

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

“Study without desire spoils the memory and it retains nothing that it takes in.” Leonardo da Vinci

STAFF NEWS:

We bid a sad farewell to Mr Makanjee who will be leaving us at the end of term. We wish him everything of the very best in his new endeavours.

Congratulations to Mrs Fredricks on the birth of her baby girl on 23 August. We wish her lots of happiness with her little bundle of joy.

Our condolences go out to Raphael (Ground Assistant) for the loss of his father.

FINANCE – URGENT:

To break even and meet all our financial obligations to which we are committed – staff salaries, 2024 educational material, sports equipment, photo-copying expenses, water, lights, telephone accounts, outings for children, etc, etc, etc – the school needs to bank all outstanding school fees as soon as possible. We thank those parents who have honoured their commitment for 2024. Leicester Road School needs every parent's support, so we are able to maintain our standards and reputation. Any parents who are unable to meet their financial obligation are urged to come and talk to the Bursars as soon as possible.

HOW TIME FLIES:

It seems like only yesterday that we were starting the new term. Yet, here it is September and the end of the third term is 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 Road School families for their support throughout this term.

EXTRA-MURALS:

Parents are reminded that extra-murals end on **Friday (13 September)**. Kindly ensure that you collect your children timeously at the end of the day from **Monday 16 September** until **Friday 20 September** which is break up day when the school closes at **12:00** noon.

END OF TERM REPORTS:

Children will be receiving their third term reports on **Friday, 20th September**, the day the term ends. Reports will not be handed out earlier. Reports for absent children will be available at the School Hall from **12:00 until 13:00 ONLY**.

KEEPING UP A FINE APPEARANCE:

With the end of the term fast approaching, our learners are becoming excited about the holiday which lies ahead. We feel sure that parents would like our standards of discipline, dress and behaviour to remain high at all times. We therefore appeal for support in these areas. The staff, too, would like to enjoy the closing weeks of the term without complaint and unnecessary problems. Fashion haircuts should be postponed until after the holiday starts and the correct uniform must be worn.

LOST PROPERTY:

There are still a number of items of lost property in our box. If your child has mislaid any items of clothing, kindly ensure that he/she checks this box before the end of this term. All items not claimed will be sold at our School Second-Hand Shop.

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK:





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

LITTER:

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

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. Learners may start wearing their full summer uniform from **Monday, 9 September 2024**. There will be a 2 week period allocated to the change from winter to summer uniform. All learners must be in full summer uniform from **Tuesday, 1 October 2024**. **NO** mixing of summer and winter uniform will be accepted.

SUMMER UNIFORM GRADE 1 - 7	
GIRLS	BOYS
	
LRS SCHOOL DRESS (Orange & Brown gingham)	WHITE open-necked short sleeved shirt (no top button) with logo
BROWN SLEEVELESS LRS jersey with logo	BROWN SLEEVELESS LRS jersey with logo
WHITE socks	GREY shorts (Grade 1 – 5)
BLACK shoes	GREY long pants (for Grades 6 & 7 only)
	GREY socks with orange and brown stripe
	BLACK shoes
SPORT UNIFORM ALL GRADES P.E. - SUMMER	
	
LRS PE uniform - LRS golf shirt with LRS shorts - White running shoes/takkies	

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL:

Our school day ends at **14:00** Monday – Thursday on **Friday at 12:35**. The only children who should still be at school after this time are those legitimately taking part in an extra-mural activity. It has come to our attention that some children are being left to wait at the gate later than 17:00! Have you considered the following?

- It is not fair on your child – especially in the cold/hot weather.
- It is not necessarily always safe for your child to wait alone.
- Boredom usually leads to trouble.
- If an accident occurs – who is there to give assistance?

When you enrolled your child/children at Leicester Road School, you signed the consent forms agreeing to get your child/children to school on time and to collect them after school on time.

Please be considerate and adhere to this agreement.

DERBY ROAD & LEICESTER ROAD:

We are receiving continuous complaints from the residents in Derby/Leicester Road who have noticed an overwhelmingly steep increase in the negative incidents with Leicester Road School parents. This is very sad to hear, as we have always trusted that our parents have a good reputation and relationship with all our neighbours. Some neighbours have sent photos and reported number plates of perpetual 'offenders' which will be followed up on if this behaviour continues. We are fully aware that mornings are a stressful and busy time, and we ask all parents using both Leicester and Derby road to please be courteous to **ALL** our neighbours and security guards. Please, also, abide by the rules of the road (no stopping on a yellow line or on the Zebra Crossing, no U-turns to name a few). Most importantly, please be a good example to your children by not yelling, swearing, shouting or displaying aggression when you are unhappy with your situation. This is a perfect opportunity to practice patience and display self-control in front of our vulnerable learners. By following instructions from our security guards and following the rules of the road, things will run a lot smoother.

25 Golden Rules for those who go online:

1. Digital technology and social media are inescapable facts of life: they are not simply going to go away, so get used to them.
2. The laws that apply to your conduct in the real world apply also to your conduct in any part of the Cyber world.
3. It doesn't matter who wrote the original: if you re-tweet, share, on-publish, 'like it' or in any other way pass it on, you are part of the chain of publication and can be held liable for the content.
4. The right to freedom of expression is not unlimited: it must constantly be balanced against other rights, and especially other people's rights, such as the right to privacy, dignity and an unimpaired reputation.
5. Always bear in mind the example of the delete button: before you send anything, ask yourself whether you really want to send it.
6. Also bear in mind the five Ps: if you don't want the *police*, your *parents*, your *principal*, a *predator* or a *potential employer* to read it or to know about it, don't put it online.
7. In the digital age, you are responsible for constructing your own privacy: be very vigilant about what you post online.
8. Don't ever think you are anonymous online.
9. Take care not to share compromising images or inappropriate messages.
10. Recognise that electronic messages are permanent, transferable records which can affect the reputation of people, schools, companies and other organizations – and if you cause them harm, you may find that it costs a lot to say sorry.
11. Familiarise yourself with privacy settings and avoid sharing information you may not wish to have in the public domain.
12. Realize that if in any way you have any sort of public profile, even when acting or speaking in what you regard as your personal capacity, your particular position will be known to many in the potential audience and you are highly likely to be regarded, misunderstood or misrepresented as presenting an official position.
13. Your reputational asset is massively important, and the reputational harm you can suffer by getting it wrong online is potentially far more serious than any legal or disciplinary consequences.
14. Google yourself every couple of months, and check whether any new mentions have popped up – especially those that you are troubled to see there.
15. Drinking and tweeting is as bad as drinking and driving: don't do either.
16. Don't be a bully, a yob, a pig or a meanie – not on-line and not off-line.
17. Don't joke about bombs.
18. Understand that it is against the law to harm someone's reputation or dignity, and it is regarded as harassment to do something that the user of social media is aware, or ought to be aware, may cause harm (whether mental, psychological, or physical) to another person.
19. The blurring of social and professional lines is to be avoided, as it can result in embarrassing or otherwise inappropriate revelations. Special care must be taken by and about educators who "befriend" learners on Facebook or similar social media platforms.
20. The social media voice is loud: if you own a business, manage an organisation or run a school, make sure that the voice is properly managed.
21. You can be fired if you breach the duty of good faith that you owe to your employer, or if you bring the name of your employer into disrepute online.
22. You can get expelled from your school or university if you bring the name of the educational institution into disrepute online.
23. Just because it's available online, doesn't mean it's free for the taking: you still have to bear in mind intellectual property rights and copyright.
24. Where sources are used in any way at all, credit must be given to the sources.
25. Criminals operate online: don't give them information that will make their task easier.

Bullying Guidelines:

Cyberbullying happens when teens use the Internet, cell phones, or other devices to send or post text or images intended to hurt, intimidate or embarrass another person.

Cyberbullies use voice messages, e-mail, text messages, photo images, videos, websites or personal web pages to repeatedly harass, intimidate or embarrass another person or group of people.

Whether you've been a victim of cyberbullying, know someone who has been cyberbullied, or have even cyberbullied yourself, there are steps you and your friends can take to stop cyberbullying and stay cyber-safe.

- Never give out any personal information online, whether in instant message profiles, chat rooms, blogs, or personal websites.
- Protect passwords. Never tell anyone but your parents your password, even friends.
- If someone sends a mean or threatening message, don't respond. Save it or print it out and show it to an adult.
- Never open emails from someone you don't know or from someone you know is a bully.
- Don't put anything online that you wouldn't want your friends or classmates to see, even in email.
- Don't send messages when you're angry. Before clicking "send," ask yourself how you would feel if you have received the message.
- Help kids who are bullied online by not joining in and showing bullying messages to an adult.
- Always be as polite online as you are in person.
- Be aware that cyberspace is PUBLIC space, and online messages are permanent.

Since most cyberbullying takes place at home, it's important that parents know about cyberbullying and that they get involved in preventing it. Just like parents help their kids avoid inappropriate websites, they can protect them from cyberbullying.

To be a victim of cyberbullying can be a painful experience and can happen in this way:

- Bullies pretend they are other people online to trick others;
- Spread lies and rumours about victims;
- Trick people into revealing personal information;
- Send or forward mean text messages; and
- Post pictures of victims without their consent

Cyberbullying is a big deal, and can cause a variety of reactions in teens. The best way to react to cyber bullies is to try and prevent it by:

- Blocking communication with the cyberbully;
- Deleting messages without reading them;
- Talking to a friend about the bullying; and
- Reporting the problem to an adult, Internet service provider or website moderator.

Many children experience a variety of emotions when they are cyberbullied. They normally experience feelings of anger, hurt, embarrassment, tension or anxiety. These emotions can cause victims to react in ways such as:

- Seeking revenge on the bully;
- Avoiding friends and activities; and
- Cyberbullying back

- **Some teens feel threatened because they may not know who is cyberbullying them.**
- **Although cyberbullies may think they are anonymous, they can be found.**
- **If you are cyberbullied or harassed and need help, save all communication from the Cyberbully and talk to a parent, teacher, police officer, or other adult you trust.**

OUTSTANDING BOOKS:

Parents are asked to check cupboards and shelves in their homes for Media Centre books and are requested to return these as soon as possible to Miss Ali as she will soon need to start taking stock.

LEAVING THE SCHOOL:

If your child will be leaving our school at the end of this year, please advise Ms Consilia Mtungwa in writing (admin@lrschool.co.za) as soon as possible in order that she can timeously prepare Transfer Cards. We also require this information for 2025 enrolment purposes.

Yours in Education,
Mr KWM DRIVER
School Principal

Sign

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Date

ACHIEVEMENTS

HEAD AND DEPUTY PREFECTS



Congratulations to Bandile and Jemma on being chosen as Head Boy and Girl respectively. Fuaad and Tadiswa are our Deputies.

CRICKET STAR



Congratulations to Motheo Mankge made the U11 A team for Johannesburg North East.

Congratulations!

IMPORTANT DATES

BLOOD DRIVE

09 September 2024

13h00 to 15h00

OPEN DAY


17 October 2024

@ 9h00

GRADE 7 MARKET DAY







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