



# Thursday 23rd May 2019

## Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term has enabled classes to take their learning outside on our extensive grounds and integrate science, maths, language and arts into lessons and activities whilst enjoying the many benefits of sunshine and fresh air. Research shows that being outdoors, or even viewing scenes of nature, reduces anger, fear, and stress and increases pleasant feelings and creativity. Contact with nature is a source of wonder and inspiration for everyone and essential for healthy development. I do hope you find some time over the holiday week and bank holiday weekend to embrace the great outdoors. Around school we have been puddle jumping to see who could make the biggest splash and experimenting in the mud kitchen. The environmental garden is growing steadily and visits to weed, plant and water have been an important lesson in caring for and looking after our own school environment. We have been enjoying lunchtime breaks on the field and some classes have been trailing our new 'Daily Mile' project to see if it improves our mental health and wellbeing as well as our physical health. Watch this space ☺

1KG were invited to fill a time capsule with their drawings of the local area as it looks now. Members of The Cofton Village Hall Trust and the Development Director at St. Modwen came into school to put the pictures into a time capsule which is now buried near the village hall. It made us all really think carefully about our care for the planet and the many ways we can preserve and care for our environment so that everything we enjoy about nature and wildlife here at Lickey Hills is there for others in the future.

Yours in learning,  
Miss A.L. Salisbury (Headteacher)



### Attendance Award

**KS1**  
1SH - 98.0%

**KS2**  
6CW - 99.5%

Please accept this Invitation from one of our families who have benefited from the support of Touchstones:

*Family Fun day on 1st June 2019 at Mettis Sports and Social Club, Redditch. We are raising money for a local charity who are supporting my children after the death of their Daddy: Touchstones bereavement support. Raffle tickets will be on sale on the day. First prize are tickets to any England football game at Wembley in 2019. For further details please see: <https://m.facebook.com/Rocket-Revitt-Family-Fun-Day-for-Touchstones-Child-Bereavement-Support-225405885080513/> AND <https://www.facebook.com/>*



### Miss S's Golden Book Stars



Well done Year 2 and Year 6 for your super efforts in the statutory assessments tests (SATs) this half term. Excellent perseverance and determination!

Ambur D - 2AH

Freddie E - LB1

Freddie I - 1KG

Phoebe F - RJR

Humphrey H - RJR

Arianna C - RJR

### Have You Seen Our Bird Houses?

We love our semi-rural location in the Lickey Hills the school grounds and local environment offers great opportunities for the children to observe and learn about nature first hand. Our environmental garden is developing and our nature loving site manager, Mr Gittens enjoys doing all he can to encourage the wildlife to our site. Take time to point out the bird feeders, bee and butterfly plants and see if you can spot our extra special bird houses made from Mr Gittens old boots!



Thank you for all your support with the Hugh Jackman Raffle on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The very lucky winner was Miss Wyke who has a daughter in Year 5. We hope you have a fabulous time! PTA.

### Final push for Mr. Weston and Cancer Research

Hi all, as you are aware, we are running the 10K in Birmingham on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. We would like to raise as much as we possibly can before that date, and for this, we would ask you if you could kindly sponsor us through the just giving page. Thank you so much.

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

### Dates for your Diary

24.05.19 - TED Day - School Closed  
10.06.19 - Father's day event Nursery  
11.06.19 - Father's day event Nursery  
12.06.19 - Race for BCH - Whole School  
21.06.19 - Hatton Farm Trip Nursery  
05.07.19 - Severn Valley Trip - Y3



# What have we been up to this fortnight?



**Nursery** would like to say a big thank you to Mr and Mrs Debar and Mr and Mrs Brelsforth for your wonderful donations, the children have loved playing with the tools and puzzles.



**1KG** - were very excited last week when members of The Cofton Village Hall Trust and Chris Newsome, Development Director at St. Modwen came into school to put our pictures of the local area into their time capsule. The capsule was later buried near to the new village hall.



**Reception** are loving the story of Jack and the beanstalk and have been writing descriptive sentences about the characters and settings. One day we found Jack had climbed up a tree in our garden and got stuck. We know how it feels to be so small from playing in our giant's castle so we decided to build something to rescue him. It was really tricky keeping Jack safe during the rescue operation but we managed to solve this tricky problem!

Over the last two weeks the **Year 2** children have been doing their SATs. We are proud of the way the children focused and really did their best. During this time, when the children are not doing SATs we set them some Maths and Literacy tasks, but also lots of creative and fun activities, which the children did in the hall. The children have had such a great time doing these activities that we have had many comments from the children that this has been their favourite week of the year! A big "thank you" should go out to our two student teachers (Sophie Burbridge and Aisha Rasul) and to Mrs. Crompton and Mrs. George for making this a special time for the children. They have really earned their half term break and we look forward to more fun, exciting learning next half term. Mr Greenwood and Mrs. Hawthorne

## Language Base 1

LB1 have had a great start with the theme- 'How does your garden grow! The children have planted flowers sand seeds in the outside space. As you can see they look great!



## Language Base 2

LB2 have had a super exciting week! Our class text has been 'Esio trot' and today we welcomed 2 very small visitors! These were Mrs Williams' pet tortoises Myrtle and Luna. In the week we thought of some really good questions for Mrs Williams. We found out some very interesting facts including they sleep MORE than they are awake! We are looking forward to starting a new text after the half term. As always Mrs Matthews, Mrs Chivers and Mrs Bird thank you for your continuing support and wish you a lovely half term.

## The Portman Boys!



We were absolutely thrilled to be represented by the Portman family at Birmingham Children's Hospital annual event to celebrate all the fundraising which has taken place over the last year. LHPNS were presented with a beautiful trophy which we will have on display for all to see. Those of us who ran the 10k in Birmingham feel very proud that we were able to bring something hugely positive at such a difficult time for the Portman family and it is wonderful to see Oliver back at school and looking so well. Oliver said ' I had a wonderful time at the 100 hero's celebration' and Lewis said 'I really enjoyed the chocolate cake!' The money we raised all went directly to Ward 15 at BCH. This coming Sunday we run again, this time to raise money for Cancer Research UK and in Mr Weston's honour. Our page currently stands at £764. Thank you to all those who have donated so far. Your support means a great deal to Mr. Weston.

## News from the Hive

We cannot believe how quickly this half term has gone! The children have had lots of fun in The Hive over the last few weeks but are also very much looking forward to breaking up for a week. We hope you all have a fabulous half term. Thank you. Miss Lynch.