LEIGH NEWS

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YEAR 6 WEBSITE REVIEW

Over the past few weeks the children in Year 6 have been reviewing different school websites including our very own Leigh Primary School site. As part of this they have come up with some suggestions to develop it and, in particular, would like to see the Pupil Zone improved. They have now been set the task of designing a new Pupil Zone page which we hope will be of benefit to all the children and in use by the middle of June.

Leigh Cricket Club vs. Leigh Primary School

Please note that this match has now been cancelled. We are sorry for the inconvenience this might cause.

Chess Success

Congratulations to George Sullivan, Matthew Wordsworth, Charlie Sullivan and George Newman who have recently competed in the regional chess Megafinal. All four played superbly well and George Newman came away with 4 wins out of 6 which has booked him a place in the Gigafinal as well as this wonderful rosette. Congratulations to all four boys.

Epilepsy Awareness Day

Yesterday we held Epilepsy Awareness Day to raise money for the Epilepsy Society and raise awareness about the condition itself. It was great to see the children dressed in purple and we have raised about £150 in the process. Many thanks to all the children who took part in this and, in particular, to Flo Yeoman for organising it.

Week After Half Term's Theme –'Being Ambitious'

Car Parking Working Group

Many thanks to all of you who completed the car parking questionnaire last month. Attached to this Newsletter is a summary of the results and I would like to thank Caroline Kings in particular for collating all the results and producing the summary. It was very good to receive such constructive feedback from parents about this issue and to get some thoughts about how best to tackle it. The new Working Party have had their first meeting this week and I will write to you straight after half term with our first suggestions.

Term Dates 2015-2016

3rd September 2015 INSET DAY	
4th September 2015 INSET DAY	
7th September 2015 - 23rd October 2015	Term 1
2nd November 2015 INSET DAY	
3rd November 2015 - 18th December 2015	Term 2
4th January 2016 – 12th February 2016	Term 3
22nd February 2016 – 24th March 2016	Term 4
11th April 2016 – 27th May 2016	Term 5
6th June 2016 INSET DAY	
7th June 2016 – 22nd July 2016	Term 6
23rd July 2016 INSET DAY	

Year 6 Residential Trip

It is not long now until the children in Year 6 go on the school journey to Blacklands Farm in East Grinstead. Although plenty of information has already been distributed to parents about this, please do ask Miss Taylor, Mrs Tait or myself if you have any further questions or concerns. The trip is always a tremendous success and we look forward to sharing lots of stories and photographs when we return.

Year 5 Parent Meeting

We are holding a parent meeting for parents and carers of children in Year 5 about the 11+ and the procedure for entry to secondary education. The meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd June at 8pm in Jessica's Hall and will last about 45 minutes.

E-Safety Talk

On Wednesday the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 had an E-Safety talk from Sue Kelmsley our local Community Support Officer. During the talk the children learnt about staying safe online and what to do if they see something that troubles them. E-Safety is an extremely important topic for children and I'm very grateful to Mrs Kemsley for coming in and taking these very informative sessions for the children.

The Annual Friends Lunch

The Friends of Leigh Primary School lunch will be on Thursday 25th June, at 12 noon. The lunch is again very kindly hosted by Janet Court at Park House Leigh. There is no charge, but could you please let Janet know if you intend to come. Her phone number is 01732 833180 and her email address is cgcourt@btinternet.com

INSET Day

Please remember that the first Monday back after half term is an INSET day for staff. The children do not return to school until Tuesday 2nd June. On the INSET day we have arranged some language workshops for children in Years 4&5 at Hillview. If you are interested in your child attending this event then please complete the slip and return directly to Hillview School. Thank you.

FANTASTIC FOXES

The children in Fox Class have been learning about nocturnal animals as part of their topic on 'tunnels'. The children have been doing some fantastic writing about badgers, foxes, owls and bats and I've been incredibly impressed to see some very high quality writing in Fox and Owls class based on this topic. As you can see Tilly Carter has also made this wonderful wooden model of a fox! Congratulations Tilly and well done to all those who have produced such wonderful work this week.

PTA NEWS

The PTA are running another fun event for the children on Monday 8th June. This time it's a Sponsored Sports Event! The children don't have to be sporty to enjoy it, it's just some fun games on the Green. Each child will get to take part if they wish to and we would really appreciate it if you could get some sponsorship for them. Sponsorship forms will go out by email today (however if you need a printed copy there will be some in the office) and they will need to come back before or on the day of the event (although late ones will always be gratefully received).

Badger Class at Harry Potter World

On Friday 15th May, Badger class went to Warner Brothers Studio to see The Making of Harry Potter. They made good time on their journey in the morning which gave them a full day to explore the studios. The class looked around the gift shop first, piecing together the different items from the different parts in the films and then started their tour in the cinema room. From this point, Chloe Higgins and Jack Howe were lucky enough to be chosen to open up the doors to the Great Hall in Hogwarts. With the help of the staff and parent group leaders, the children moved around J Stage, looking at the different sets, pieces of scenery, props and green screen technology before they stopped for lunch and a Butterbeer! After lunch, they moved into K Stage where they viewed the animatronics, Diagon Alley and the design drawings for all of the films. The final event, was the large scale model of Hogwarts that was lit for the different times of day and allowed them a bird's eye view of the castle. A brilliant day was had by all and has since inspired writing within class. Many thanks to the helpers who came on the day and to Miss Marshall for organising the trip.

May we wish all pupils, parents, carers and friends a wonderful half term break. We look forward to seeing the children again on TUESDAY 2nd June

Events

1.6.15	INSET Day Years 4&5 Languages Day at Hillview School
2.6.15	Beginning of Term 6 Year 5 Parent Meeting (8pm in Jessica's Hall)
8.6.15	PTA Sponsored Sports Event
9.6.15	Year 6 on the School Journey
10.6.15	Children's Workshop Assembly
18.6.15	Phonics Screening for Year 1
19.6.15	Phonics Screening for Year 1

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar