



# THE WEEKLY WORD

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## FIRST WORD

This week's article seemed a good opportunity to look back on the half term that has just passed. Three highlights come immediately to mind:

- a. The opportunity to return to aspects of school life that are central to 'the way we do things around here'. It has been wonderful to see LSS resume vertical tutoring and to see students benefitting from the extended family structure that it represents. In the same way, our Friday assemblies (now held over a two-week cycle to ensure appropriate Covid adjustments are in place) have returned to being a crucial part of our week. Deliberately located at the end of the week, they provide a powerful reminder to take into the weekend of the values that underpin life at LSS.

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- b. The chance to have direct contact with parents. I was so pleased to have the chance to welcome parents in Year 7 and Year 8 to the school and to have the chance to discuss with them aspects of the life of the school, particularly our pastoral organisation and some of the principles behind our approach to curriculum and teaching and learning. As always, our core message remained that Lawrence Sheriff’s priority is the development of the whole person. Whilst all of this information had already been shared in various forms, there is no substitute for face-to-face communication.

I know that it has been necessary to postpone some events in order to take account of the need for continuing precautions, but we remain hopeful that over time we will be able to return to face-to-face contact as one of our central means of engaging with parents, for all of the reasons mentioned above.

- c. The return of routine. After so much unavoidable disruption over the past two years, it has been great to see the school return so powerfully to its day-to-day rhythm, focused upon our core function of helping young people achieve their potential.

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Having emphasised all of this, it is also worth repeating that everything we do is subject to regular review of Covid protocols and that just this week we have put in place some additional measures to take account of the local situation.

Having had such a busy and purposeful seven weeks, I do hope that you and your family have an enjoyable half term and that you are able to take the opportunity to recharge your batteries. I always find that November and December are particularly busy and demanding months, so it is important to make use of the chance to take a break at the end of October.

**Peter Kent, Headteacher**

# An Autumn update from the Eco Committee

## Introduction - By Oliver (Y8)

The Eco Committee is back in 2021, and with the return of enrichments we're working on more projects than ever. We have members in every year group and are always looking for opportunities to grow. Our main ambitions in school this year are detailed below.

## Bulb donations - By Dishan (Y8) and Dhruv (Y8)

We would like to plant more daffodils in the popular wildflower garden, **we would like to ask parents to donate daffodil bulbs - every daffodil helps!** Last year, each of our 150 year 7 students planted one daffodil bulb and this created a beautiful spring atmosphere when they came out. **So please donate bulbs** and further fill the garden with life. This will also help to keep our school eco-friendly and increase biodiversity on the school site. Bulb donation will mean a lot to the school and Year 7s since we (year 8) planted the first bulbs. So please donate bulbs today.

## The Canteen - By George (Y8)

We are hoping to go single use plastic free in the near future and hope the canteen will work with us on this so we can help the environment and stop polluting. We have been working with the canteen to help them reduce the amount of plastic they use since they use a lot of it. We would like to help them make more eco friendly choices.

## Gardening - by Matt (Y11)

After a long break, our weekly gardening enrichment group continues where we work around the school site with Mr Booth to tidy up and maintain the areas where we have planted and continue to plant new flowers and seeds. We also have a bird feeder that we refill - this has proved popular with the local wildlife. Log land has so much wildlife and we try to keep it thriving.

## It's good to grow - by Dhan (Y10)

Morrisons are running a good to grow scheme that schools can sign up for. We can get free gardening equipment for schools which will allow us to keep our school environment green! **If you shop at Morrisons it will benefit us so please participate in this scheme.** Full details can be found included in this edition of *The Weekly Word* or online!

## The Blackout - By Nishant (Y8) and Dishan (Y8)

We are running "Switch off Fortnight" in November to raise awareness and reduce energy consumption. With roughly one thousand people at Lawrence Sheriff, not all classrooms and rooms have been used; however the lights, devices and plugs are often left on at home and at school. The amount of electricity wasted is shocking!

