LEIGH NEWS

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Science Fest!

This week we have started two weeks of science workshops and activities to inspire a love of science. On Wednesday an astronomy roadshow came into Leigh to give the children in Key Stage 2 a cosmic experience! The children took a trip through the galaxy and identified various different planets and stars and thought about what it must be like to live on the International Space Station.

On Thursday Animal Days Out held animal workshops for children in Key Stage 1. The children stroked and held lots of different animals, learnt about their habitats, their diets and life cycles. Today we have a visit from Adam and 'WizzyTech' when the children will be designing and then making their own rockets! We are also running a competition to design your own space station and, as you can see, we have already had some wonderful entries. We have now extended the closing date for this competition to Monday so if the children have any entries for this then please do bring them along on Monday morning. Thank you.

Next Week's Theme –'Using Your Talents'

Sweet Sale

Congratulations to Esther Murray, Eva Tyrie, Anna Lake and Emily Burns who have raised £103 for the charity War Child. The charity exists to provide life-changing support to the most vulnerable children whose families, communities and schools have been torn apart by war. The girls raised the money by organising a sweet sale last Friday. Really well done girls.

Chiddingstone Castle Literary Festival

Sunday 1st May and Monday 2nd May (Bank Holiday)

Taking place in the glorious house and grounds of Chiddingstone Castle, this new literary festival brings you an inspiring line-up of new and established writers to provoke debate, stimulate discussion and entertain. Sunday's programme will appeal to adults and teenagers whilst Bank Holiday Monday has events for all the family. For further information please visit

http://www.chiddingstonecastle.org.uk/literary-festival/

PTA NEWS

Quiz night is this Saturday, 7:30 in the Village Hall, a few tickets still available: Exciting Raffle, Prize for the Best Dressed Table, fully stocked bar, BYO food.

The Penshurst Place Craft Fair is taking place on30th April,1st and 2nd May 2016, during which there are opportunities to earn money for the PTA by acting as Car park steward. if anyone is interested in doing this please contact Lee Bransby on 01732 834273 or David Bennie on 07572 508 694.

Kids Film night is Friday 18th March, 5pm-7:30pm, tickets will be available this week at football cafe, or on the door. £3 includes a drink and popcorn, see you there!

Grandparents Afternoon

Thank you to all the visitors who came into school last Friday for Grandparents Afternoon. It was a wonderful afternoon and lovely to see so many people taking the opportunity to have a look round the school. Many thanks also to all the members of the PTA who served tea and biscuits in Jessica's Hall. We will be holding another one of these days next year and, when we have a date, we will of course let you know.

Squirrel Class at the Natural History Museum

On Wednesday the Squirrel Class went to London to see the Dinosaur Exhibition at the Natural History Museum. It was a terrific day and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different types of dinosaurs that lived and what science has taught us about these prehistoric giants. The children were exceptionally well behaved and were a credit to the school and themselves. Many thanks to all the staff and parent helpers who came along on the day and Miss Casper for organising it.

Sport Relief

On Tuesday 15th March pay £1 and come to school dressed as a sports player to raise money for Sports Relief. This event has been organised by our School Council. Thank you.

Rugby

Congratulations to Felix and Jacob Murray who have recently competed in the Beccehamian Rugby Football Club Mini Festival. They both play for Tonbridge Juddians and won 3 out of their 4 matches in the tournament and have received these fantastic medals. Congratulations boys.

Gym Competition

Congratulations to Freya Dorward who has been selected for the Weald of Kent gymnastics squad. Freya now trains for 6 hours a week on 4 disciplines: floor, beam, vault and high bar. We'd like to wish Freya all the very best for this event and we'll let you know how she gets on.

Transition Event – 22nd April 2016

On 22nd April we are holding another of our Transition Events for children in Year 5 and 6. We are inviting back all of our ex-pupils who are currently at secondary school to come and speak with the children about their schools. This event will run between 4pm-5pm and we are expecting all children from Years 5 and 6 to be there unless there is a very good reason. If anyone knows of any ex-pupils who might be able to come and speak with the children in small groups about their schools then please do phone the school office and we'll start keeping a list. Thank you.

Freya Pearson

Huge congratulations to Freya Pearson who has raised an incredible £570.45 for The Little Princess Trust. Freya was inspired to do this after Rachel Hickson cut her hair for the same charity some weeks ago. The Little Princess Trust use real hair to make wigs for children with cancer and all the money donated goes towards making the wigs. 7 inches of hair is the minimum amount that needs to be donated and Freya will donate as much as she can whilst keeping a little hairstyle herself! The Gallery hairdressers in Southborough are supporting her by cutting her hair for free on Tuesday. If you would like to support Freya then please click on the link below to visit her page. Thank you.

http://www.justgiving.com/Sarah-Pearson26

Netball and Football Matches

Congratulations to our netball and football teams who played Crockham Hill Primary School last night. The netball team played incredibly well and won their game 23-2 with goals from: Grace (7), Isabelle (3), Maisie (10), and Jack (3). The football team played a hard fought game and despite coming back to equalise 3 times (with all goals from Leo) they were just beaten 4-3. The teams worked very hard and should be extremely proud of their achievements. Many thanks to Vicky Gilbert and Steve Hale for managing the teams.

Events

12.3.16	PTA Quiz Night
14.3.16	Class and Whole School Photos
15.3.16	Sport Relief Day, Hedgehog Class Forest School
16.3.16	Love to Dance event at the STAG Theatre Squirrel Class Forest School
17.3.16	Parent Consultations (5pm-8pm)
18.3.16	Fruity Friday, Science Exhibition, PTA Film Night
22.3.16	Parent Consultations (1.30pm-3.30pm), Robins Forest School
23.3.16	Down's Syndrome Awareness Day Children's Workshop Assembly, Hawks Forest School
24.3.16	End of Term Service (2pm) at St Mary's Church End of Term 4
9.4.16	Spring Clean Day
11.4.16	Beginning of Term 5

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar