LEIGH NEWS

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Music and Creative Arts Room Project

We have now started the final push to help raise funds for the music and creative arts room. We are planning to convert the disused public toilets at the end of Jessica's Hall into an additional space for the creative arts and music tuition. We have already raised around £30,000 and now just need another £10,000 to be able to start this really exciting project. A huge thank you to the group who are leading on this and it's extremely exciting to be so close to bringing this project to fruition. The children are also getting involved and on Monday 23rd November a professional recording company are coming into Leigh to record the children singing and playing their instruments. This CD will be available for purchase in time for Christmas! We are also taking part in the 'Grow your Tenner' scheme which is a match funding scheme funded by money from the Cabinet Office and other UK sponsors. This means that for every amount of £10 or more that is donated to Leigh Primary School, we will receive match funding from 'localgiving'. If you are a UK tax payer and eligible for 'Gift Aid' then we also get an extra £2.50. That means that for every individual £10 donation we will receive £21.67 (a small processing fee is deducted). Any donations would be very gratefully received! A page on the school website has been created to give further information about this project and to explain how you can get involved.

http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/News/Music-and-Creative-Arts-facility/

Hawks Visit to the National Portrait Gallery

Last Friday Hawks Class visited the National Portrait Gallery in London. They had a terrific time learning about the Tudors and how they used symbolism to represent themselves in portraits. This week they have been using this experience to design their own portraits based upon their friends and family. The children were, as ever, beautifully behaved throughout the day and were a real credit to the school and themselves. Many thanks to Mrs Halfhide for organising this trip and to everyone who helped out on the day itself.

PTA NEWS

XMAS CARD UPDATE- the children's artwork has now been sent off to be turned into high quality Xmas cards. We expect to receive the sample cards during the first week back after half term. Parents can then order cards, gift wrap & other items printed with their child's design, with at least £1 from each item going to the school. We hope this will raise funds for much needed school resources so if you usually buy Xmas cards, please consider supporting us in this way.

WINTER FAIR- we are looking for volunteers to help set up, staff stalls & clear up at our Winter Fair on Sat 28th Nov, 2-4pm. Class reps are compiling the rota so if you can spare half an hour on the day please let them know; without helpers we can't run the fair! Thank you.

School Council

Each of the classes from Year 2 upwards have now elected two children to represent them on the School Council. Each week the School Council will meet with Miss Casper and Miss Marshall to represent the views of the children in their class. The School Council will also have a budget of £500 to spend as they wish. Congratulations to: Dalma Rajan, Matthew Wordsworth, Jessica Stanbridge, Frank Gonzalez, Leo Pearson, Willow Hutcheson-Taylor, Thomas Prockter and Georgie-May Moon.

Week After Half Term's Theme –'Two Sides to Every Story'

Year 6 Residential Meeting

On Tuesday we held a meeting for parents of children in Year 6 regarding this year's residential trip. The slides from this meeting can now be found on the school website under 'Classes; Wolves' Thank you.

Swimming Success

Huge congratulations to Charlie Sullivan, Isabelle Sharpe and Jack Sharpe who have all competed this week for Tonbridge Swimming Club. All three of them swam superbly well and all won awards for the races they competed in. Charlie came 2nd in the 50 meter breast stroke for boys, Isabelle came 6th in the 50 meter breast stroke for girls and Jack came 2nd for the 25 meter breast stroke for boys; all in their respective ages. Congratulations to all three of them on these terrific achievements.

OFF BY HEART COMPETITION

Over the holiday please do encourage the children to continue learning a poem from the list on the school website under' Learning; Curriculum; Off By Heart'. The children may also, if they wish, choose their own poems to learn. The final will be held on Friday 4th December at 2pm.

Flu Immunisation Programme

Please note that on Tuesday 3rd November Year 1 and 2 will be taking part in the NHS Flu Immunisation Programme. A detailed letter regarding this has already been sent home but if you would like another copy please do contact the school office. Thank you.

Halloween Fun

Our wonderful Drama Club have been meeting every Tuesday in Jessica's Hall. As you can see they had a special Halloween face painting session and, in the process, have raised £45 for the project we have been supporting in The Gambia. Many thanks to Mrs Mitchell for running this wonderful club and to all of you who give up so much of your time to support the extra-curricular life of the school.

PARENT WORKSHOP 3 – Key Stage 2 Maths

The third of our 5 Parent Workshops is on Tuesday 3rd November at 9am in Jessica's Hall. All are very welcome to attend this session which will last about an hour. Thank you.

Cross Country

On Wednesday, on a rather wet, slippery and muddy course (complete with hills, woods, rabbit holes and different terrains), 19 children represented the school at Knole Academy's annual cross-country event. As always the children gave it their all to deliver some pleasing results. Notably Sam Barker came in 6th, Poppy Gilbert-Lee 16th, Esther Murray 25th, and Isabelle Sharpe 24th. Just a few weeks into training all the team are getting faster, stronger and showing more competitive spirit. Well done to the Year 3/4 boys: Harrison Boucher, Oliver Carolan, Leo Pearson and Ben Sharpe. The Year 3/4 girls: Poppy Gilbert-Lee, Esther Murray, Ella Dorward, Anna Lake and Rosie Seal. The Year 5/6 boys: Sam Barker, Jack Sharpe, Frank Gonzalez and James McCutcheon. The Year 5/6 girls: Isabelle Sharpe, Millie Boucher, Grace Haselden, Dalma Rajan, Amelia Bell and Rachel Hickson. Many thanks to Kate Dorward, Claire Barker and Helen Boucher for accompanying the children and organising the team.

100th Newsletter

As this is my 100th Newsletter since joining Leigh Primary School it's a really good opportunity for me to say a big thank you to all the children, staff, parents, governors and friends who make this such a wonderful place to be. It is a huge privilege to be the Headteacher of such a happy, vibrant and successful school and I'm incredibly proud of all that we have achieved together. So many of you contribute in so many ways to the life of the school and I can't thank you enough for all that you do to make this school what it is. Thank you.

May we wish all children, parents, staff and friends a wonderful half term break. There is an INSET day on Monday 2nd November so we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 3rd November. Thank you.

Events

2.11.15	INSET Day – no children please
3.11.15	Beginning of Term 2 Parent Workshop 3 – Key Stage 2 Maths Yr1&2 NHS Flu Immunisation Programme
4.11.15	Parent Consultations (1.30pm-4pm)
5.11.15	Parent Consultations (5.30pm-7.30pm)
7.11.15	Football and Netball Matches v. Ide Hill (home)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar