

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

# **Derby and Leicester Roads**

Thank you to those parents who have been more courteous towards our neighbours on Leicester and Derby roads, as well as to our security guards. However, there are still complaints from our security guards with regards to parents not obeying rules of the road, and this is unacceptable.

## Walking children to classrooms

Thank you to those parents who have stopped walking their children to the classrooms in the mornings. Children of all ages need to learn independence and should have time to socialize with their peers. Once on the school property, there are educators on duty each morning.

# Collection of learners after school / extra mural.

Thank you to parents for making the effort to collect their children on time after school. We have noticed a huge improvement at the waiting area and would like to thank every parent that has gone out of their way to ensure that their child is collected on time. There are, however, still children being left late in the afternoons. We have noticed that many parents who make use of transport services children are often fetched late. It is each parent's responsibility to ensure that their child is collected on time, and the school's responsibility to report any child continually left late, to Social Services and the Department of Education.

# **Learner Achievements**

Many of our learners compete in external activities. If your child has achieved outside of school, please inform us so that we can recognise their achievements at assemblies and in our newsletters.

### **Update of Contact details**

If your contact details have changed, kindly notify the office on **pa@Irschool.co.za**. It is vital that we have correct cell numbers and e-mail addresses of parents/ guardians at any given time.

### **Library Books**

Library books are precious. Please ensure that your children return them in good condition so our learners may continue to enjoy the magic of reading. A reminder that damaged and lost books will be charged for.

# **LRS Swimming Pool**

The Leicester Road pool is back in use. The Pool will be used on Tuesdays and Thursdays for swimming team practice. These learners must know how to swim the different strokes for at least 25m. Galas will start from 21 February 2020. Mondays will be used for Swimming Club, learners from Grades 4-7 who can swim but want to better their strokes may join. Grades 1-3 will be taught to swim during class PE lessons. Grades 4-7 will also have swimming lessons during PE lessons on a rotation basis. Learners will be told who will be swimming. Certified coaches from little Dolphin Swimming School will be in the pool during all practices and lessons.

### Open Day

Please note the change of date to our Open Day. Our Open Day is now on Saturday, 14 March. This change was made to accommodate requests from some parents due to a clash with a feeder High School Open Day.

### **Bullying Incident on Tuesday**

We take the incident that occurred on Tuesday very seriously and have been addressing the issues. Parents have been called in and action has been taken to rectify the misbehaviours. Please see attached helpful information for learners to stand up against bullying in our school.

Yours in Education, Mr Spaarwater		
School Principal	Sign	Date

# **SPORT NEWS**

Congratulations to the following Grade 7 learners who have been selected to represent their houses:

# **Buffalo:**



House Captains: Luke Kent Brown and Mosidi Kgaswe

Deputy House Captain: Farhah Valli (absent when photo was taken)



# Sable:



House Captains: Isa Sali and Erin Bannister

Deputy House Captain: Adryen Phillips



# **Giraffe:**



House Captains: Leila Marriott and Luke Rathebone

Deputy House Captain: Crystal Alexander



# Zebra:



House Captains: Adam Maule and Savanah-Lee Hillier

Deputy House Captain: Kamogelo Moila



## SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

Congratulations to the following learners who have been selected as 2020 School Librarians:



Azra Gani, Sumayyah Mayet, Farhah Valli, Sumayyah Laher, Bianca Heyes, Anita De Gouveia, Anchal Mishra & Dionne Bloem

# **SPORT DATES**

**Tuesday 18 February** 

U9 Match against King David Linksfield

Saturday 22 February

Mini Cricket @ Eden Glen

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

Wednesday 12 February Grade R & 1 photo day

Friday 14 February

Valentine's Day Dress-Up

Wednesday 19 February

Grade 2-7 photo day



# Valentine's Day Civvies day



**Date:** Friday, 14 February 2020

**Dress:** Learners are to dress in **red**, **pink or** 

white.

**Cost:** R10 per child.

Please note that ONLY Grade R, 1, 2 & 3 learners will have a picnic on that day.



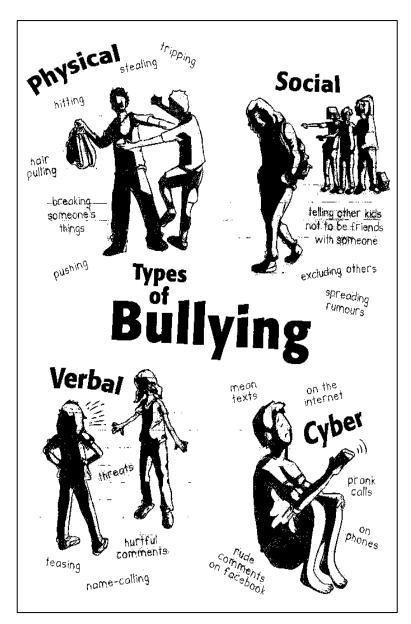
# LEICESTER ROAD SCHOOL

Open Day + Soccer / Netball Day Saturday, 14 March 2020 09:00 – 11:00





Be yourself, for everybody else is already taken. - Oscar Wilde





# Free TIPS to

# IF YOU ARE THE TARGET

- #1 GET AWAY as soon as you can and MOVE to a SAFE place where there's other peers and adults.
- #2. PARTNER UP and HANG OUT with others; avoid places where you are alone.
- #3. ACT AS IF the bullying has no power over you. Look CALM and CONFIDENT by standing up tall, shoulders back and head up. Even if you feel upset and scared on the inside, try not to let the person bullying you know it. Take slow, deep breaths and remind yourself that you are courageous and will get help from a trusted adult.
- #4. STAND UP FOR YOURSELF. ACT BORED, use HUMOR and quard yourself with a QUICK (easy to remember) STAND-IN-YOUR-POWER COMEBACK like \*So? \*Yup \*And? \*Whatever you say \*Who cares? \*Got nothing better to do?
- #5. GET HELP from an adult. Share with them what has happened and ask for their support.
- #6. BE THE BIGGER PERSON and don't retaliate. Fighting back physically or verbally, will only make the situation worse and get you in more harm's way.
- #7. REMEMBER that bullying is about the person who is doing the bullying. Although you are impacted and must respond to the bullying, the bullying really says nothing about you but rather says something about the person doing the bullying.
- #8. REMIND YOURSELF that you are brave, awesome, lovable and worthy of respect and belonging, always and no matter what. NO ONE can take that away from you. OWN IT!

# WHEN YOU SEE BULLYING HAPPEN

- #9. BE A FRIEND. Invite the person being bullied to hang out with you, whether at lunch, recess, during or between classes, or before and after school.
- #10. INTERRUPT THE BULLYING. Create a distraction like "Hey, did you watch the game last night?" or "There's a hot air balloon outside!"
- #11 SPEAK UP! Say something like "Dude, that's not cool," "Hey, that's bullying!" "Knock that off!" "Does it make you feel good to make someone else feel bad?"
- #12 STOP RUMORS and MEAN MESSAGES from spreading. Refuse to participate in gossip and laughing when others are put-down.
- #13. TELL AN ADULT. Ask for help.
- #4H. REMEMBER that you are BRAVE and YOUR ACTIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

