



Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Friday 17th January 2020

Happy New Year to you all from the staff and governors at LHPSN and welcome back to the spring term. We are all definitely looking forward to seeing more signs of spring as the term progresses, especially with this current grey and gloomy weather. There are plenty of green shoots at LHPSN as we start new themes and learning and settle back to our routines. Just as I'm writing this, 4SR are having a cèilidh in the school hall. This unusual word came up in their learning so as well as finding out what it meant and trying to learn how it spell it the class decided to have their own cèilidh, which is a gathering with music played by Mr Pepper on his accordion and traditional dancing. Maybe some of you, who are as ancient as me, will remember barn dancing or country dancing from your own days at school? So, as well as learning a new word to add to their growing vocabulary, 4SR can now spell the word and have enjoyed experiencing what a cèilidh might be like.

We have seen some wonderful performances and class assemblies over recent weeks and 6AB's London Calling assembly this week was exceptional. The children introduced everyone to real and imaginary characters, places and events that have taken place in the history of our capital city. We had HRH the Queen, Churchill and Queen Victoria along with inventors such as Watt and Stevenson. We saw some very energetic dancing from Mary Poppins and the chimney sweep and heard some wonderful poetry and singing. There was something for everyone from Reception onwards. I am always proud of the courage and confidence our children show in their assemblies, performing isn't for everyone but they all seem to enjoy the opportunity to share their learning and educate and inform their audience. Have a look at the school website calendar for your child's class assembly, if they haven't already done theirs, and come along and see how we teach and learn by getting active, involved and immersed in our themes.

Yours in learning

Amanda Salisbury

Head teacher



Attendance Award

KS1

1MK - 97.78%

KS2

6CW - 90%



Food Hygiene Inspection

Food hygiene - congratulations to our kitchen and site staff for another successful food hygiene inspection. Our 5 star rating is sustained again!

Congratulations Joshua and Brandon!

Brothers light up estate to help foodbank

TWO brothers in Bromsgrove have hosted a Christmas Lights Competition on the David Wilson Homes Gilbert's Lea development and the adjacent Barratt Homes development, Norton Farm after watching a collection of festive films, with the hopes of spreading joy across their local community. David Wilson Homes Merida and Barratt Homes West Midlands, each provided £100 donation to aid the organisation of the event. Mine pies, mulled wine and hot chocolate were available for residents to enjoy, along with a collection of Christmas Carols played throughout. Entries to the contest were £10, with the monies raised - £430 - being donated to local food bank, New Starts on Sherwood Road.



Connor Miller-Bond, left, and Joshua Miller-Bond, right, with their cousin and the funds they raised for New Starts

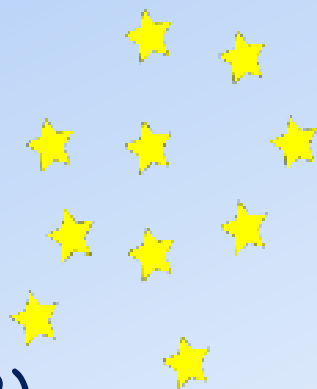
It is always good to see our children demonstrating our school values out of school. Joshua and Brandon decided to host a Christmas lights competition with the monies raised being donated to the local food bank, New Starts on Sherwood Road. The winner was chosen by a group of judges, made up of two representatives from the local church, and one representative from the charity. The children and their family raised a super £530. Well done boys for your effort and kindness.

Golden Book Stars

Connor J (1MK)

Maisie (2HB)

Benjamin H (2HB)



Dates For Dairy

24.01 - 6CW Class Assembly
27.01 - Young Voices
31.01 - 1SH Class Assembly
04.02 - GLOW Maths Session
07.02 - 2RF Class Assembly
12.02 - FAME Music Concert
13.02 - Yr2 SATs Meeting (Parent's)
14.02 - Awards Assembly
14.02 - Valentine's Disco

What have we been up to this fortnight?

Nursey

A huge welcome back to all our nursery children and families! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas! This week we have been getting involved in all sorts of gingerbread man activities as we shared the traditional tale together! The children have been making bridges to help the gingerbread man cross the river, playing in the coffee shop making all sorts of hot drinks to compliment the array of cakes and biscuits, building houses for the gingerbread man and his friends and making their own gingerbread men to take home and taste! We have also talked about the different senses and we particularly enjoyed using the ginger scented play dough and cookie cutters! We have had so much fun! We are looking forward to another traditional tale next week!

Reception

Happy New Year everyone!

Reception have settled back into setting beautifully and it's been lovely to hear all the exciting things they have got up to at Christmas. We welcome Miss Evans this term who is on a teaching placement. The children have been enjoying Julia Donaldson stories and have been describing characters in the 'Gruffalo's child'. We have even turned our reading nook into a cave! This week we have been retelling the story 'Stickman' and using sticks for all kinds of things: painting, weaving and designing stick people. We have been making boats to explore floating and sinking too.

Y1

Year 1 have begun a new adventure to discover 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We have designed our own wild thing puppets and have dreamt up and written about a place for them to live in. A place full of surprises, mysteries and maybe a chocolate river or two! Back in the real world we are looking at amazing animals, how they are grouped and where to find them.

Y2

Year 2 have had a very exciting 'launch' of their new topic for this term, Pioneers, by studying the life of Neil Armstrong. We have learnt about his fascination with both flying and the moon from an early age and his determination to have a life including both! In English, we wrote as if we were Neil, taking the first steps of any human-being on the moon and imagined what a mix of emotions we would have felt! We will be learning about many other pioneers in all fields of life over the next term, and have already begun thinking about Charles Darwin in science and his journey in The Beagle around the world. We cannot wait to study some of the habitats he visited which inspired his and our understanding of life on Earth.

KS2

Four girls in 4SR have decided to do a bake sale. All money will go to Cancer Research and Birmingham Children's Hospital. If there are any shop bought, packaged food left over it will get donated to Catshill food bank.

The children will need to bring some pocket money with them to buy the cakes, price of the cakes will vary depending on the type and size.

We are hoping that adults and children will either bake or buy cakes to bring in to school as a donation to be sold, in order to raise money for these very worthy charities.

The cake sale will be held on Valentine's Day, February 14th and perhaps these cakes could be brought by you as a gift for a loved one?

We would like to thank you in advance for your support. We hope that everyone will be able to get involved.

We would like to ask if possible that all baked and brought in products have a label attached, to inform buyers in which may have specific dietary requirements or allergies.

We would finally like to give a huge "Thank You!" to Miss Lynch and Mrs Williams for making this idea become reality.

Ready... Set.... BAKE!

Language base

LB1

Pupils within LB1 have started the new year with real gusto and their passion for learning has certainly achieved new heights. We have begun our new theme based on the texts of Julia Donaldson and have spent our Literacy lessons creating our own plays based on The Gruffalo. We have never seen so many pupils able to recite a text with nearly 100% perfection. Amazing! Please look on the LB1 news on the school website to watch the two puppet performances created.

A future event to look out for is the 'LB Open Afternoon' when the Language Base is opening its doors to the parents and carers of our pupils. The SALT team will also be available to lead their intervention sessions in order to give parents/carers an idea of what they do with our pupils. Please look out for the letter in due course.

LB2

LB wish you all a Happy New Year. We have all been working so hard that last year seems so long ago! LB2 have been studying the BFG and looking at how words are created. We have thought about root words and how certain prefixes and suffixes have meanings. We have used our knowledge to create our own words, given them definitions and created a glossary using our knowledge of how dictionaries work. We are now looking at formal and informal language and we are enjoying writing our own dream stories. In maths, we are concentrating on multiplication and division facts (which we are very good at) and have been learning new vocabulary associated with this. In theme, we have also drawn maps of KS2 as we learn new map skills. This term looks full and exciting. We look forward to seeing you at the LB open afternoon on the 7th February. More information will be sent to you later. Look out for the letter in the next few weeks.

Hive News

Happy New Year! We would like to welcome to the Hive our new play worker Michelle I know the children will make her feel very welcome. We are looking forward to celebrating Chinese New Year with some fun activities and change in menu choices. Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards Zoe Lynch.

