# LEIGH NEWS

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## Netball Match

On Monday evening the netball team played their latest league match against Hever Primary School. The team played exceptionally well and with a very strong team spirit and won the game 7-0. Huge congratulations to all the team and many thanks to Angela Doyle for refereeing the match and to Vickie Gilbert for managing the team.

## SATs Meeting for Year 6

On Tuesday after school we held a brief meeting for parents and carers of children in Year 6 to explain the SATs Tests. The booklet from this meeting can be found by clicking on the link below. If anyone has any questions regarding the Key Stage 2 SATs Tests in the summer, please do let me know. Thank you.

https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/docs/Year_6_SATs_Booklet_2020.pdf

## Theme after Half Term Break –'What is Fairtrade'

## Coronavirus Advice

The overall risk to the coronavirus remains moderate in the UK. However, we understand that people may be concerned where there are people returning from or visiting China or other affected areas. Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone travelling to the area. This can be found at: www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-fortravel-to-china If there are families or children that may be planning to travel to China or other affected areas such as Thailand, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia and Macau during the forthcoming half term period, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.

## Humanist Visit

On Monday afternoon we were delighted to welcome Simon from the Humanist Society to speak with the children about Humanism. Simon spoke with the children from both Key Stages regarding the three main concepts around Humanism: 'Asking Questions, Being Kind and Finding Happiness'. It was a really interesting afternoon and the children listened very well I'm extremely grateful to Simon for taking the time to come and visit us.

## Boxing Taster Session

Last week the children in Key Stage 2 were able to take part in a Boxing Taster Session run by Olympia Boxing. We have a wonderful boxing club every Wednesday morning and are in need of more members to make it sustainable so, if interested, please do contact the school office for further details.

## Love 2 Dance

The tickets for this year's Love 2 Dance event ARE NOW ON SALE. Please do try and book your tickets AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to avoid disappointment. In all we have 27 children taking part this year which is wonderful and we will start arranging rehearsals in the next couple of weeks. Our children will be taking part in the performances on Monday 30th March. Thank you.

## Safer Internet Day

Tuesday was Safer Internet Day at school. We've been working really hard for a long time to ensure Internet Safety is a top priority in our curriculum and have been using a range of resources to support us with this. There is a huge amount about internet safety on the school website so please do take a look by clicking on the following link and any further support you can give us on this would be greatly appreciated.

https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Learning/E-Safety/

## A Message From Chiddingstone Literary Festival Short Story Competition

Chiddingstone Castle Literary Festival

We all love a good story, so here's your chance to show us your storytelling skills. If you're aged 7-13 enter our competition and write us an original, imaginative story and you could have it read out to a crowd of hundreds at Chiddingstone Castle Literary Festival 2020 and published in Scoop Children's Magazine. Two age groups: 7-9 years. 10-13 years. Write a story in 500 words. Stories can be hand-written or typed, and illustrated (not obligatory). Each entry must be headed with child's name, age group and school. There will be a winner, a runner-up and a prize for best illustration in each age category.

Post entries to Education Officer, Chiddingstone Castle, Kent TN8 7AD

Competition closing date: Friday 13th March 2020.

## VE Day Celebrations 2020

On Friday 8th May there is a Bank Holiday in the UK to mark the 70th anniversary of VE Day. In Leigh the village is coming together on the Green for a day of celebration and commemoration and we would, if possible, love to get the children involved in this activity. We are proposing that the children lead half an hour of WWII singing on the stage during the afternoon but, before we commit to this, would like to know who is available and who is willing to get involved. We have set up a Parent Consent section on Arbor and, if your child is able to take part in this event, please do give consent before the end of February so we can see if this is going to be viable. Thank you.

## Cake Sale for Endangered Animals

On Wednesday a group of children held a cake sale for endangered animals. The children raised a lot of money although the cakes that are left will be on sale later today during breaktime. Many thanks to everyone who supported this event and many thanks to Amelia, Aurelia and Zella for organising it.

## Pupil Achievements

Huge congratulations to Ella who has recently been awarded her Grade 1 Ballet Level 1 Award with a Merit. Ella gained a very impressive 72 marks and scored particularly highly in the Music and Performance and Technique categories. Really well done Ella!

## Robins Class to Port Lympe

Last Friday the children in Robins Class visited Port Lympe safari park as part of their topic work on Dinosaurs. During the morning the children went on safari and observed a whole host of different animals in their habitats and in the afternoon went on a dinosaur trail. The children were superbly behaved throughout the day and many thanks to all who accompanied us on this trip and to Miss Jowett for organising it.

*May we wish everyone a wonderful half term break. Please remember that Monday 24th February is an INSET Day for staff training and that the children are not due back to school until Tuesday 25th February. Thank you.*

## Events

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| 14.2.20 | Robins Forest School, Mrs Walters' Last Day at Leigh<br>End of Term 3 |
| 24.2.20 | INSET DAY – No children in school please |
| 25.2.20 | Start of Term 4 |
| 28.2.20 | Wolves Forest School<br>Fruity Friday |
| 2.3.20 | Start of Science Week<br>Football Match v. Hover Primary School (home) |
| 3.3.20 | Squirrel Class at Ightham Mote |
| 5.3.20 | Hawks Class at Horton Kirby |
| 6.3.20 | Grandparents Afternoon |

**Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar**