

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**“The world is a wonderous place, explore as much as you can + learn.”** Unknown

### **HOW TIME FLIES:**

It seems like only yesterday that we were starting the New Year. Yet, it is March and the end of the first term is fast approaching. It has been a busy term, but it has been a good one. May I take this opportunity to thank all our committed Leicester families for their support throughout this term.

### **SCHOOL REPORTS:**

A reminder that school reports will be issued to all our learners on Friday, 27 March. Reports of absent learners may be collected between 12h00 to 13h00 ONLY from the hall.

**Parents are reminded that reports will only be handed out on Friday, 27 March at 12:00 and not before.**

A number of parents are making requests for their children to leave school early to go on holiday or to leave early on a Friday to 'miss the traffic'. This is not legal. Please understand that the South Africa School Act stipulates that children are to be at school for the full school day. Teachers are not to be asked to send extra work home in instances like this please. Please support us as we endeavour to give your children a fine education.

The second term commences on Wednesday, 8th April and we hope all children will be at school timeously.

### **FINANCIAL RETURNS AND DEVELOPMENT:**

We express our gratefulness to all those parents who have paid their first term's School Fees willingly and cheerfully. Your support enables us to get things done! Like any commercial business, our school has to be able to honour our monthly financial commitments without embarrassment. Please do not wait until the end of the term before paying school fees. Please rather pay on a regular monthly basis, in advance. We need everyone's support if we are to maintain our standards at LRS.

### **ACCIDENTS AT SCHOOL:**

On occasion, children suffer injury which requires treatment either at a hospital or by a doctor. Parents are always contacted first – that is why we need to be kept informed of all changes in telephone numbers. Whilst the school has public liability insurance, this does not entitle a parent to claim from the school's insurer in respect of costs incurred.

Accidents do happen – seldom as a result of negligence on the school's part. Please ensure that you have your own medical aid cover for your children. Parents, who are unable to afford this, will have to take their children to a public hospital and will have to carry the cost themselves. Make sure we have your updated telephone numbers. In the event of an accident, we need to be able to contact you speedily.

### **ROAD SAFETY:**

Driving around the school in the mornings is a daunting task at the best of times. Driving fast or allowing your child to get out of your car in the middle of the road is a recipe for disaster. **BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS.** Don't let a child get hurt. Please also do not park across the school gateways or on the incorrect side of the road, as you are breaking basic driving safety regulations. **PLEASE DO NOT MAKE U-TURNS** on either of the school streets, **NOT LEICESTER NOR DERBY.**

### **PLEASE PARENTS:**

We remind parents that they **are not allowed to walk into the school to approach learners.** If there are any problems with regard to learners, this matter must be handled by either a member of the School Management Team or an educator.

### KEEPING THE SCHOOL CLEAN:



Regretfully, at times some of our children seem to discard their litter (usually from their lunch packs) all too easily, resulting in the school grounds and buildings becoming quite unsightly. Please follow up this matter with your children and encourage them to take pride in their school by depositing their litter in the bins provided. Sweet papers and cool drink cans, in particular, attract bees. Needless to say, the no littering rule applies when in public places too. Please note, the school is taking this matter very seriously this year.

### OPEN DAY:

Leicester Road School will be having our Open Day on:  
Saturday, 18 April 2026, Thursday, 18 June 2026, Thursday, 13 August 2026 and Thursday, 15 October 2026.

### TRANSPORT:

Parents, please ensure your child travels in a secure and roadworthy form of transport to and from school. We have noticed some children arriving in vehicles which are not roadworthy which can be life threatening.

### RESPECT:

**If any educator reports that your child has been disrespectful, please discuss this matter very seriously with him or her. Please remember Transparency, Honesty and Accountability.**

### HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS:

Please be aware that **no high school learners will be allowed** to wait outside our school as their idle hands just get into trouble. Any high school learners, who fetch younger brothers and/or sisters, will only be allowed onto our school premises by themselves and not in groups.

### UNIFORM:

Parents are asked to check their children's school uniform daily to ensure that the correct items of clothing are being worn. All clothing must be marked/labelled with the child's full name please. We are currently in summer uniform.

### HOLIDAY HOMEWORK:

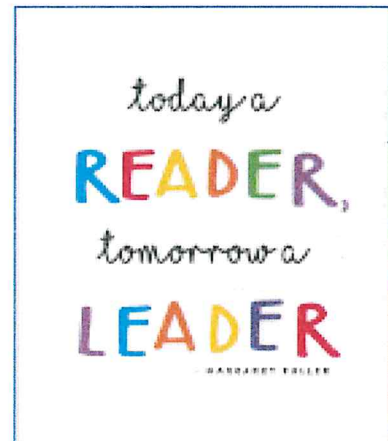
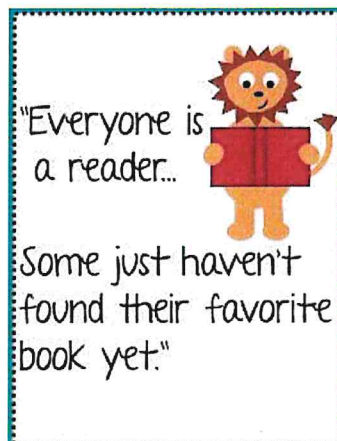
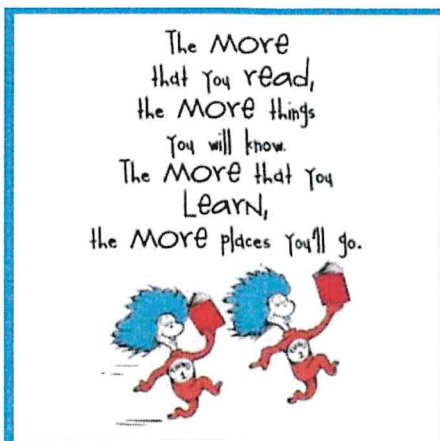
May we appeal to parents and pupils to use this break to check that all items of uniform (including shoes) are in a good condition and that children are prepared for the new term. Please do a stationery check and purchase any items that need replacing.

### NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY:

As the end of term is fast approaching all library books should already have been returned to the **LIBRARY**. **PLEASE PARENTS** help us regarding this. No more loans of library books will be allowed for the rest of this term.

### A BOOK TO READ:

One of our prime objectives is to ensure that all our children are literate; not just able to read but also able to enjoy reading too. All our children must have a book with them at school, so that they may use their spare time to read (perhaps at the close of lessons, at breaks or whilst waiting in the afternoons to be fetched). Boredom will never set in when our children have exciting books to read.



**SCHOOL STARTING TIMES:**

We believe that the heavy traffic congestion at the moment is the reason learners are arriving late at school in the mornings. We would suggest that those families, who have greater distances to travel, make an earlier start. Please have your children at school on time. A good, quiet start to the day is essential and can only be achieved when a steady routine becomes habit. Children, who arrive at school early, are expected to wait quietly until the bell rings; no ball games may be played before school. The ideal time to arrive is between 07:15 and 07:35. Punctuality is important. Please help us to instil this life skill into your child.

**DO YOU REALISE?**

If your child is late for school by 10 minutes each day:

41 weeks over 12 years = 492 weeks,

492 weeks x 5 school days = 2460 days

2460 days x 10 minutes = 24600 minutes

24600 ÷ 60 hours = 410 hours

410 hours ÷ 6 hour school day = 68.3 days of missed school in total from Grades R – 7

There are an average of 20 school days a month. Therefore your child has missed more than three months of school.

There are a number of late-comers every day – many on a regular basis. These children start the day anxious and cause unnecessary interruptions to classes. Maths is invariably the first lesson of the day, so children are missing vital information. Punctuality shows courtesy to others and is an important life skill.


**ABSENCE:**

If your child is absent for the day, please send a letter to the educator on his/her return stating the nature of the absence (e.g. illness, domestic problem etc). A doctor's certificate is needed if children are absent for 3 or more days. Please let the educator know if you child will be off for 3 or more days. **A doctor's certificate is required if your child misses a cycle test, an exam or any formal assessment.**

No. Of Days Absent	Plan of Action by Parent	Plan of Action by School
1 to 2 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter sent to school by parent/guardian detailing the reasons for the absenteeism when learner returns.</li> <li>Parent/Guardian to call the school secretary to relay the message to the class educator.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None. School awaits for the learner to return or await a phone call by the parent/guardian to inform us of absenteeism.</li> </ul>
3 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter sent to school by parent/guardian with valid reasons for the absenteeism when learner returns.</li> <li>Medical certificate to be provided if learner was sick.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School secretary/class educator to telephone parents to find out why learner is absent.</li> </ul>
4 to 9 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter sent to school by parent/guardian with valid reasons for the absenteeism when learner returns.</li> <li>Medical certificate to be provided if learner was sick.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Grade Head or Head of Department will call the parent/guardian to query the absenteeism.</li> <li>If Necessary the school will contact Social Services/District office or relevant authority.</li> </ul>
10 days and more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent/Guardian must inform the school about the absenteeism.</li> <li>Letter sent to school by parent/guardian with valid reasons for the absenteeism when learner returns.</li> <li>Medical certificate to be provided if learner was sick.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the school has not received any information pertaining to the learner's absence, then an automatic de-registration of the learner will occur.</li> </ul>

Your co-operation is appreciated.

Yours in Education,  
Mr KWM DRIVER  
School Principal

  
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Sign

13-3-26  
Date

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## PREFECTS FOR 2026:

**Congratulations to the following Grade 7 learners who were chosen as prefects. We are really proud of their achievement.**



**Back Row (L to R):** Meklete Larebu, Joshua Pillay, Munachimso Ebenmelu, Maya Barry, Cameryn Moses, Micayla Sunthra Kanthen, Paten Braaf, Joy Illunga, Yabsera Gebretsadik, Mia Leeuw, Steven Lin, Nahum Engida, Yedidya Ayele.

**Front Row (L to R):** Anje Mtsi, Tehillah Mugu, Culolethu Beleng, Eldana Nega, Raylee Subramanien, Alessia Kingsley, Yiqi Lin, Alex Liang, Ebenezer Kemis, Mia Onwugbonu, Miranda Ndebele.

## ATTITUDE

1. It is your attitude at the beginning of a task more than anything else that will determine your success or failure.
2. It is your attitude towards life, which will determine life's attitude towards you. Despite many people's belief to the contrary, life plays no favourites.
3. You control your attitude. If you are negative, it is because you have decided to be negative not because of other people or circumstances.
4. Act as if you have a good attitude. Remember, actions trigger feelings just as feelings trigger actions.
5. Before a person can achieve the kind of results he wants, he must first become that person. He must then think, walk, talk, act and conduct himself in all of his affairs, as would the person he wishes to become.
6. Treat everybody as the most important person in the world.
7. Attitudes are based on assumptions. In order to change attitudes, one must first change one's assumptions.
8. Develop the attitude that there are more reasons why you should succeed than reasons why you should fail.
9. When you are faced with a problem, adopt the attitude that you can and will solve it.
10. We become what we think about. Control your thoughts and you will control your life.
11. Radiate the attitude of confidence, of well-being, of a person who knows where he is going. You will then find good things happening to you right away.
12. In order to develop a good attitude, take charge first thing in the morning.