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Leading by Example



Dear Lonesome Families,

Welcome to the Spring edition of **Leading by Example** – your termly newsletter from the Head Boy and Girl Team.

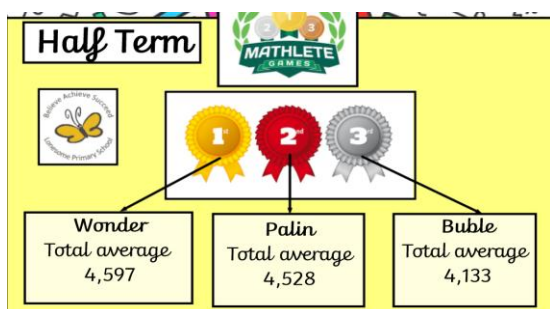
It has been another busy term at Lonesome – take a look at what our hard work has achieved!

We noticed last term that the children's access to **Mathletics** was low in some classes, with certificates predominantly being given in assembly for the same classes every week. We wanted to change that and really promote this fantastic online tool to all. In the autumn term 2024, we excitedly launched our Mathletics competition for Years 1 to 6. We launched our competition with an assembly where we shared that the Mathletics scores would be collected weekly for each class and then celebrated and displayed. The winning class at the end of each half term would then receive a reward voted for by the children.

The winners so far have been:

- Autumn 2: Buble
- Spring 1: Wonder

We look forward to finding out the winners of the second half of the spring term after the Easter holiday. Watch this space!



Pizza Party Attendance Initiative

We continue to see improved attendance across the school as a result of the Pizza Party attendance celebration. Well done to the following classes who have enjoyed a Pizza Party this term to celebrate their excellent attendance.

Week ending	Lonesome
Friday 10 th January	Mandela
Friday 17 th January	Milne
Friday 24 th January	Milne
Friday 31 st January	Roots
Friday 7 th February	Lincoln
Friday 14 th February	Roots
Thursday 27 th February	Palin
Friday 7 th March	Wonder
Friday 14 th March	Wonder and Roots
Friday 21 st March	Milne
Friday 28 th March	Wonder



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We spoke with Mrs Bull in the autumn term about an additional attendance incentive to celebrate the children who are in school every day, particularly at the very end of a half term when we have noticed that attendance is a little lower. We thought carefully about how we could celebrate attendance over a greater period of time in a manageable, fun way. Mrs Bull suggested a **Movie Night** for all children who came to school for the full week before a half term – including bags of popcorn for everyone to enjoy! We agreed that the best day to hold the Film Night would be the Monday after the holiday, as a fantastic launch to the new half term.



Our first Movie Night took place on Monday 24th February 2025 and was attended by over 80% of children from Years 1 – 6 – this is absolutely incredible! The children got to choose which film they watched and then relaxed and enjoyed with their popcorn and friends.

We'll be asking the children for some feedback soon so that we can make our next Film Night even more amazing!

School Lunch Update

We have taken your suggestions on board about the school lunches and this term re-introduced vegetable Chow Mein to the menu. We also introduced some new desserts including cheesecake and treacle tart. We looked at the food waste alongside the Eco Team and made some changes to the fresh salad on offer, as well as the cooked vegetables available each day.

We are working with the kitchen team to help 'perfect' these recipes and are really pleased with the outcome so far. Thank you all for your suggestions and ideas – keep them coming!



We hope that you all have a wonderful Easter break and look forward to seeing what the summer term brings!

Kaseem, Ishmaell, Safa, Enoch and Carmen

Children's Parliament

Kaseem and Safa represented Lonesome at the spring term meeting of Merton's Children's Parliament. We talked about some of the issues in the local area and what we are currently tackling at our school.



Marcus Rashford

Having learned about Stephen Lawrence and his legacy for the last three years, we worked with Mrs Bull to think about other inspirational people we could learn about. We are excited that this year we are focusing on **Marcus Rashford** and his work to tackle food poverty for children in the UK. Look out for the feature in our school magazine and on Instagram to see some of our wonderful learning from this day!



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