

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

“I am happiest when I am accomplishing something – something worthwhile.” Unknown

WELCOME BACK:

We welcome our Leicester Road family back for the third term. We trust that the holiday was a good one and we hope that, with parents' encouragement, our learners will tackle their school work and homework with enthusiasm and diligence. The greater part of the academic year has already gone and that means our learners need to settle down without delay to serious work. Do talk to your children about your expectations. We welcome new families to our Leicester Road 'family' and hope that they will be happy.

STAFF NEWS:

We bid farewell to Miss L Setaka at the end of last term. We wish her well in her new endeavours. We welcome Ms S. Robson as a Grade 1 educator and Mr R. Hoffman as a Grade 4 educator. We also welcome Ms C. Fredericks and Mr W. Aldworth as learner ships in the Foundation Phase and Intersen Phase respectively. We wish them a long and happy stay with us.

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There are a few matters that concern me:

1. WhatsApp, Instagram and Facebook are in the news. Do you realise how much these platforms affect our learners at Leicester Road School? These social networks have the potential to become tools for bullying and spreading lies about children. Please be aware of them. It is important that you put systems in place at home to help protect your children from predators. Communicate the dangers clearly to your children and ensure that, if being used, these networks are used responsibly.
2. It seems the norm for learners at schools to engage in Dissing (insult one another). The learner with the most creative insult is then the champion. Obviously, we cannot let this happen, as someone walks away feeling insulted or a fight starts. Please parents, teach your children how unacceptable this practice is.
3. Toilet Etiquette – Need I say more.
 - a. Some pupils feel the need to play in the toilets.
 - b. Others throw toilet paper and soap on the floors.

Please discuss these matters with your children.

SCHOOL FEES:

We thank those supportive parents who are up to date with school fees. May we respectfully remind those who aren't, to ensure that these payments are top of your priority list – your children are top of ours!

PARENTS WHO ARE CONSIDERING 2025 ENROLMENT OF LEARNERS:

Parents, please inform your friends and family, who live in the natural feeder area of our school, about our Open Day. Parents, who require schooling for their children and who are not familiar with our school, are asked to phone the School Office on **(011) 615 7328/9** to book a tour at our Open Day on **Thursday, 25 July 2024**. This is a golden opportunity to be shown around our school, to see the facilities and to ask all your questions. Tours will be conducted by Mr Driver, our Principal, at 09:00 and 10:30. Each tour will last approximately one hour.

CHANGES OF ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

If there has been any change in your residential or postal addresses or telephone numbers, either cell, home or work, please inform Ms Consillia Muntungwa in the School Office as soon as possible. Whilst cell phones are most convenient, the cost of phoning them is enormous and the school secretaries will phone home or work numbers first and cell numbers only in emergencies. Please ensure that we are able to contact you at all times.

PARENTS EVENING (BY INVITATION ONLY):

Our Parents evenings will take place for all grades on **Wednesday, 17 July 2024** from 16h00 until 18h30.

PARENT'S EVENING - TERM 3

ALL GRADES (R – 7)

Wednesday, 17 July

16h00 until 18h30

All Educators will be based in their classrooms.

Miss Sekotlong and Mrs Van der Walt will be in the library.

PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS:

At times we experience a few problems and ask for your assistance in solving them.

Educators and Admin staff find that it is often difficult to contact parents, whether it is for fetching sick children or inviting parents to assemblies or interviews.


If you have changed telephone numbers for work, home or cell phones this year, please put this in writing to the School Office, or telephone **(011) 615-7328/9** with the details.


A few learners are wearing uniform items that belong to other children.

