LEIGH NEWS

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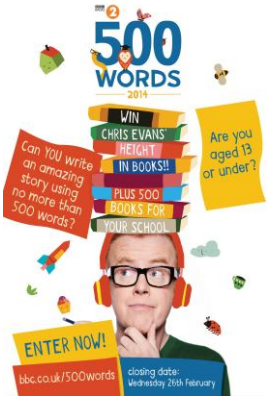
NEW WRITING COMPETITION

Last week we launched our writing competition. We are running this alongside the BBC Radio 2 writing competition and all entries will be entered for both. Entries must be an original piece of fiction and not an account of real events – either historical or current. However, stories can feature well known public figures from present day or history (e.g. Winston Churchill or Charles Darwin) take place in historical eras (e.g. the English Civil War) or use real-life experiences as a creative springboard as long as the story is fictional. The school winners will each receive a book token and we will publish the stories on the school website. The stories must not be longer than 500 words and the closing date for entries is Monday 23rd February so it would make a perfect half term homework activity! You can download a resource pack by following the link on the school website, by clicking on the link below, or by visiting the BBC Radio 2 website. It is open to children in any year group. Get writing!



http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/radio2/500words/500words2015-teachers-pack.pdf

Week After Half Term's Theme –'Caring for our World'

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The School Council have now decided on the winning entries from each Key Stage of our Photography Competition. Each winner received a framed certificate in assembly this morning and every child who entered has received 5 House Points each. There were some terrific entries and thank you to everyone who entered this competition. All the entries will be used to create a display in the school and the winning entries will go forward to a regional competition between all the local schools. The winners from Leigh are:

KEY STAGE 1
Andrew McCutcheon 'Caring'
Sophie Edmonds 'Helping'
KEY STAGE 2
Amelia Bell 'Teamwork'
Matthew Wordsworth 'Listening'
Maisie Gilbert-Lee 'Friendship' (pictured)

A MESSAGE FROM 'THE STREET TEAM'

The Street Team, which is made up from volunteers from various local churches, hand out hot food and warm clothing to the people who have found themselves for whatever reason, homeless in Tunbridge Wells. The aim is always to provide support both emotionally and otherwise to help move them onto a better place in their life, but right now while they remain homeless they are at the mercy of many things including the weather. If you have any spare warm clothing, hats, gloves, warm jackets/coats, shoes, boots, socks and/ or sleeping bags, blankets and small rucksacks - any old ski gear that no longer gets used, then please bring them along to school and we will collect them. Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

Grandparents Afternoon

We are having our annual Grandparents Afternoon on Friday 6th March. All grandparents or elderly relatives or friends are invited into school to have a tour, speak to the children about their work and enjoy a cup of tea. Please do encourage as many grandparents and elderly relatives or friends to come along and enjoy spending the afternoon with the children.

SUMMER PRODUCTION

This year Leigh Primary School will be performing their Summer Production at the E M Forster Theatre at Tonbridge School. This will involve the WHOLE SCHOOL and will take place on Wednesday 15th July at 7pm.

PLEASE DO KEEP THIS DATE FREE

As yet we are not exactly sure how many tickets will be available per family but it is a big theatre so we are hoping there will be plenty of tickets available for everyone who wants them. Many more details will be sent out nearer the time. Thank you.

SPORTS NEWS

NETBALL MATCH

On Monday the school netball team went to Chiddingstone Primary School to play a league match. The team performed really well and although they didn't win the match they represented the school brilliantly. This was the first time the team had played together for quite a while and certainly the first time they had played on a full size netball court. The team have plenty of matches booked in for after half term so we wish them all the best as they continue to improve. Many thanks to Miss Ray and Mr Matthews for organising the team for this match.

FOOTBALL MATCH

On Wednesday the school football team played Fordcombe Primary School. It was a fantastic match and the team did brilliantly to come back from 3-1 down to draw the match 3-3. Fordcombe are a very strong side and our team showed great character to come back and score in the final minute to take a well deserved draw. Congratulations to all involved and many thanks to Bradley Clarkson and Mr Matthews for organising the team again.

TRAMPOLINE COMPETITION

Also on Wednesday Jack Howe represented Leigh Primary School in the Kent Schools Trampoline Championship at Hillview School. It was a long day for Jack as he was one of the last to compete. However, after two fantastic routines including a new move called a barini (which is a somersault that changes direction in the air) he came second in his group of Year 5/6 boys. This means that he will now make the finals which will be held in Gillingham on 19th March. Huge congratulations to Jack on this terrific achievement and we wish him all the best for the final!

PTA NEWS

The next 'Phil the Bag' collection will be starting shortly. Further details about this can be found on their website at:
http://www.philthebag.co.uk/
The SCHOOL DISCO is on Friday 27th February in Jessica's Hall.
5.45pm -7pm Key Stage 1, 7.15pm-8.30pm Key Stage 2
£3 entrance fee which will include a drink and a glow stick!
Children can also bring a small amount of pocket money as there will also be a tuck shop available.

Book Club

The next meeting of our Book Club will take place on Tuesday 24th February. The club will be discussing 'One Boy and his Dog' by Eva Ibbotson. Please note that this club meets in the library and finishes at 4pm. Thank you.

Events

23.2.15	Beginning of Term 4
24.2.15	Netball Match v. Hever, Book Club Meeting (finishes at 4pm)
25.2.15	Netball Match v. Fordcombe
26.2.15	First Swim for Years 5&6 Local School Council Meeting at Leigh
27.2.15	Squirrels to Honeymoon Restaurant Wolves Class – Postcard from a Junkyard PTA Disco – Jessica's Hall
3.3.15	Football Match v. Edenbridge Primary School
4.3.15	Fox Class to Herstmonceux Science Centre Netball Match v. Stocks Green
6.3.15	Grandparents Afternoon
9.3.15	School Choir singing at High Hilden Residential Home Football Match v. Weald

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar