LEIGH NEWS

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Chiddingstone Literary Festival

On Tuesday we took the whole school to Chiddingstone Castle for their annual Literary Festival. During the day the children attended a number of workshops from published authors and also had a chance to play in the grounds and have a tour of the castle. It was a wonderful day and I'd like to thank all of the staff at Chiddingstone Castle for accommodating us and to the children for being such a lovely group to be with. There are plenty of photographs from this event in the Galleries Section of the school website so please do have a look to see what we got up to.

SATs Week for Year 6

Next week is SATs week for Year 6.We are asking that the children are in school at 8am each morning to take part in either Cross Country with myself or Yoga with Mrs Halfhide and Mrs Phillips. We will then be serving them breakfast before getting them ready for the tests. Although we keep these assessments as low key as possible it is important that the children in Year 6 are in school next week and, if there are any problems, that you let the school office know as soon as possible. We have produced a booklet about these assessments and this can be found by clicking on the link below. Thank you.
https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/docs/Year_6_SATs_Booklet_2019.pdf

Next Week's Theme – 'No Assemblies – SATs Week'

Year 5 Parent Meeting (PESE)

On Wednesday 22nd May I will be holding a meeting for all parents and carers of children in Year 5 to discuss this year's Procedure for Entry to Secondary Education and the 11+. This meeting will start at 7.30pm and will be held in Jessica's Hall. If you are the parent of a child in Year 5 please do attend this meeting if you can but if you are unable to be there, please do let me know and I will arrange to meet with you personally. Thank you.

Crazy Hair Day

Last Friday was Crazy Hair Day at school! This event was organized by our School Council and helped raise money for The Little Princesses Trust. The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young people up to the age of 24, who have lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other conditions. If you would like to make a small donation to their work then please make a donation via the charity website which can be found by clicking on the link below. Thank you.
https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/donate-money/

Tennis Coaching at Leigh Tennis Club
Saturdays 9.30am-10.30am
All ages welcome
For more information or to book a place please email Adam
adamharrison_tenniscoaching@yahoo.com

Fencing and Boxing Clubs Next Week

Due to the SATs next week, both Fencing and Boxing Clubs will take place in the large village hall. These clubs will run from 8am-8.45am and we would appreciate it if the children could be dropped off at the village hall. The children will then be walked back to school in time for registration. Thank you.

Writing Success

As part of the Chiddingstone Literary Festival, a writing competition is held each year. I am delighted to say that Isabella in Fox Class was the winner in the 7-9 category with her story, 'The Duck's Favourite Ball'. Isabella won this beautiful illustration of her drawing which has been specifically drawn for her by the artist, Emily Gravett and has also had her story published in the children's magazine. 'Scoop'. Huge congratulations to Isabella on this wonderful achievement.

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Drums Success

Congratulations to Rocco who has just passed his Grade 2 Rock and Pop Drums Exam. Rocco passed this exam with a very impressive Distinction and scored 87 marks out of a possible 100. The examiner praised his confident, careful playing and commented that his timing was solid. Really well done Rocco on this fantastic achievement and best of luck with Grade 3!

West Kent Football Cup Final

Congratulations also to Leo whose West Kent Football Team have just won the Dartford Cup. Leo plays for West Kent Under 11's and they won their final against Dartford Under 11's 1-0. This is a huge achievement and many congratulations to Leo and all his team mates.

Year 6 Mobile Phones

From Monday 10th June we will be allowing children in Year 6 to bring in mobile phones if there is a specific reason why they might need it at the end of the school day. These must be handed to Mrs Burbridge in the school office at the beginning of the day and can then be collected at 3.15pm. We understand that a number of parents of children in Year 6 are giving them more responsibility for walking home on their own or playing out on the Green and feel it would be safer for the children to have their phones with them in these instances. The phone will be locked away throughout the school day and the children will not have access to them until 3.15pm. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

Help us turn Facebook pink for Leighfest! In the run up to Leighfest next weekend, we are asking everyone to create a temporary profile picture on Facebook with the LeighFest poster. We want to attract as many people to come along as possible, please help us to raise awareness. We have had very few donations of jam jars and bottles, please do look in your cupboards this weekend so we can run these popular stalls at Leighfest.
Many thanks!

Events

10.5.19	Fox Class Forest School
13.5.19	Beginning of SATs Week for Year 6
15.5.19	Year 5 Residential Parent Meeting (3.15pm)
17.5.19	Robins Class Forest School
19.5.19	PTA LeighFest
22.5.19	PESE Meeting for Year 5 Parents (7.30pm)
23.5.19	Year 6 Trip to School of Rock Year 4&5 Trip to The Royal Ballet Tag Rugby Tournament (Years 4&5)
24.5.19	Fruity Friday Squirrels Forest School, End of Term 5
3.6.19	Beginning of Term 6, Year 6 Residential Begins

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar