



## Review of the Year 2015/2016

Dear Children, Parents, Governors, Friends and Families at LHPSN,

As we end our year, staff have been reflecting together on our successes and celebrations as a school. I'd like to use this final newsletter to share and celebrate our school achievements with you. This month we received our KS2 SATs results from the new national tests. As you will undoubtedly be aware from the media, the tests were very challenging. At LHPSN we were delighted with our results achieving joint 12<sup>th</sup> out of 121 schools which puts us in the top 10% overall for combined reading, writing and maths in Worcestershire and out performing all our local primary and middle schools.

We are proud of the achievements of our Year 6 children and know that we send them on to their new high schools having had some wonderful, memorable learning experiences, with strong basic skills. We value many things here at LHPSN, but not all are measurable - sporting, music, linguistic and citizenship skills are embedded in our curriculum and celebrated widely, as you will see in this newsletter and on our website.

I am happy to tell you that we have been granted £500k from local building development funds. This has been allocated for the removal of the mobile classrooms and changes to the KS2 department and the Early Years Building. Work on this will begin in the next academic year. I am delighted to have this financial opportunity to improve the school environment.

Our super school has been selected for inclusion in this year's 'Parliamentary Review' paper where we were invited to share our excellent practice. The Parliamentary Review is sent to over 100,000 leading business executives and policymakers, and features a foreword by the Prime Minister. Copies of this will be shared with you once it is available.

*Thank you once again for working with us to ensure our pupils are safe and happy and encouraged to 'dream, believe and achieve' as they work towards their goals and ambitions.*

Yours in learning,  
Amanda Salisbury  
Headteacher

### Music

We believe music has a very important role in the life of the pupils and the school. It has the capacity to improve and enrich children's lives. Our children learn to appreciate music and have many opportunities to listen to, compose, sing and perform their own music. We enjoy singing and will continue to share our voices and instruments with anyone who will listen!

#### Some Highlights

The Singing Group joined the 'Young Voices Choir' at the Genting Arena Birmingham for the second year.

25 Year 3 children visited the Symphony Hall to join in with the 'Big Sing'.

Year 4 visited Worcester University Arena to play their cornets and ukulele's in the Worcestershire 'Young Musician FAME Festival'.

The children sang carols in the community at Christmas to turn on the lights on the Lickey Hills community Christmas Tree.

We held a joint concert at Lickey Church with Oakville Singers, raising over £500 for Bloodwise in memory of Mr. Mark Jones.

Pupils who play an instrument have recently taken part in a music day at North Bromsgrove High School.

We also held our second annual 'Open Air Music Concert' for our pupils and parents to conclude our year.

*Thank you Mrs Landon, Miss Boyer, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Jones and Dr. Fishwick for encouraging our musical talents.*

Many of our children from Y4 upwards play musical instruments. Congratulations to all who passed exams and achieved medals.

**Goodbye and Good Luck Year 6:** Very best wishes to our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they start the next stage of their educational journeys at high school. **Remember:** The most important thing is being passionate about what you're doing and always give it your all. That is the key to success! Be safe and be happy ~ from the pupils, staff and governors at Lickey Hills.

**We offer a wide range of lunchtime and after school clubs.** As well as most teachers leading a club for a term each year, we also have experts and community members in school to share their expertise. Here are a few we have offered this year:

Cooking  
Home learning  
Football  
Science  
Bell boating  
Dance  
Singing  
Movie Makers  
Eco Warriors  
Sewing  
Basketball  
Glockenspiel  
Computing  
Advanced Maths  
Drama and Dance  
Archery  
Fencing  
Bikeability

Next year we aim to improve our booking system, so as many pupils as possible can access our extra-curricular activities.

***Thank you to all staff who give time, energy and enthusiasm for our clubs.***

The school has raised lots of money this year for good causes.

**Some Highlights**

Children in need £491.97  
Race for life £1,579.46  
Sea Turtle fund £183.95

***Thank you also to Miss Field a parent of a Reception child who raised enough money to buy defibrillators.***

Also in the news...

87% of Year 1 pupils achieved the expected level in the Phonics screening check - Well done Year 1.

We achieved the silver award in the Primary Science Quality Mark which is a nationally recognised award.

**We love to get out and about in and around the Lickey Hills.**

Look at all the places we've been this year on our educational visits: Year 6 visited Boreatton Park Multi Activity School for their 5 day residential outdoor adventure visit which was a huge success for all.

We've also been spotted at ...

Umberslade Farm  
Carol Service at Lickey Church  
Tree planting Lickey Hills  
The Wyre Forest  
Den building in the Lickey Woods  
Nature in Art Museum  
Young Citizens Visit to the Ryland Centre.  
Packington Farm  
Smite Farm  
The Big Toddle at Beacon Park  
Wonderland  
Conkers  
Avoncroft Museum

***A huge thank you to all our parent volunteers - we couldn't have completed our visits without you.***

**LHPSN Sporting Events 2015/16:** We aimed to increase our participation in local sports tournaments with other schools. This year we have participated in:

The Primary Inclusion Festival - pupils from Language Base were on the winning teams.

Year 1 participated in a Multi-skills festival.

Year 4 took part in the Bell Boat Regatta where LHPSN finished 10th out of 39 teams from schools across Bromsgrove and Droitwich.

Year 3 & 4 attended a Kings Norton Rhinos Tag Rugby tournament and won their group.

Year 3 & 4 Netball tournament

Year 5 & 6 Mixed Girls and Boys Football Teams finished 3rd overall in a competition open to all of Bromsgrove and Droitwich schools.

Year 6 Boys Football tournament.

Year 5 & 6 attended Kings Norton Rhinos Tag Rugby tournament.

We were proud to be the overall winners of the Year 5 & 6 Tennis tournament at Waseley in which we competed against local schools.

Please see our PE curriculum page on our website for more details.

***Thank you Mr Weston for organising our teams and encouraging our sporting talents and behaviour.***