



Friday 26th October 2018

Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello from all at PGL - we are having a busy time at Boreaton Park. We are challenging ourselves on plenty of activities including high ropes, giant swing, kayaking and keeping our rooms tidy! The children have been a credit to LHPSN working cooperatively, with super perseverance and brilliant attitudes.

New Appointments: I am delighted to introduce Mr. Dillon as the new School Business Manager at LHPSN following Mrs. Phillips retirement in the summer. Mr Dillon has a strong background in school finance and administration and is keen to support the school in moving forward. We have also promoted Mrs. Tomlinson to School Office Manager and along with Mr Dillon, the site staff and office team are ready to drive forward the schools strategic and operational plans and ambitions. Wishing all our families a safe and happy half term break. Miss Salisbury



Miss S's Golden Book Stars

Ella S
Jasmyrn F
Olivia M
Callum H
Joseph Mo
Kassaye P
Ranveer D
Ruby B
For amazing diary writing in 3HC

Marcus A for super independent writing in LB1

Lilia H - Fantastic Aboriginal art work

Viren D in Nursery for independent writing



Zac W - Super spelling

Attendance Award

<u>KS1</u> 2MG 98.03%	<u>KS2</u> 4LH 98.77%
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★ HPSN Wow News ★

Miss Cooke was so proud of Nursery this week! They got into their PE kit and then back into their uniform with hardly any help from the grown-ups and within 10 minutes! What a lot of stars!

And Year Six for being so totally amazing during their week away at PGL - they've earned their week off!

Additional News Box

Year Six parents - Don't forget to apply for your child's secondary school place by October 31st. This is done online through either the Worcestershire or Birmingham County Council Website, depending on your postcode.

Dates for the diary

- 25.11.18 - Halloween Disco
- 05.11.18 - TED Day
- 09.11.18 - 4SR Class Assembly
- 13.11.18 - Parents Evening
- 15.11.18 - Parents Evening



What have we been up to this fortnight?



EYFS

Reception have had a lovely last week of the half term learning about rhyme and creating spells based on the stories of Meg and Mog. We have been finding the total by counting two groups of objects to put into spooky spells. They have also designed some amazing Christmas cards which are coming home this week. These would be lovely to send to all your loved ones!

KS1

2MG did a wonderful transport assembly last Friday - the children entertained us all with their singing, dancing and sharing information about their transport topic. They followed this up with a visit to the Coventry Transport museum where they saw the fastest car in the world! Staff at the museum commented on their excellent behaviour and the super questions they asked. Back in school year two have been focusing on multiplication in Maths and story and postcard writing in Literacy. What a busy fortnight!

KS2

Operation Christmas Child News
In their PSHE lessons the children in Yr5 have been busy thinking about what sort of items would be thoughtful gifts for children from the world's poorest communities. We are already taking in completed shoeboxes ready for collection after half term. Just a reminder that the latest date to bring your shoebox in is 12th November. Please remember to label your shoebox and to enclose a donation towards postage and packing. Many thanks to those of you who are already busy packing your shoebox. We look forward to seeing them in school.

A round up of the latest sports events

A group of Year Five pupils went to Holywell on Wednesday afternoon for a Hockey Skills session. There was a range of activities related to building their Hockey skills - this involved shooting, dribbling, team work and the basic rules of Hockey. On Thursday we took a team of KS2 children to a multi-skills inclusion festival at Bromsgrove School. The children took part in various activities including basketball, curling, volley ball and blindfolded problem solving. What a sporty week!

Thank you Sainsbury's!

The wonderful community ambassadors at Sainsbury's have very kindly donated 100 hot dogs and 100 hot dog buns to the school Halloween disco. This will help us to raise even more money for the school. Thank you Sainsbury's!

Language Base

LB1 - We have been learning about airplanes this week and have enjoyed pretending to go on a plane to our favourite holiday destination. Today we followed instructions on how to make paper airplanes and tested them out in the playground.

LB2 - We have been learning about rotating 2D shapes. We found out that you can rotate a shape but in order for it to have rotational symmetry it has to fit exactly on itself. Also, reflective symmetry is when you use a mirror to check shapes are the same on both sides

Safeguarding News

A reminder that children will only be released to adults on collection from school and not older siblings. For more information on end of day arrangements please go to the school website:

Parents tab - Policies - Home time arrangements

We take our duty of care for the LHPSN children as our highest priority which means we will ask unfamiliar adults for the password, we will contact parents to confirm a different arrangement and we won't release children to anyone unless we are 100% positive that they have permission to collect. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

The Harvest Festival

Thank you to those who were able to join us for the Harvest Festival - thank goodness the children were in such fine voice following the technical malfunction! The Catshill Food Bank were thrilled with the donations, of which there were so many. They have passed on their thanks and have said what a huge help it will be to the families that access their provision. It was also lovely to see Emma for Lickey Church who kindly came in and shared a Harvest story with the children.

Spanish Pen Pals

Year Two have been very excited this week to receive letters from their new friends in Spain. Both classes wrote letters to Spanish children, also in Year Two, and they wrote back. It was lovely to see the pictures they had drawn of themselves. We hope to write back and forth throughout the year and we may even be able to set up a skype session in the summer to see what their classroom looks like! It is such an exciting experience to make friends with children from another country.