If everyone were to try to reduce the amount of electricity used, the decrease would be quite significant. If no one is using it, why is it powered on?

## House Plant competition - By Zack (Y8)

The house competition is focused on who can keep their spider plant alive the longest. Every week, House Captains will check if the form's plant is still alive. Studies have shown that introducing plants to a classroom cannot only boost air quality and improve mood but may also help learning to flourish! **Please donate spider plants or other low maintenance house plants** - we need 36 to start this competition for all tutor groups.

## Litter Picks - By Reshe (Y9)

Alongside the recycling of plastics at school and crisp packets, bottle tops and pens through Terracycle, we continue to run school litter picks each week. Tutor groups are on a rota to do this. Hopefully we will have less litter on the ground which will help our school site become a more eco friendly environment. Hopefully this will help students not to drop litter and then the problem will go away!

## Think Bigger - ask the Government - By Oliver (Y8)

Looking after the environment is everyone's responsibility, but individual actions will only take us so far. We need our Government to take responsibility as well. They are the only ones with the power to mandate recyclable plastics and put in place other measures to tackle our nation's environmental crisis. If this isn't immediately possible then the Government should educate the people on the effect single use and non biodegradable products have on the environment. **To help, you can write letters to your local MP, make and/or sign petitions, research and spread information on social media about the environmental effects of single use plastics and more.** The world around us is everyone's responsibility, including politicians and our Government. It's about time we all played our part.

## Concluding thoughts

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for your continued support. As a committee we are hoping to make life greener at Lawrence Sheriff, and for all our futures.

**It's Good to Grow**  
from **Morrisons**

**FREE gardening equipment for your school**

Find out more by visiting [itsgoodtogrow.co.uk](http://itsgoodtogrow.co.uk) and logging in.

The advertisement features a green background with white text and illustrations of leaves, a strawberry, and a carrot. A photograph shows two children in red school jackets watering potted plants with yellow watering cans. A white arrow points from the 'It's Good to Grow' logo to the photograph.



**Job Vacancy – Lawrence Sheriff School, Rugby.  
Catering Assistants**

We have an exciting opportunity for 2 Catering assistants to join our team at Lawrence Sheriff School, Rugby. Duties include assisting with food preparation, serving meals to students and staff and maintaining the cleanliness of the kitchen & dining area.

**Hours of Work:**

Vacancy.1. 32.5hours

Vacancy.2. 20hours

Monday to Friday, Term Time Only

Rate of Pay: £9.50ph

No qualification's needed- all training will be given

Interested applicants should apply by CV to Karen Petrice at [lawrence.sheriff@ainp.co.uk](mailto:lawrence.sheriff@ainp.co.uk)



# Welcome to It's Good to Grow

At Morrisons we want to support you to get the next generation growing, because the more kids know about how food's grown and made, the better they'll eat, now and in the future.

In this pack are some items to place around your school to tell parents and children that you're collecting.

Included are...

- An awareness Banner to place at the front of your school
- An awareness Poster to place around the school entrances
- A collection goal Poster to show parents and children the equipment you're collecting for
- A target Poster to update parents and children on your school's progress

You also have your own school dashboard on [itsgoodtogrow.co.uk](https://itsgoodtogrow.co.uk)

Here you can...

- Find helpful resources
- View your token count
- See how many people are collecting for you
- View the products you'll be able to redeem

And much more!

Visit [itsgoodtogrow.co.uk](https://itsgoodtogrow.co.uk) to download resources



## How it works...

- 1 Morrisons customers download the MyMorrisons app
- 2 They sign in or register to MyMorrisons and select the school they wish to collect for
- 3 They scan the app at checkout or use online when shopping
- 4 For every £10 spent they will receive a **Grow Token** to donate to their chosen school
- 5 Your school can exchange your **Grow Tokens** for free gardening equipment after the collection period

## Grow Tokens can be exchanged for things like...



...and much, much more!