



# Lapage Newsletter

Dear Parents

School will close at the End of Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015 for half term. This is a chance for everyone to get some rest and relaxation and enjoy time with families before we return on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015.

As always it has been a productive half term with children making massive progress in their learning. It is crucially important that children attend each day to make the most of the opportunities and resources available. Staff at Lapage Primary School and Nursery are very effective at ensuring that children achieve but can only do this if children attend on time every day. The school doors open at 8:30 and registration is completed by 8:50. If children are later than this they miss essential parts of their learning.

As you will be aware schools are not allowed to authorise extended leave unless there are exceptional circumstances. The price of tickets, family weddings or not having travelled in a few years does not fall in this category and such requests will be declined. Parents who do not maintain good attendance or take extended leave will be referred to the Educational Social Work service and fines and court proceedings may be issued.

Parents will have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress on either Monday 9<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Of November 2015. This will also be a time to ensure that school holds the correct information for each child. Please take this opportunity to engage with your child's learning. Appointments for parents who cannot make this time may be made by arrangement with school.

We look forward to working with all our parents throughout of the year and remind you to keep yourself and children safe in the families.

Yours faithfully  
Wahid Zaman

## Head Boy & Girl



Taha Rehman



Alia Hussain

The Head boy and girl have been selected by their peers and have taken up their role in school along with 10 prefects. They are good role models and help to run the community, working at lunchtimes and playtimes. The head boy and girl may also be called upon to represent the school in public situations.

## Support Staff

In school we have a network of staff who are here to support you so please come in and see us if you have any concerns.



Mrs Andrea Gray is the Assistant head for Inclusion



Mrs Sheena Khan is our Family Support Officer



Mrs Saeeda Hussain is our Community Involvement Officer

Collette from the school nurse team will be in school to talk with parents about children's health issues. If you have any worries about your children such as eating, sleeping, behaviour or general health come and talk with her.

Collette will be in school between 8.00-9.00am on:  
3rd November, 17th November, 1st December & 15th December.

## No Pens Day

This term we had a special 'No pens Day' where we had to learn without using pens or pencils. It proved to be an creative and fun experience. To give you an idea of how it went here is a report from 4O:

We loved No Pens Day! We couldn't even write the date on our board so we had to come up with a solution – Numicon and counters!

### Roman CSI: Ancient Murder Mystery.

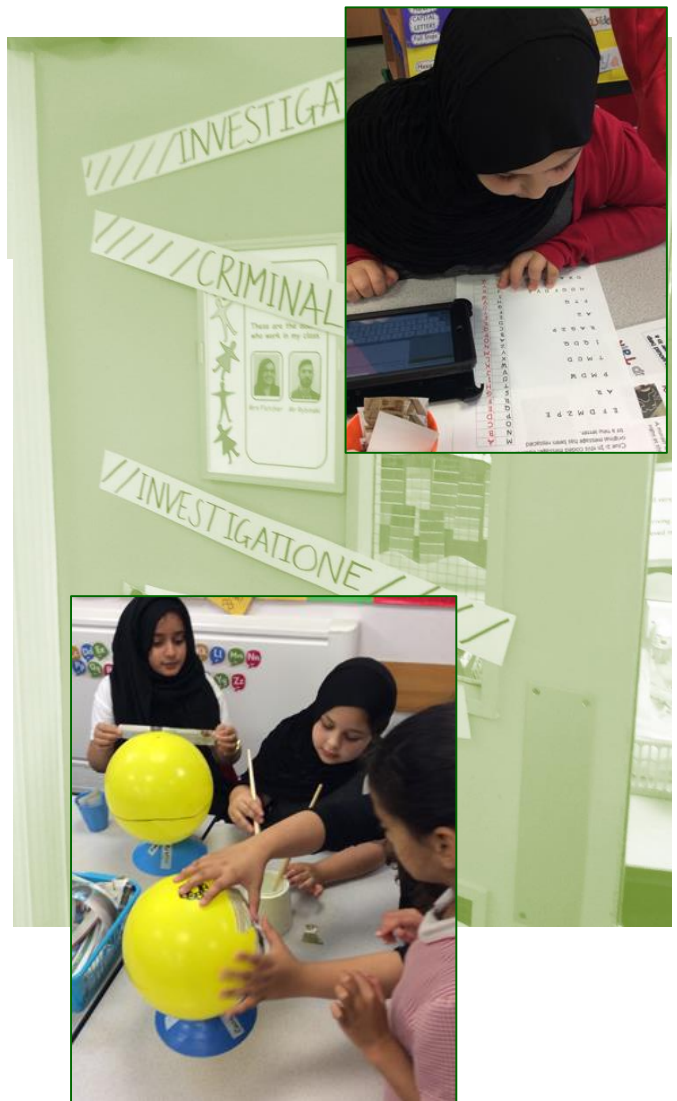
We were shocked to discover as we arrived at school that a Roman murder had taken place in our classrooms!

We had to use our problem-solving skills as well as our speaking and listening skills to work out who the murderer was and bring them to justice.

We became detective code-breakers for the morning and had to solve 5 puzzles to help us reach a conclusion.

When we had solved the puzzles, they each gave us a clue. We could then eliminate suspects.

Eventually, we had our murderer: Julius Nero who was a guest at the same Roman feast as our victim!



## Sainsbury School Games, Football Leagues

The year 4 boys have made a fantastic start to the Sainsbury's school Games calendar finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in their competition at Hanson Academy. Next up it is the boys and girls from year 6 and I am sure they will be just as successful.

## Play group times

Play group is on the following days:

Tuesday 9 – 10.45am

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Thursday 1.30 – 2.50pm

The sessions are for children under 3 and an accompanying parent/carer and are free of charge. Fruit and drinks are provided for children.

## Dates for your diary

School closes for the half term holidays at the end of the day on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, and opens again on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

There is a Book fair in school between the 6<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November. It will be in the hall after 3pm.

Children in Need Day is on the 13<sup>th</sup> November.