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Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Egg Rolling



Yes, it's been egg rolling time so cue all the eggscruiciating egg puns. So, yes we all had a smashing time and the children were very eggscited. It is great to carry on this long-standing tradition at Loxley – it's such a popular event with the children. We had several winners this year. What's always pleasing to see at Loxley is how genuinely pleased other children are for those children who are successful. Well done Team Loxley!



## Book Fair

Thank you to all parents who supported our Book Fair this week. We will let you know how much money we have made to provide books from the school as soon as we know.

## Easter Chocolate Crispie Buns

Thank you so much to all the parents who provided us with the Easter buns to sell to raise funds for the LSFA, it's such a lovely treat for the children!

## Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you very much to Rachel Thornhill and Kathryn Millward for running the LSFA Easter Egg Hunt. It would not have happened without them. Thanks also to Esme and Thomas for their fantastic help on the day. We raised £380! A fantastic achievement.





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## Y2 Music Concert



The Y2 children have had their own mini music concert. Thanks to Linda Doherty (our peripatetic music teacher) for organising the concert. The concert had an animal theme as the children had previously been learning about habitats in science and Saint-Saen's Carnival of the Animals in music. The concert was a combination of the recorder group and keyboards with Noah and Liliana treating us to solo performances. All the children enjoyed the performance; whether they were playing or listening with lots of smiles and cheerful clapping. Also, whilst visiting Loxley Primary School, the Peak Edge Trustees popped in during the concert and were very impressed. Well done Y2!

## Decorated Eggs

WOW! We have been absolutely blown away with the number of decorated eggs that have come into school this year – it must be a record. Thank you so much to parents for all your help you have given your children when making them. We hope you had fun together. The creations are as clever and inventive as ever. Unfortunately, we aren't able to show them all but here are a few of the winners!





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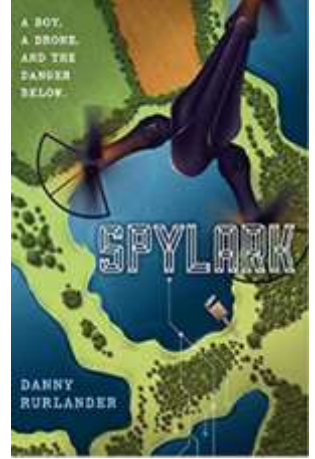
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## Author Visit



Author Danny Rurlander's visit to Loxley Primary School last Friday was a great success. He gave a talk to the Y4, Y5 and Y6 classes. The children were enthralled throughout! Danny's talk was both informative and entertaining, as he shared stories about his writing journey and gave insights into his creative process. The children were captivated by



his words and eagerly asked questions about his books, characters and his inspiration for writing Spylark. It was evident that Danny's visit had a significant impact on the children. Several children queued up to speak to him personally and get their books signed, which was a testament to the impact he made on them. His passion for writing was infectious, and we wouldn't hesitate to welcome him back in the future. We highly recommend him as a guest speaker to any school looking to inspire and motivate their pupils.





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## Castleton

The Y3 children had a fabulous time at Castleton. They worked really well as a team, were very supportive and very encouraging to each other – even on the walk in the rain!

The children enjoyed a visit to Treak Cliff Cavern and asked and answered lots of questions. The focus of the residential is related to the work they are covering in class on Rocks and Minerals. The children re-enacted a Roman battle and a Roman siege where they followed instructions to make a large catapult!

Thank you to all the parents for all your support and encouragement. Thank you to Miss Village, Mrs Miles, Mrs Thornhill and Mr Bailey for making the whole trip possible! Thank you also to our admin staff, Mrs Feather and Mrs Capper for all their hard work behind the scenes in sorting out the payments, bookings etc – trips such as these wouldn't happen without their hard work too!





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## Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings are always so well attended and this week's meetings were no exception. It was great to chat with the parents we were able to and thank you so much for your interest and care about your children's learning.

## Would you like to be a Trustee for the Peak Edge MAT?

Are you a legal, communications, or human resources professional? Peak Edge Academy Trust is currently recruiting trustees to help us provide the best possible education for our students. As a trustee, you'll play an important role in shaping our vision and strategy for achieving our goals. If you're interested in making a difference in the lives of young people, please visit our website to find out more about the role and how to apply. Click here for more information: <https://peakedge.org.uk/careers/vacancies/> #Trustees #Education #MakeADifference

## Bee Musical

What a treat it was to watch the Y3 and Y4 performance of Bee Musical this week! The singing, speaking and acting were all amazing. The children all knew their lines perfectly, they spoke up at the right time and smiled all the way through. The children were buzzing with excitement and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to watch the performance – what a fantastic audience! A massive thank you goes to Mr Fenn, Miss Village, Mrs Miller, Mrs Thornhill and Mrs Barnett for bringing it all together!





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## Sports Roundup!



### Girls' Football

Another day another sport. This time our Y5/6 girls laced up their boots and played in an SFSS Football event. They came second overall, only losing one game! All our girls showed amazing sportsmanship, attitude and commitment from start to finish. Mrs Capper and Miss Ruddleston couldn't be prouder of them all.



### Netball

The Netball team have also been incredible in the last few weeks; they managed to win their final matches of the season 10-0 and 5-0! They played magnificently and have now won the league. For the first time ever, they have got into the Sheffield finals – well done girls!

### Y3/4 Football

Our Y3/4 football teams performed brilliantly last week and represented the school really well at the local tournament. Our 'A' team won the competition and showed off their trophy in assembly.





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## Roller Hockey



On the afternoon of Sunday 26th March 30 children from years 4, 5 and 6 attended a Sheffield Wildcats organised 'Skatefest' roller hockey tournament following on from their Thursday after school club. Pupils were put into mixed squads of five with other attending children and competed in a round robin mini-league over the course of two and a half hours. Everyone attending did brilliantly, and Loxley



skaters were parts of both the winning teams in each of the two mini-leagues. In a nail-biting exhibition match at the end of the afternoon, consisting of Sheffield Wildcats 'squad' players (some of whom play internationally), versus Loxley and Bradfield-Dungworth Primary's best skaters, the Wildcats won out 3-0, but our home-grown team did brilliantly, defending fantastically and getting some really good shots on goal. Thanks to Miss Ruddleston, Mr Eaton and Mrs Torrington for attending the event, and for organising and running the club for the last 18 months. The roller hockey club will hopefully be back in the future, but for now is taking a bit of a break!



## Football

The Y5 team football team were a real credit to the school on Wednesday. The matches were full-on and competitive yet all the children showed great sportsmanship throughout. Lots of smiles as well as handshakes and rounds of applause for all teams at the end!





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## Faye Ruddlestone's Last Day



Miss Ruddlestone has certainly left her mark on Loxley Primary School. She is so hard working and conscientious, making sure that she leaves everything in place for a new Sports Coach to pick up where she has left off. We are hoping to appoint her replacement soon after Easter. Faye will be a tough act to follow! Faye has made a massive impact on sport at Loxley. Her commitment and enthusiasm are second to none. As you know, our motto is 'Aiming High Together' and Faye has certainly done that. We wish her the best of luck in her new role!

Thank you Faye for all you've done at Loxley; from the staff, parents, governors and especially from the children. We wish you well in your future career!



## Happy Easter!

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very happy Easter! We will see you again on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Kind regards

James Connolly and Margaret Helliwell

