



Friday 29th March 2019

Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you enjoy reading our Newsletter this week which once again reflects the wealth of opportunities and learning experiences that have taken place in and around the school this last fortnight. In my role as a senior leader I often find that my time and actions, along with other school leaders and staff, are focused on how we can improve, what isn't working and what would be even better if... so it can be easy to lose sight of what is going well and celebrating success. However, being part of the LHPSN school community is a daily reminder of what a wonderful group of adults and children I am fortunate enough to work with. We have supportive parents and PTA, a strong and committed governing body who are focused on developing the school and moving forwards and children who are thoughtful, hardworking and ambitious for themselves and others. We also have a united team of staff who continue to work together to ensure the curriculum and wider school opportunities such as tournaments, celebrations, assemblies (well done today 1SH) and theme days are an integral part of the school curriculum. Therefore, I was delighted to hear from the Worcester News this week to share the super news that Mr. Brewer (5AB) has also been nominated for an Education Award, everyone here is proud of this thoughtful parental recognition of the dedication shown to the pupils at LHPSN. Congratulations and fingers crossed for our two nominees.

As we approach the final term, some of our staff will be moving onwards and upwards, progressing their careers in pastures new. So, whilst I am sad that LHPSN will say goodbye to Mr. Greenwood at the end of this school year, I am delighted that he has secured his ambition of Primary Principal in a newly built international school, in Dubai. Mr. Greenwood has been a wonderful asset to our school and senior leadership team and I have every confidence that he will excel in his new role. Lickey Hills staff have a passion for travel; international teaching has also attracted Miss Hahlo, who leave us in July to begin an exciting new teaching role in Mexico – we wish her a safe and happy journey in her adventures.

We have recently appointed a new Assistant Head who will join us in September. Mrs. Bowen is an experienced senior leader and a specialist leader in Maths education. Maths is an area of improvement for the school so I am delighted to appoint a new staff member who once again can enhance provision and bring even more expertise to our brilliant teaching team.

Miss Salisbury
Headteacher



Attendance Award

KS1

1SH – 93.7%

KS2

4LH – 97.8%

Reminders

If parents would like to donate to the Just Giving Page to raise awareness of cancer on behalf of Mr. Dave Weston please click on the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lickey-hills-primary-school>

Thank you

Are you interested in becoming a Parent Governor? If you are, please can you send in the form that was recently sent home with your child, or feel free to either pop into the school office or phone us, and we will send you another. Thank you.

Miss S's Golden Book Stars



NURSERY

Edie B

1KG

William R

Kelsey T

4SR

Phoebe Mc

Izzy

Congratulations to our Cross-country tournament team who performed brilliantly in the tournament last week with 14 local schools. Special congratulations for Rio (4SR) who won the Year 4 competition and James (5SB) winner of the overall competition. Amazing achievements!

Rugby – we came 2nd out of 14 schools

The Hive

Thank you to all of you who have completed the summer holiday request forms. I will be in touch shortly with updates. We are having a slight change to our Tuesday menu – from next week we are going to give the children noodles This was suggested by the children as the healthier option. Homework club is a big success and we are close to the first child winning the homework award. This can be achieved by attending 10 homework sessions in the pod. Thank you. Miss Lynch.

ASD Awareness Day

World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) aims to put a spotlight on the hurdles that people with autism – and others living with autism – face every day. This year, on Tuesday 2nd April, we will be supporting this important event with a range of learning events in class. We will share the outcomes of these on the next newsletter. For more information on WAAD you can go to www.autism.org.uk for a wealth of information, activities and local events. HW

Comic Relief

What a wonderful day we had raising money for Comic Relief! The children had such fun completing their Red Nose Day activities and eating cakes! Well done Freddie for winning the chocolate hamper and thank you to all the parents/carers for your donations of money and cakes, we raised a fantastic £862.50! A brilliant result.

Comic Relief



Dates for your Diary

- 03.04.19 - Coffee Morning – LB2
- 05.04.19 - 3AS Class Assembly
- 05.04.19 - PTA Easter Quiz & Cinema Night
- 09.04.19 - Eye Tests – Reception
- 12.04.19 – EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade
- 12.04.19 Break up
- 29.04.19 – Back to School



What have we been up to this fortnight?



