



Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Friday 20TH December 2019

I've been reflecting on what a super year we've had so far at LHPSN and the many achievements of our children and school. It's been a pleasure to welcome so many of you to our Christmas celebrations to share the children's storytelling, singing, dancing and musical talents. I was so proud to see our school values in action too: the courage of the children who found it difficult to perform in front of an audience, the confidence and joy for others. Musicians and singers who have persevered and persisted throughout the year. Empathetic writers who had their thoughtful words brought to life and the kindness of our Year 6 ambassadors in supporting our younger children. Most of all, I saw teamwork, cooperation and celebration in our unique and compassionate school community through the effort and dedication of children, teachers, PTA members, governors and parents. Thank you everyone who contributes to our wonderful school. Your support is much appreciated.

With very best Christmas wishes to each and all.

Miss Salisbury, Staff and Governors.



Attendance Award

KS1 - 1MK
95.4%

KS2 - 6CW
96.2%



Admissions

The cut off date for Nursery and Reception Admissions for September 2020 is Wednesday 15th January.

It is important that you apply by this date to Birmingham or Worcestershire website, depending on you postcode. Reception applications are done online and Nursey applications can be given to the office. You can ask at the office for an application form.

Monday to Monday Routine

Not wishing to upset our children's Monday to Monday learning routine, we will be setting spelling and maths home learning this week for the first Monday back. Thank you so much for your support - our home learning is making a huge difference to the children's achievements.

Thank you Touchstones

As we reach the end of another year we would like to say thank you to Touchstones charity and Vicki who supports our school. Touchstones are a bereavement charity who support children when faced with the loss of a loved one. Vicki has supported children across our school over the past few years. One of the families she supported was one of our Year Two pupils, Esme and her brother Owen in Reception. The family, led by Mum, organised a family fun day on June 1st to mark the first anniversary of their daddy passing away. They raised over £7000 for Touchstones which will help the charity to support so many more children and families. Thank you Esme, Owen and Mum!

Mrs Williams

Golden Book Stars

Amelia (1SH)	Eleanor (5SB)	Alex E(2RF)
Otis B (6CW)	Macey (3HC)	Amber R(2RF)
London (5MS)	Poppy-Jo (5SB)	Isabel B(3HC)
Seth(5SB)	George (5SB)	Abigail F(3HC)
Harley (5ms)	Jacob(5SB)	Kyle(3HC)
Scarlet (3AS)	Ambur(3AS)	Olivia R(3HC)
Lelia (3AS)	Thomas (3AS)	Louis Mc(3HC)
Aseelah (3AS)	Elliot (3AS)	Alycia G(3HC)

Dates For Dairy

06.06.20 - Return to School
14.01.20 - Yr 6 SATS Parents Meeting
15.01.20 - Cut off for Nursery & Reception Applications
17.01.20 - 6AB Class Assembly
24.01.20 - 6CW Class Assembly
27.01.20 - Young Voices

What have we been up to this fortnight?

Nursey

Last week the children in nursery joined their friends in reception to put on an amazing Songs around the Tree Christmas performance! All the early years' staff are incredibly proud of them and we would like to say a huge well done to everyone! This week we have been carrying on our Christmas celebrations with a Christmas party, making reindeer food and have a visit from a very special guest in red on Friday! Happy Christmas everyone! 5 more sleeps!

Reception

What an amazing term we have had. Can't believe it is Christmas already. The children were amazing in their 'Songs around the Christmas tree' performance and have since enjoyed a continuation of festivities with Christmas dinner, a party, pantomime and a visit from a special someone in red! In addition we have been really busy making all kinds of things to help the elves. We hope our very own elf Alfie Jack will be sure to tell Santa how good we have been. Merry Christmas everyone!

KS1

The grown-ups in KS1 could not be prouder this week of all the Year 1 and 2 children and their wonderful Wiggly Nativity performances. Over the last few weeks, they have worked so hard to learn new songs and actions, to their practise lines and put together dances. They have thought carefully about what makes a good production and what tells a story beautifully, leaving 4 entranced audiences feeling super Christmassy. Thank you too to our families who have helped enormously by providing costumes and supporting at home. So WELL DONE to 1SH, 1MK, LB1, 2HB and 2RF - we are looking forward to seeing you in The West End some day!

KS2

Lickey Hills Goes To The Polls! To celebrate election fever, KS2 also joined in the spirit of democracy and went to vote on Thursday 12th December. Our intervention pod was turned into a Polling Pod for the morning and every child was given the chance to vote for what they thought was the best deal for our country. We held an assembly beforehand where each party had their manifesto presented. It was very exciting!

An exit poll was held where it was shown that the Labour Party and the Green Party were neck and neck! Tensions rose in the staffroom where the votes were counted and verified. The exit poll proved to be not truly accurate as the Conservative party came in a very close second to the Green Party much to the relief of many of our children. It is good to see how many of our children care about the world they are growing up in. Many thanks to all who took part.

On Tuesday 10th December Years 3 and 5 consolidated their learning this term by enjoying a visit from the Space dome. All four classes had an hour long visit each and it truly was an amazing experience as it brought all our learning to life. Year 3 were treated to a fantastic light show whilst Year 5 experienced the wonders of Earth and Space. "I found it amazing that the white light made the prism produce rainbow colours" Ambur 3AS. "It was interesting how shadows are very different to reality" Lizzie 3AS.

"We were told that if you mix light it is different than when you mix paints." Leila 3AS

"It was amazing to see how the constellations take on animal like forms in the sky and also we learned a lot about the phases of the moon. It was fantastic to see the moon brought to life in the space dome." Harry and Lottie- Rose 5SB

The children commented that they enjoyed it very much, and found it very interesting. Alycia and Isabel, spoke about how they learnt which colours are made when certain light colours are mixed together such as blue, green and red (the primary colours of light) which made white light. Also, 3HC learnt that when the sun went down the shadows got longer. Abi quoted, "It was amazing and fun!"

Language Base

The past two weeks have been lovely in both of the Language Base classes. The pupils have been rehearsing and performing in various Christmas concerts and did so with confidence, enjoyment and a real sense of pride.

LB1 were amazing in their performance of 'A Wiggly Nativity', performing a range of songs as well as making appearances on stage. Additionally, LB2 showed everyone how to sign 'We Wish you a Merry Christmas' at the church concert. Their poetry reading was so clear and beautifully read. Both classes have made their teachers extremely proud and the pupils themselves should be proud of what they have achieved.

As the Christmas festivities draw ever closer, both classes have been up to their elbows in glitter and paint creating delightful works of Christmas art to bring home. Calendars, cards as well as Christmas tree decorations were the order of the day and made the Language Base a very productive and festive place to be! LB2 have also written Christmas kennings which were presented as part of their cards. See if you can tell what the riddle is about.

The autumn term has certainly been a brilliant first term for all the staff, new and old, working within the Language Base and we are delighted to be able to teach such lovely children.

To both pupils and parents/carers linked to LB1 and 2, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Hive News

Well what a fabulous 2019 we have had in the Hive! The children really enjoy their time in the Hive and what we have done! We really appreciate the feedback that we have received throughout this year. I am excited to share with you what we have install for 2020 in the New Year!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Kind regards Zoe Lynch

