately, no siblings will be allowed.


