

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

“I am not what happened to me, I am what I chose to become.”

Carl Jung

THANK YOU:

I would just like to say thank you for all that our various and often nameless individuals do for LRS.

I envision Leicester Road School as a place of excellence, where children are happy, learning and able to apply what they learnt. Our commitment to sportsmanship and integrity remains unwavering, but we must take pride in representing our school with determination and skill.

In term two, our focus areas are clear: discipline, mass extra-mural participation, and increased academics. As we prepare for the midyear controlled tests (exams), let us maintain our standards of excellence in all aspects of school life. I encourage each of you parents and learners alike to dedicate yourselves wholeheartedly to your studies and uphold the values of hard work and respect.

Thank you once again for your continued support and involvement in our school. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our learners and in so doing benefit our broader community.

BOOKS & BRIEFS:

This is a group of law students from WITS who are assisting the school with reading during the school week on Mondays and Fridays for an hour and a half.

We thank them for their help and time.



THE TRAVELLING BOOKSHOP:

We would like to advise parents of the awesome book sale which will be held at our school Hall.

They will be at LRS on Thursday, 25 April and Friday, 26 April from **08h00 until 15h00**. A huge variety of brand new, top quality books will be available at amazing prices, so please bring cash with you. Credit card facilities will also be available. For more information, contact Genevieve on 084-701-8641. (Please be aware that books will only be handed to learners or parents once they have been paid for).

APPEARANCE OF OUR SOCCER AND NETBALL TEAMS:

We really would like to maintain a high standard of appearance which creates a good impression and commands respect. Please note that this is very important. The children have been spoken to about what they should wear to practices and matches. Details have been made available in recent newsletters and are also available in the homework notebook. We wish to take the field with pride in the way we look and the way we play. Your encouragement and help in this matter are essential. Please check your children's sports clothing and make sure they are correctly turned out for the occasion.

CONTROLLED TESTS (EXAMS):

Please note that controlled tests (exams) will be written this term. Learners received the sections to study with the Term 2 Assessment Plan. If any children are absent during this time, a doctor's note is compulsory.

Grade 7 Controlled Tests will be from 20 May until the 27 May 2024.

Grade 4-6 Controlled Tests will be from 20 May until the 24 May 2024.

A Good Daily Procedure especially for Learners in Grades 4, 5, 6 and 7

1. Do homework according to the homework diary and check the following day's timetable.
2. Have your parents check and sign your homework diary.
3. Check the day's timetable for other matters that require attention, e.g. sport kit for Physical Education lessons.
4. Empty suitcase daily and pack it according to the timetable for the next day.
5. Leave at home all books which are not required.
6. Prepare Tog Bags and Extra Mural Kit for the next afternoon's activities too.

GRADE R ENROLMENT FOR 2025:

We will be commencing our enrolment of learners for Grade R from the **6th May 2024**. **Do make early application! Please e-mail Miss Mntungwa on admin@lrschool.co.za if you would like her to e-mail application forms to you.** We will advise parents at a later date once enrolment of learners for the other grades commences.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY – ELECTIONS:

A reminder that Wednesday, 01 May is **Workers Day** and Wednesday, 29 May is **Election Day**. The school will be closed on these days.

LEICESTER ROAD RAFFLE FORMS:

The last day to hand in Raffle forms is Friday, 26 April 2024. Please return forms even if they are incomplete. A fee of R200 will be charged for any lost forms. The draw will take place on Tuesday, 30 April 2024.

Raffle

R10.00 a Ticket

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!!!!

Please sell tickets to raise funds for our school.
Class that sells the most tickets will be rewarded with a Games Day and Treat

Please return all raffles before 26th April
**Draw takes place:
30th April**

PARENTS EVENING:

Our Parents Evening will take place on Monday, 29 April 2024 from 16h00 until 19h00 for all grades (Gr R – 7).

Grade	Venue
R	School Hall
1	School Hall
2	School Hall
3	School Hall
4	Library
5	Room 3
6	Room 4
7	Room 2

MEDIA EXTRA-MURALS:

Media is an extra-mural on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 14h00 – 15h00. This is offered to **Grade 4-7** learners in the media centre (library). Learners may complete homework, do projects or read. They will have access to books and the internet (for research purposes) and will be assisted by our school librarian (Miss L. Setaka).

