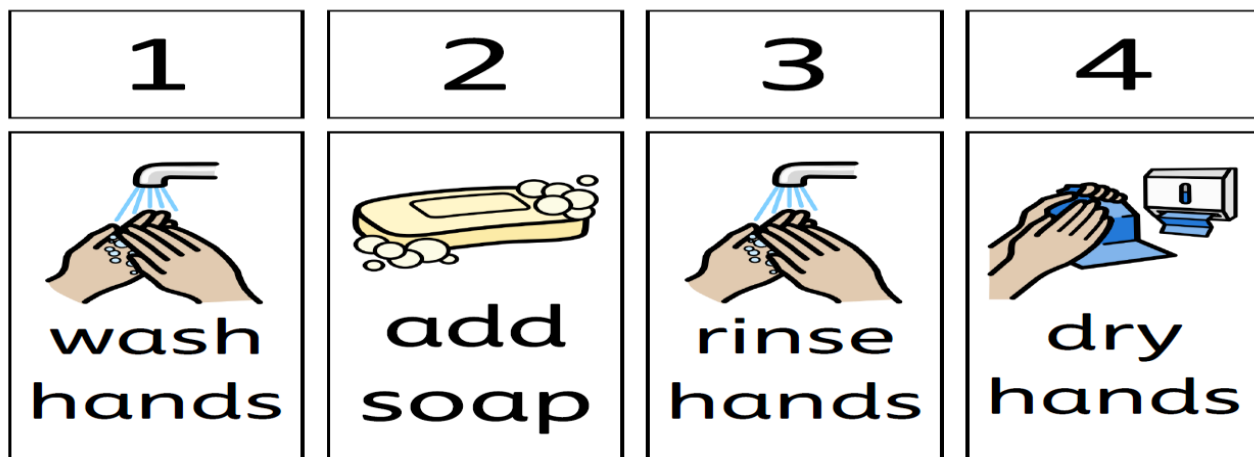


Building healthy habits

As a team, we are very passionate about the holistic education we provide. We know academic progress is important but pastoral care and development is crucial too. We have evaluated our practice and looked at what else we can do as a school to support your child.

Recently, we have had a big drive on how we wash our hands and why. We have a communication friendly poster around school to support this and overall, I have been really impressed with the attention to detail the children have given this. Below is our communication friendly poster, we use around school.



Building a healthy immune system is part of our self-care routines. It's the little things that make a difference like children having been taught how to show respect around others when coughing by putting their hand over their mouth or covering it with a tissue.

Over the next term, we will be talking to the children about the following:

- healthy habits with sleep: how do we help ourselves have a deep sleep to feel rejuvenated for the following day? When do children go on devices that could be impacting their sleep? How close to bedtime do they eat and drink? Do they have a story before bed with low level lighting to help develop a calm and relaxing environment? We will be talking to the children about scientific research that supports strong sleeping habits.
- healthy eating habits: Are we washing our hands before we eat and why? Are we getting the nutrients we need to develop our mind and body? Have they got enough energy to learn from what they are eating? How do school dinners help them get a balanced diet?
- healthy movement habits: How often are we moving our bodies and how? How can we include more movement in our day? Can we move smaller parts of our body like our eyebrows or our nose? (Helping mindfulness)

Later in the Summer term, we will be introducing a strategy to help children remember all the different elements to building a happy and healthy life.

Everything has a home

One of our school mantras is 'Everything has a home.' Every time an object is 'lost', we find the owner but unfortunately over time, this is becoming increasingly challenging with children's school uniform. We are not sure if this is because names that have been written in have washed out or new uniform is now being used where names have not been added.

Please can all parents and carers support us by ensuring that all children have their name in all their belongings. We currently have a huge number of jumpers and cardigans that have no names in particularly in Nursery and Reception classes. Thank you for your support with this.



What are we up to?

In our last newsletter, I shared with you that we will be renovating the hall. During the summer, all the current units, including the kitchen area will be ripped out with new flooring and new storage being put in- we can't wait!

Over Easter, Mr Hallam (site manager) and the team will be working hard with new windows going in across the back of school and new water tanks.