Reception have been enjoying 'The Cow That Laid An Egg' as we continue with our egg theme and also celebrate Mother's day. We enjoyed spending time with our mum's on Friday and spoiling them with a special treat.

This week in Literacy **Year 1** have made a Superhero Potion by following instructions. We learnt about imperative verbs and plurals so that we could write our own instructions. In Theme we have learnt about Mary Seacole and discovered what an amazing role model she was and how much determination she showed. During maths we have explored making groups and learning about multiplication.

Year 2 have moved onto learning all about fractions in maths this week. We have had fun finding fractions of shapes and we are now moving onto finding halves, thirds and quarters of numbers. Perhaps you could test us at home when cutting toast, pizza or cakes?! In Writing we are writing up a recount of the lovely day we had last Friday celebrating all things Science related! We are trying really hard with our spellings making sure we are spelling all Year 1 and 2 common exception words correctly.

Last week, **Year 6** enjoyed a visit to the Core Learning Centre in Stratford-upon-Avon where they participated in a drama workshop organised by the Royal Shakespeare Company. During the workshop, they developed their acting skills while studying sections of Shakespeare's masterpiece, Macbeth. They particularly enjoyed re-enacting scenes from the play in their groups!

Recount of Democracy Dinner (by Imogen Pennant):

When we arrived at school, everyone was brimming with excitement. We had been allowed to bring: hair straighteners, curlers, crimpers, make-up, perfume/aftershave, hair gel and of course, our brilliant outfits! At lunch time, we were sent in early to get changed! Once everyone was ready, we took some photos out on the playground. Then, we entered the hall and sat at our tables. The starter was excellent (we had garlic bread). The amazing Y5 waiters and waitresses provided us with our food and one fizzy drink. Next, for our main course we had either a vegetarian pasta or a chicken dinner. For our pudding, we had a scrumptious brownie with ice cream. Every child in Y6 thoroughly enjoyed this three course meal. Finally, at 3.30pm we were let out to take some more photos in our beautiful outfits!

Language Base 1

Fantastic couple of weeks in LB1, the children really enjoyed their multi-sensory approach to Science Day, making slime, discovering what was inside 'feely' boxes and also sampling various textures and tastes helping develop their descriptive vocabulary.

We would also like to include a special mention to our Year 1 boys who took part in Mainstream Year 1's class assembly on Friday. They had practiced their lines so well and looked 'Superhero' in their costumes! Well done boys, you made us all very proud!

Language Base 2

We had a *fantastic* day for our science festival day. In **LB** we had a circus of activities that focused on four out of five senses - See, Hear, Feel & Smell. We took part in activities such as making perfume using herbs and citrus fruit, creating a bicarb & vinegar volcano, making instruments, creating slime. We also had the chance to feel inside 5 different feely boxes and had to guess what was inside each box....jelly...noodles...playdough...as well as a sniff challenge to guess things like garlic, popcorn, lemon. What a thoroughly enjoyable and busy day for all our children.

End of Day Changes

For safeguarding reasons we have made changes to end of day collection in Years 3-6. Your child will not be released unless you or a designated adult (with the password) collect them from the designated door.

If you consent to your child leaving without an adult then written permission must be provided to the class teacher.

We ask that you arrive on time to collect your child/ren as staff members often have clubs lead or training meetings to attend after school. **Thank you for your cooperation during the changeover this week.**

World Book Day

We had an amazing time celebrating World Book Day and being 'Wild About Reading!' This year, we decided to focus on Non-Fiction books and we were very impressed by all of the research and hard work that our children put into creating fact-files for the animals they were dressed as. These fact-files have now been put together to create information books that have been shared across our school. Not only did we all have fun in our incredible costumes, everyone also had the opportunity to learn fascinating facts about a variety of animals. Well done also to all of our winners for best costume, best fact file and best photograph. We hope you all continue to celebrate a love of reading and learning and we look forward to continuing to use our fact files as learning tools in the future!