WINTER UNIFORM:

Please note that learners **MUST** be dressed in full winter uniform from Monday, 29 April 2024. Mixing of summer and winter items is not permitted. Please ensure you have the correct winter uniform required and that all items are correctly labelled. Mrs Auckland has stock of LRS beanies with the school badge, brown gloves and brown scarves. Learners wearing other items that are **NOT** part of the school uniform will be asked to remove them.

IMPROVING HOMEWORK HABITS:

A teacher's responsibility is to ensure that homework is a meaningful experience directly related to learner outcomes and also to make sure that his or her connection is obvious to both parents and learners.

You can help your child by:

- Providing a comfortable place and support for homework.
- Assisting him/her to solve homework problems.
- Consulting with the teacher in a timely manner when chronic homework problems occur.
- Monitoring homework completion.
- Rewarding responsible homework habits.

Respect for authority comes from understanding and legitimate authority figures are entrusted with the care of others. Without somebody in charge, you can't run a family, a school or a country. When people can't respect authority, things don't work very well and everybody suffers.

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY ELECTIONS:

Thank you to our parents for availing them-selves for the SGB election meeting. THANK YOU to all our nominees for your dedication and commitment to the governance of LRS, and we look forward to working with you in the future. Congratulations to the following parents who have been elected onto the LRS Governing Body:



Mr S. Ally



Mr C. Barry



Mr K. Ganga



Mrs S. Khumalo



Mr. S.K. Ndung'u

Congratulations to the following staff members who have been elected onto the LRS Governing Body:



Mr K.W.M. Driver



Mrs S. Frederick



Ms L. Baw



Ms M. Sekotlong

LRS FAMILIES AND LEARNERS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE:

Whilst we are aware of the "economic pinch", we would like to encourage learners to understand that assisting others is important and should become a habit in their daily lives. Every **Friday**, charity is collected. Any amount is welcome. Thank you and well done to those classes that have made a concerted effort. We would like to see more donations come in. This money will be used to support LRS learners & families in need.

Because No Child Should Ever Go To Bed Hungry

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"> Letter sent to school by parent/guardian detailing the reasons for the absenteeism when learner returns. Parent/Guardian to call the school secretary to relay the message to the class educator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. School awaits for the learner to return or await a phone call by the parent/guardian to inform us of absenteeism.
3 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter sent to school by parent/guardian with valid reasons for the absenteeism when learner returns. Medical certificate to be provided if learner was sick. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School secretary/class educator to telephone parents to find out why learner is absent.
4 to 9 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter sent to school by parent/guardian with valid reasons for the absenteeism when learner returns. Medical certificate to be provided if learner was sick. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Grade Head or Head of Department will call the parent/guardian to query the absenteeism. If Necessary the school will contact Social Services/District office or relevant authority.
10 days and more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent/Guardian must inform the school about the absenteeism. Letter sent to school by parent/guardian with valid reasons for the absenteeism when learner returns. Medical certificate to be provided if learner was sick. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the school has not received any information pertaining to the learner's absence, then an automatic de-registration of the learner will occur.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

THE TONGUE CAN BE YOUR WORST ENEMY:

Your words, your dreams and your thoughts have power to create conditions in your life.

- What you speak about, you can bring about.
- If you keep saying you can't stand your job, you might lose your job.
- If you keep saying you can't stand your body, your body can become sick.
- If you keep saying that you are sick or ill, guess what you will stay sick or ill.
- If you keep saying you can't stand your car, your car could be stolen or just stop operating.
- If you keep saying you're broke, guess what? You'll always be broke.
- If you keep saying you can't trust a man or trust a woman, you will always find someone in your life to hurt and betray you.
- If you keep saying you can't find a job, you will remain unemployed.
- If you keep saying you can't find someone to love you or believe in you, your very thought will attract more experiences to confirm your beliefs.

*You have brains in your head,
and feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself in any direction you choose!*

Dr Seuss

Yours in Education,
Mr KWM DRIVER
School Principal



Sign

24-4-24

Date