

# Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

# Friday 22<sup>ND</sup> November 2019

In Year 6 our pupils are encouraged to apply for special roles in the school such as House and Sports Captains, ambassadors for subjects such as music and I.T. as well as offering their time as 'helping hands'. The staff panel read the pupils' written applications taking into account their efforts, attitudes and behaviours during their time at LHPSN and agreed which pupils were most suitable for the roles and responsibilities. Additionally, each member of staff also takes part in a secret ballot to vote for our Head Girl and Head Boy which every child in Year 6 is automatically nominated for. This year, I am delighted to announce that Sophie F (6CW) and James E (6AB) were elected as our Head Girl and Head Boy, two excellent role models in effort, behaviour and attitudes to learning. The House Captains and Sports Captains were also selected for their skills and personal qualities, they are:-

Ash (Blue): Toby H-S (House Captain) and Finlay W (Sports Captain)
Beech (Red): Kiki W (House Captain) and Ewan B (Sports Captain)
Chestnut (Green): Olivia C (House Captain) and Caitlin B (Sports Captain)
Oak (Yellow): Jack S (House Captain) and Eva H (Sports Captain)

I am always proud of our pupils' efforts and progress and particularly so this week in swimming. Year 3 attend weekly lessons and as we approach the end of their first term the progress they have made has been wonderful to see. From organising themselves independently, persevering with the challenges and for some, their fears, the children really have impressed the adults who work with them: floating, blowing bubbles jumping in, perfecting their strokes and most importantly knowing how to save themselves if needed! This week the coach driver commended them on their consistently good behaviour and manners, and in the previous week, staff at the centre commented on how well the children listen and try their best and how well the school staff encourage and support them. At LHPSN we want to grow young people who believe in themselves so they are confident, courageous and resilient in all areas of their education and life-long learning. Thank you for working in partnership with the school.

I look forward to welcoming you to Parents Evenings (Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th November) next week.

Miss A. L. Salisbury



### Attendance Award

KS1

2HB - 99.07%

KS2 5MS - 99.07%



## Worcester Children First

Worcester Children First has recently launched, this is the company with responsibility for delivering children's services across Worcestershire. These include social care, education, early help and fostering. The company is owned by Worcestershire and delivers children's services on behalf of the local authority working with partners across the county to ensure children, young people and families receive the best possible service. The vision of Worcester Children First is for Worcestershire to be a wonderful place for all children to grow up. This vision matches our own vision of 'dream, believe, achieve together' at LHPSN.

## Congratulations

Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute silver coins for Children in Need we raised a super £455.13...

Also HUGE congratulations to Ewan B (6CW) who trekked 21 miles for the 4th consecutive year to raise extra money for children in need totalling in at £1,180.

Thank you to 5SB for your informative and creative assembly this morning about our beautiful planet Earth. They reminded us all that something has to change and we can make a difference like Isatou Ceesay.

# Harvest Festival

We received a letter of thanks this week from The Basement Project for the generous food donations provided at Harvest festival time. The Project hands out approximately ten food parcels a week to various young people who visit for help, many of which are young families on low incomes who need extra support to provide meals for their children. Without your kind donations this would not be possible. Thank you again LHPSN, your kindness and empathy for others is greatly appreciated.

# Children in Need

Thank you so much to all our children who supported Children in Need with such enthusiasm last Friday. It was wonderful to see a sea of yellow across the school in assembly that day! We had huge donations of delicious cakes for our break time bake sale and the children thoroughly enjoyed all the playground games run by our Year 5s and 6s at lunch. Thank you to these super leaders! Across school, numerous pieces of wonderful Pudsey poetry and art were created. Everyone really got into the spirit of the day and raised a wonderful £455.13. Huge thanks to our families who made our day so successful with their efforts in yellow, cake and donations. Mrs Bowen, Miss Bate, Mrs Pitcher and Mr Pepper.

## Golden Book Stars

Henry W (5MS), Daniel (5MS), Connor J (1MK), Alex E (2RF), Kyle (3HC), Gabriel J (3HC), Eve J (6CW), Izzy T (3HC), Joseph G (3HC), Izzy K (5MS), Louis M (3HC), Thomas P (3HC), Milo B (3HC), Zara J (NUR)



## Dates For Dairy

26/27.11.19 - Parents Evening 30.11.19 - Christmas Fayre

03/04.12.19 - Reception Hearing Tests

10.12.19 - Planetarium Visit Y3&5

12/13.12.19 - Songs around the Christmas Tree

16/17.12.19 - KS1 Nativity play

18.12.19 - Christmas Jumper day and Christmas dinner 19.12.19 - REC - YR 6 Pantomime

# What have we been up to this fortnight?

#### Nursery

This week, the children have been learning about people who help us, playing 'Vets' in the role play area and learning to care for the sick animals, learning body parts and making our own x-ray skeletons as doctors in the creative area, using toothbrushes to clean the giant teeth on the messy table and putting out fires in the garden with our water hoses and firefighter's hats!

#### Reception

We have had a very busy week in Reception exploring feelings as we shared the story 'The bear and the scary night'. We have been talking about similarities and differences and recognising that we are all special as we celebrate friendship week and children in need. We enjoyed helping to raise money during the cake sale and decorating biscuits.

#### Year 1

How exciting! Miss Holmes found this old scrap in the Worcester Library and we are in the middle of investigating what it is, where it's from and who wrote it. We concluded that it is old because it's dirty and that it has been burned due to the dark edges, but the rest at this point remains a mystery. Watch this space...

### Year 2

Year 2 have started a new focus in their writing this half term, looking at traditional tales. We have been working hard on detailed description to help our readers imagine the scenes and characters we are describing. We've had great fun this week exploring a super book recommended to us by our reading guru, Miss Holmes, called 'Goldilocks and Just One Bear' by Leigh Hodgkinson. It is a real twist on the traditional story, as it's Goldilocks's house that is visited by a bear! The children have been preparing their own versions of the story ready for writing this week and will soon move on to creating a brand new version of another 'alternative' traditional tales. Watch this space!

## LB1

The weeks are passing by so quickly in the Language Base as we fill our days with creativity, find opportunities for talk and deepen our learning in a variety of ways.

LB1 have continued to explore Festivals around the World, including our most recent Monkey Festival help in Lopburi, Thailand. The pupils have shared their experiences of animals and made us all laugh. Monkeys have been the theme of all of our learning and we created moveable monkeys in D.T, planned a menu for a Monkey Feast amongst other 'Monkey' activities.

### LB2

LB2 have also been busy. In preparation for descriptive writing and poetry, we explored 'feely boxes,' using all our senses to describe and mind map powerful adjectives to use in our writing. We felt cold spaghetti, jam and oranges as well as some drier, smellier ingredients. Our adjectives were brilliant.

Additionally, investigating the text 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl, we have been exploring and inferring what Mr Twit's character is like to create our own written version of him including what his personality is like. We have continued our exploration of the Romans in theme, making Roman shields and helping the new recruits to kit themselves out and answer the centurions tricky questions.

What a fantastic fortnight, LB1 and 2!

## PTA Events

Friday 29th November will be a non uniform in exchange for pupil donations as follows (good chance for a clear out!):-

Nursery/Reception	Cakes (Homemade sell best!)
Year 1 & 2	Tombola - Gifts/Prizes
Years 3 & 4	Bottles - Alcohol, pop, bubble bath etc.
Year 5	Filled Christmas gift jars - Filled with anything you like
Year 6	Filled Gift bags- Filled with anything you like
LBSY & LBMS	As per year group

### Hive News

Polite reminder to all Hopper parents, if you require a Hive session please email Miss Lynch on zh65@lickeyhills.worcs.sch.uk with a list of dates and giving at least 2 weeks notice.

I have had many children asking for a return of the tuna pasta, I can happily confirm that this request has been granted, we are also trialling fish fingers wraps on Tuesdays.

Kind regards Miss Lynch