- Label all items clearly with your child's name.
- Regularly check that the clothing your child is wearing belongs to him/her.
- Please return incorrect items to the child concerned or to the lost property box.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE WE ARE IN WINTER UNIFORM THIS TERM:

WINTER UNIFORM: GRADE R: GIRLS & BOYS	
	LRS Tracksuit
	ORANGE, WHITE or BLACK long-sleeved t-shirt or polo neck shirt No pictures or prints allowed
	Socks with takkies

WINTER UNIFORM: GRADE 1 – 7: BOYS	
	School TIE
	WHITE long-sleeved school shirt
	GREY LONG pants
	GREY socks
	BLACK shoes

WINTER UNIFORM: GRADE 1 – 7: GIRLS	
	School TIE
	WHITE long-sleeved school shirt
	GREY long pants OR GREY skirt
	GREY opaque stockings OR GREY School Socks
	BLACK shoes

P.E. UNIFORM WINTER: ALL GRADES	
	LRS Tracksuit or P.E. uniform with running shoes

OTHER ITEMS
BROWN school jersey with school logo
BROWN SLEEVESS LRS jersey with logo
BROWN Dri-Mac with school logo
LRS School Tracksuit

ROAD SAFETY:

Parents, please help us to keep your children safe by reinforcing the rules of the road with them and please drive and park considerately at all times.

START THE DAY WITH A GOOD BREAKFAST:

It appears that many children do have a good breakfast which is essential to growing children. However, there are a number of children who eat or drink next to nothing at the start of the day. Their blood sugar levels drop rapidly and the visible effects in the classroom are: tiredness, restlessness, a lack of self-control and poor concentration. All of these symptoms mean that the child cannot work properly, with the result that the standard of his/her work drops. Breakfast is vital to growing children. Please parents, make sure your child has a substantial breakfast meal to eat and something to drink before leaving for school. School lunches should be nutritious too.

MAKE YOUR CHILD A SUPER STAR:

Encourage your children to drink water. Fruit juices must be 100% pure and diluted with water. Avoid fizzy drinks during the school week.

DISCIPLINE:

The staff of our school work hard at maintaining the fine standard of discipline and behaviour. However, there is always room for further improvement. Without discipline and in particular the level of obedience to instructions, neither teaching nor learning can be efficiently implemented. Please encourage your children accordingly.

CREATE THE RIGHT CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUR CHILD TO BENEFIT EDUCATIONALLY:

- by being positive in outlook
- by talking positively about the school/educators/PTA/SGB, etc
- by being involved
- by being available when your child needs you

RUMOURS:

In trying to educate our children in today's society, please keep this philosophy in mind the next time you hear, or are about to repeat a rumour.

In ancient Greece, Socrates was widely lauded for his wisdom. One day the great philosopher came upon an acquaintance who ran up to him excitedly and said, "Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your students...?"

"Wait a moment," Socrates replied, "Before you tell me, I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Test of Three."

"Test of Three?"

"That's correct," Socrates continued.

"Before you talk to me about my student, let's take a moment to test what you're going to say.

The first test is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"No," the man replied, "actually I just heard about it."

"All right," said Socrates. "So you don't really know if it's true or not. Now let's try the second test, the test of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my student something good?"

"No, on the contrary..."

"So," Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him even though you're not certain it's true?"

The man shrugged, a little embarrassed. Socrates continued, "You may still pass though because there is a third test – the filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really..." "Well," concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither True nor Good nor even Useful, why tell it to me at all?"

The man was defeated and ashamed and said no more.

This is the reason Socrates was a great philosopher and held in such high esteem.

Go through this story and explain to your child/children just how damaging rumours can be.

Yours in Education,
Mr KWM DRIVER
School Principal



Sign

9 JULY 2024

Date

67 MINUTES FOR MADIBA DAY

LEICESTER ROAD SCHOOL



CARING COMMUNITY

APPRECIATION

SAPS

FOOD PARCELS

LRS Families

Grade R-3 learners to fill brown paper bags with biscuits, coffee and treats and decorate paper bag to thank SAPS officers for keeping our community safe.

Grade 4-7 learners to bring non-perishable items e.g. biscuits; spreads and instant noodles, pasta, rice, canned meat and vegetables and toiletries to make up and distribute food parcels to struggling families.

Your participation in this initiative is greatly appreciated.