LEIGH NEWS

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WRITING INSPIRATION

Bigfoot Drama Workshop

On Monday the Bigfoot Drama Workshop visited Leigh to help our Squirrel Class get inspired about their project on Jack Frost. The children danced, acted and re-told the story of Jack Frost and had plenty of inspiration when they returned to the classroom for their writing. There are plenty of photos of this event on the school website under 'News and Events; Galleries' for you to have a look at. Thank you.

Giant Visit

On Tuesday afternoon the Giant from Jack and Beanstalk visited Leigh! This is part of a programme between Leigh and Weald Primary Schools to promote writing. The book that has been studied is 'Shhh' by Sally Grindley and all the children were able to ask the Giant a few questions as well as hopefully be inspired by him for their writing assessments.

Next Week's Theme – 'Seeing the Whole Picture before Making a Judgement'

NEW LUNCHTIME ARRANGEMENTS

In response to a suggestion by our School Council, we have started our new lunchtime arrangements this week. The children now have their lunch in their Houses rather than in their Key Stages. This give them the opportunity to play with children across the school and the House pairings are mixed up so that they can play and eat with their friends during the week. Any feedback from this new arrangement would be greatly appreciated.

THERE ARE STILL A VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF PLACES IN OUR FANTASTIC BOOK CLUB. THIS MONTH'S BOOK IS 'KENSUKE'S KINGDOM' BY MICHAEL MORPURGO AND THE SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH ALL THE BOOKS. PLEASE SPEAK TO THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THIS CLUB.

GRANDPARENTS AFTERNOON

Please do remind grandparents that they are welcome to visit us on Friday 28th March 1.30pm-3pm to speak with their grandchildren about their work, have a tour of the school and to have some tea and biscuits. Thank you.

Open Classroom Afternoon

This is THIS THURSDAY at 3pm-4pm. Please do attend this important event if you can.

PTA

A big thank you to all of you who contributed to our 'Phil the Bag' collection - this raised an excellent £102!

There are many PTA events planned in the coming months and these will be advertised here and on the PTA section of the school website over the coming weeks.

The next meeting is on 3rd March at 1.45pm, please do attend this event if you can.

Thank you.

Shed Building

Now that we are using the Wildlife area at least twice a week for our Forest School project we would like to build a shed so that we can house some of the regular tools and equipment that the children use. We have purchased a shed that needs assembling. If you could spare an hour or so to help assemble this shed then please contact Rachel Murray.

Kite Workshop

As part of their topic on Flight, Fox class took part in a kite workshop where they learnt how to make kites from scratch. They then attempted to fly them although the weather hampered this slightly! All kites will be winging their way home over the next few days!

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Our parent workshops continue next week. The next workshop is on Monday 10th February at 9.15am and our final workshop is on Tuesday 11th February at 9.15am both in Jessica's Hall. These will be a writing and reading workshop for parents of children in Key Stage 2 (Yrs 3-6) and a reading comprehension workshop for parents of children in Key Stage 1 (Yrs 1&2). Please do attend these events if you can.

WAR MEMORIES AFTERNOON

As one of the events linked with our visit to Ypres, we are holding a 'War Memories Afternoon' on the 70th anniversary of D-Day. We are inviting anyone who has been involved in war, either on active service or from those who experienced life at home whilst war was taking place, to come and speak with the children in Key Stage 2 about their memories. This should be a fascinating afternoon for the children and we hope that plenty of people will want to come in and speak with them. To give this extra significance, we are holding this event on the 70th anniversary of D-Day (Friday 6th June2014) and ask that if you have any family or friends who might be prepared to come and talk to the children to encourage them to do so. We are hoping that each speaker will have about a group of 6-8 children for about 15-20 minutes and that each group of children will spend the afternoon with 3 or 4 different speakers. Those coming will not need to prepare anything necessarily but are very welcome to bring in photographs or other memorabilia if they so wish. If you know of a relative or friend who is prepared to come in on the 6th June could you please let the office know and we will start keeping a list. Thank you.

Timings

Please could we ask that children arrive to school on time in the morning. There are some children who are continually late and this causes a huge amount of disruption in the classes. If children do arrive late they should be brought into the office where a member of staff will accompany them to their class. At the end of the day we also ask that children are collected at the appropriate time and that if any parents are going to be late that you let us know. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

DANCE SUCCESS

We are very proud of Bella Padden and Ella Dorward who have been awarded their Primary in Dance from the Royal Academy of Dance, both with merit. The girls are here proudly showing off their certificate and badge. Congratulations girls!

Wolves Class Assembly

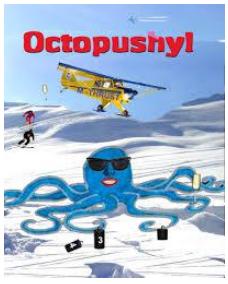
On Tuesday morning our fabulous Wolves Class will be taking assembly linked with their topic work on Heroes and Villains. All are welcome to attend this event which will be in Jessica's Hall at 10.10am.

£10 000 PLAYGROUND!

Help Leigh win a £10,000 playground. Please collect tokens from the Courier and Sevenoaks Chronicle NOW! TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR COLLECTION. PLEASE PUT ANY TOKENS IN THE BOX IN RECEPTION. THANK YOU

Octopushy

On Thursday the whole school was treated to a visit from the Quantum Theatre. Their play, Octopushy, was set in the icy seas of the South Pole where Agent Max Thrust was powerless to save his colleague Tristan Turn in the face of enemy forces. This amusing play taught the children about different kinds of forces and how they are measured. The children listened beautifully throughout and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Events

10.2.14	Parent Reading/Writing Workshop (Key Stage 2) Cross Country Meeting at the Mascalls School
11.2.14	Parent Reading Workshop (Key Stage 1)
12.2.14	Squirrel Class to the Honeymoon Chinese Restaurant
13.2.14	Open Classroom Afternoon (3pm-4pm)
14.2.14	End of Term 3
24.2.14	Beginning of Term 4

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar