LEIGH NEWS

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Update From The Classrooms

I thought it would be good to hear a little bit about what the classes have been up to this week. All the classrooms have, as usual, been hives of activity and it's been an absolute pleasure to have given out around 15 Headteacher awards this week for outstanding work. Please do check on your child's class page to read their curriculum leaflet for this term to find out more about what they have been learning about. Robins Class have been retelling the story of Handa's Surprise through writing. The children worked hard to retell the story in the correct order and build on their writing skills that they have learnt this year! Robins have also been learning about colour mixing with primary and secondary colours and tinting using white over the last few weeks, it built up to their own versions of Kandinksy's 'Circle' painting using the skills they learnt. Fox Class have been thoroughly enjoying their science lessons where they have been learning about plants. This week, they have looked at the roots of a flower through a magnifying glass and the children were intrigued to find that the roots had hairs when they looked closely. They then found out that there are two types of roots - the tap root and the fibrous root. We also discussed the function of the roots and how important they are. Robins have also been enjoying their ukulele lessons and on Wednesday learnt to play The Lion Sleeps Tonight!

This week in Hawks, we have been investigating the sinking of the Titanic. They have really enjoyed looking at a range of primary and secondary sources to gather information and they are about to embark on writing newspaper reports so we have our thinking caps on! Squirrels have been learning all about Traditional Tales, they have read lots of stories, thought about the language used and been describing the characters. The children have also had lots of fun role playing and being creative with the tales. On Thursday 27th May they are having a Story Telling Day where they are inviting people into our classroom dressed up as characters from Traditional Tales and reading the class a story. If you are interested in coming in to read to the children please speak to Mrs Prockter or Mrs Cheshire on the Green, alternatively email the office. Hedgehog Class have been having lots of fun learning about the different parts of a flower and have spent time dissecting flowers.

Finally Wolves Class have had great fun learning about the human circulatory system. They have been learning about the heart, the lungs and blood, they have learnt lots of important vocabulary and the jobs that each of these do.

PTA NEWS

Important 'Save the date'!

We would firstly like congratulate Mrs Halfhide on her promotion to Headteacher next year. We very much look forward to working alongside you.

The PTA, Governors and school community are very keen to extend our thanks, and bid farewell to Mr Eaton who has been a fantastic and popular Headteacher over so many years. It has been collectively decided that we will throw a Leaving party at The Plough on Friday 16th July. This will be an adult only event and is open to school staff and parents in the first instance. The venue is booked and tickets will be going on sale on Friday 14th May. We are limited on numbers for the venue, therefore tickets will be issued on a first come, first serve basis. Please note the PTA will not be making any profit on ticket sales and the aim is to cover the venue hire and DJ. Any surplus money will be put towards the event via other means. Specific details will be released next Friday. Please save the date and rally babysitters in the meantime!

We would like to thank our lovely class rep Bex Triffit who has volunteered to take over our social media responsibilities. We continue to look for a new Treasurer for next year- please note this is open to any parent at the school, thus please pass the message on to Dad's who may not receive the newsletter themselves.

Short Story Writing Competition

Congratulations to the following children who were the winners at the recent Leigh Performing Arts Short Story Writing Competition.The winners were: Amelia Watson, Eleanor Straub, Rosie Backlog, Bibi Bates and Otto Bates. Huge congratulations to all of you.

Families Wrap Around Care

We are delighted that 'Families' wrap around care run by Sarah Carney is now operating from the school site. Many of you will be familiar with Sarah who has run her childminding business for many years within the village. Sarah will be using Jessica's Hall before and after school and if anyone is interested in wrap around care please do contact Sarah on sjfc38@yahoo.com for further details.

Free NHS Mental Health Support

'We Are With You' is a free and confidential service to support anyone over the age of 17 with their mental health. The service is offered online and they use a blend of Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT) and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT). Further information can be found by clicking on the following link:

https://www.wearewithyou.org.uk/help-and-advice/find-service/how-we-help-mental-health/

Events

7.5.21	Hawks Forest School
14.5.21	Hedgehogs Forest School
19.5.21	Hedgehog Class Trip to Horton Kirby
21.5.21	Foxes Forest School
24.5.21	Wolves Class Electricity Day
28.5.21	Robins Forest School, End of Term 5
7.6.21	INSET Day – No children in school please
8.6.21	Start of Term 6
10.6.21	Year 5 Parent Meeting in Jessica's Hall (7pm)
11.6.21	Fox Class Trip to Turner Contemporary Squirrels Forest School
17.6.21	Squirrel Class Trip to Bore Place
18.6.21	Wolves Forest School
25.6.21	Letter about Class Structure for next year sent out
2.7.21	Reports Sent Home Hedgehogs Forest School
5.7.21	Year 5 Residential (until Wednesday 7th July) Parent Consultations
6.7.21	Parent Consultations

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar