



# Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's pleasing to see how many of you have taken up the 3 x weekly reading challenge, to see increasing numbers of reading records being signed and to hear children talking enthusiastically about their book recommendations. I recently read a newspaper article written by children's author, Cressida Cowell (How to Train your Dragon) where she states that studies continue to show that reading for pleasure is vital for academic success, mental health and even future economic success. She gives some good advice for those of you struggling with reluctant readers :*"If the books your kids bring home from school don't interest them, try others from the library. Don't force your son or daughter to finish a book they don't like. Follow your kids' interests; there really is a book for everyone. Keep reading with your kid's way beyond the age they can read for themselves. Try to read together for 10 minutes a day. It can be really hard to carve out time in our busy lives, so rest assured that it doesn't need to be all at once. A couple of minutes here and there is better than not at all."*

I have included a link to the full article which also includes a useful synopsis of '30 best children's books'. I'm not sure who decided these were the 'best' thirty but there are definitely titles to tempt everyone and perhaps a few that could be added to upcoming birthday or Christmas wish lists. <https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/children-reading-for-pleasure-learning-to-read-a8666611.html>. This week some of the children have also alerted me to the McDonald's Happy Readers promotion supported by the National Literacy Trust which replaces plastic toys with free reading books. The promotion runs until the 15th October and this year features stories from David Walliams's 'The World's Worst Children' series. The free books to collect include some of our school favourites - Vain Valentine, Honey The Hogger, Stacey Superstar, Harry Who Never Ever Did His Homework, Competitive Colin and Miss Petula Perpetual- Motion which I have just read and enjoyed with 3HC.

Happy reading all,  
Miss Salisbury  
Headteacher



### Attendance Award

**KS1**

**2HB - 98.33%**

**KS2**

**6CW - 98.68%**

### Parking

A gentle reminder that there is no parking on High House Drive, at drop off and collection times, this is a private road for residents only.

For the safety of our children walking to school, the front vehicular gates are locked 8.40am to 8.55am and 3.15pm to 3.30pm.

Mr Gittens  
Site Manager

### Miss S's Golden Book Stars



Oliver B (5MS)  
William R (2RF)  
Isla C (2RF)  
Olivia C (6CW)  
Alec C (6CW)  
Oliver C (2RF)  
Isabelle F (1MK)  
Ariana C (1MK)  
Orla K (1MK)  
Ella K (1MK)  
Jack P (1MK)  
Macey H (3HC)  
Eleanor B (5SB)  
Lily W (5SB)  
Ewan B (6CW)  
Lily M (6AB)  
Amelia W (1SH)

### Governors Update

Following our annual Governor elections, I am pleased to share with you that Mrs. Emily Mayne is our newly elected Chair of Governors and Mr. Mario Claydon is supporting as Vice Chair. On behalf of the pupils, parents, staff and governors I would like to thank Mr. Claydon for his dedication to the school as Chair for the past three years and welcome Mrs Mayne to her new role.

Miss Salisbury



### Dates for your Diary

04.10.19 - 9am PTA Breakfast Meeting  
09.10.19 - Yr2 Black Country Museum Trip  
10.11.19 - Nursery/Reception Open Morning 9.30am to 11.30am  
11.10.19 - School Photo's  
11.10.19 - PTA Bake Sale (after school)  
18.10.19 - Harvest Festival Assembly  
w/c 21.10.19 - PGL Week  
24.10.19 - PTA Halloween Disco 6.30pm to 8.00pm



# What have we been up to this fortnight?



## Nursery

Nursery have continued to settle really well into our classroom routines and environment. They are now coming in independently without their grown up and joining us straight away for family group time on the carpet. The children have created collages of their first week in nursery and talked to us about what they enjoyed doing! You will be able to see them proudly displayed in the classroom!

## Reception

Reception have been enjoying sharing things about ourselves as we explore our similarities and differences. We have used various media to make our faces. The children have been impressing us in our phonic groups and during their individual reading sessions. We have also started PE and enjoyed moving freely in a range of ways in the hall.

## Year 1

The Year 1 children arrived on the playground on Monday and discovered a UFO had crash landed! There was a lot of debris left including odd coloured pipes, electrical cables, metal pieces and slime. A series of footprints were seen heading up and over the wall. The children looked at the evidence and made predictions about what had happened and who might have been in the spaceship. We wonder whether Baby Bear made it into space or if we have an alien visitor?

## Year 2

Year 2 have been discovering how Victorians spent their leisure time by exploring old photographs and discussing similarities and differences. We were very surprised to find out that many of the photographs actually showed the Lickey Hills! We found out how the hills were bought from private ownership and gifted to the City of Birmingham. Victorian Brummies would take the tram out of the city and up into the Lickey's for picnics, walks and bilberry picking.

## Language Base 1

LB1 have demonstrated their creative sides in a number of ways. They have used clay to create some beautiful and unique pottery, told stories with such imagination that we truly felt we had a class full of astronauts, adventurers and spies as well as volcano experts. The two books explored in Literacy were really well received and it has been lovely to observe pupils engage with characters and texts. The new teddy Albie has also enjoyed some wonderful adventures - he visited MacDonald's and participated during a church worship service and it has been lovely to observe pupils engage with characters and texts.

## Language Base 2

LB2 continue to study Tuesday within their literacy lessons. We have been putting ourselves in the shoes of real life crime fighters - some as police officers and some as key witnesses. Our two period is coming to an end and we await the final outcome of LB2s investigations. Like LB1, LB2 have also been demonstrated their artistic abilities using the medium of charcoal and pencil. There are definitely some Lowry challengers among LB2! As part of our theme, we have created Celtic patterns and designed round houses.

## PTA Upcoming Events

- Friday 4th October 9am Morning PTA Breakfast Meeting in the bungalow on the drive all welcome!
- Friday 11th October after school bake sale reception playground
- Thursday 24th October Halloween disco tickets on sale soon
- Please look out for our financial update on last year's fantastic fundraising coming soon!
- If you'd like to be involved please email the PTA at [lickeyhillspta@outlook.com](mailto:lickeyhillspta@outlook.com) or find us on face book by searching for "Lickey Hills Primary School PTA"

## News from the Hive

We have some great opportunities coming to the Hive..... we are recruiting for more staff to join our dedicated team.

If you are interested or know anyone who may be interested please email [zh65@lickeyhills.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:zh65@lickeyhills.worcs.sch.uk)

We are very proud of all our children and how they have settled back into the Hive routines - well done children!

Zoe Lynch  
Hive Manager