Mrs Wilds has been busy levelling up the woodland area again adding communication friendly posters, enhancements and redesigning some of the spaces. Mrs Wilds and Mr Hallam have planted saplings all the way around the woodland and across the back field to create a beautiful natural fence for the future- watch this space as they grow. The Early Years outdoor learning area is having a revamp during the break.

We are also adding new furniture to some smaller spaces and decorating to make them feel more homely.

The next big project for us is the back playground. If you came on a parent tour when you first joined our school, you may have heard me say that the back playground is great but the field holds a lot of water in the autumn and winter due to it being on a slope. We want to create a play area on the field with play equipment. This is a huge task as we will need see if it is possible to flatten the land in parts of this area but the bigger task is raising funds to do this. This is going to Pupil Parliament next term to think about ideas for this area and how we can raise money so that we can start the planning process. If you know of anyone that can help us with this huge undertaking or have any ideas of how we can raise money that would be helpful- please email the admin account on admin@laceyfields.djanogly.org

Pupil Progress Meetings

Thank you so much to all those parents/carers who made it in this week. It was lovely to see you all. We hope that you felt proud of your child- we are very pleased with the progress the children are making. We also hope that you feel that we can work together on your child's next steps. I am aware that quite a few parents missed a phone call appointment, which meant that the teacher wasn't able to fill this time with another parent. We are happy to keep offering telephone appointments but we will have to review this if this is something that does not work for us.

A massive thank you to all of the parents and carers who took the time to fill in the parent questionnaire. The questionnaire closes today so I'll be in touch next half term with outcomes.



Suncream

As we hopefully move into sunny weather, please support us in protecting your child's skin. Children can bring suncream in. If you choose to do this, please label with your child's full name and year group/class. Unfortunately, schools cannot put suncream on children so please help your child to practise if you would like them to top up in the day.

Suncream has a use by date on, so please check this before sending to school.

On sunny days, please provide your child with a sunhat and they are welcome to bring sunglasses too. We hope that we get some beautiful Spring weather over Easter- I think we were all a little shocked to have had a bit of snow this week!



Diary Dates

Please see below for our term dates and/or our website, where all newsletters are stored. You can also find key dates in our calendar on the website. These dates are subject to change and more may be added. We will always endeavour to let you know dates as soon as we can.

Term dates for 2026:

Colour code: Nursery (London), Reception (Cardiff), Year 1 (Belfast), Year 2 (Edinburgh)
Whole School

Summer 1: 13th April- 22nd May

Summer 2: 1st June- 23rd July

INSET days:

Monday 15th June

Monday 13th April and Tuesday 14th April- Relationships Days- At the beginning of every half term, we have a day of where we have a focus on something specific to help children develop a healthy sense of self and develop their understanding or personal development. This term we will be resetting our expectations after the children being out of their school routine for two weeks. We will also be revisiting the value of responsibility and looking at what each child's responsibility is for their class. We will also recap unit 1- knowing themselves and then we will be teaching the phrases 'protected characteristics.' This half term we will be teaching the children about age, race and disability as three of the protected characteristics.

Thursday 21st May- Parents of Early Years children are invited in to release the butterflies into the woodland area.

Tuesday 9th June- Early Years trip Matlock Park Farm

Friday 19th June- KS1 trip Chatworth House -workshops linked to this year's curriculum

Thursday 2nd July- Summer Fayre

Thursday 16th July- Sports Day

Wednesday 22nd July- Year 2 Showcase and celebrating the end of their infant journey. 2:55pm in the school hall

Thursday 23rd July- Last day of term. Guard of honour on the front playground for Year 2 leavers and signing of t-shirts (Gift from Laceyfields)

Our big trips of the year: Staff have been carefully planning trips to meet the needs of our curriculum, so it enhances children's knowledge, vocabulary and application of values to build character. Letters will be going out after the Easter break with the details in and you will be able to pay online through Arbor.

Thank you so much for all your support this term. We really appreciate everything you do to support us helping your child. We hope that you have a lovely Easter bank holiday weekend and that your child/children have a good two weeks. We will see you back on Monday 13th April.

Kind regards,

Miss Rogers and the Laceyfields' Family