



Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Friday 31st January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Along with the newsletter this week, you will find the school's 'Walking to School Alone Policy' for you to read and return your information by Friday 14th February. We have reviewed our policy following updated safeguarding training and advice so please do take five minutes to read and understand what we ask of you to keep our children safe.

We had a super start to the week with 43 children from LHPSN at Young Voices, what a pleasure it was to accompany such an enthusiastic group, who clearly enjoyed the experience of singing in an arena to an audience of thousands. We've also had some fabulous assemblies sharing learning about London (6AB and 6CW) and The Great Fire (1SH) where we have been introduced to some key people from the past. I particularly enjoyed Otis and Callum's explanation of how to make a fire!

This week the world was touched by the sudden death of basketball player Kobe Bryant. Bryant was a fierce competitor who pursued excellence in everything he did, trying to get the best out of others and helping them to be their best selves. Just like Bryant, at LHPSN we aim to ensure our school community makes a positive impact on others and that our pupils aspire to be their best selves.

Miss A. L. Salisbury

Head Teacher



Attendance Award

1MK	97.8%
1SH	96.6%
2HB	99.3%
3AS	94.8%
3HC	97.1%
4SR	91.3%
4CM	92.4%
5MS	99.2%
5SB	97.5%
6AB	98.3%
6CW	97.3%



School Information

All school events including class assemblies are published on the front page of our website under 'Events Calendar' for homework and spellings please see your child's class page.

Valentines Disco

Tickets are still available for the Valentines Disco on Friday 14th February. These can be purchased through ParentMail.

We look forward to seeing you!



Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week is now in its sixth year. The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is 'Find your Brave'. Life is all about taking small brave steps every day. Bravery could be about sharing worries and asking for help when you need it, trying something new or making the right choices. Life often throws us challenges. Bravery isn't about coping alone or holding things in. It's about finding positive ways to deal with things that might be difficult, overcoming physical and mental challenges and looking after yourself. Place2be have created a range of age-appropriate top tips for pupils and parents. The free resources will help children and young people explore what it means to be brave.

More information and resources can be found here: <https://www.childrens-childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/schools>

More resources can be found on the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families website here: <https://www.annafreud.org/what-we-do/schools-in-mind/resources-for-schools/>

Golden book stars



Harry (RJR)	Darcy (RJR)	Mia(3AS)	Alice(3AS)	Ambur(3AS)
Orla(3AS)	Sienna (3AS)	Eva(3AS)	Aseelah(3AS)	Scarlett(3AS)
Jacob(3AS)	Phoebe(3AS)	Jessica(3HC)	Alycia(3HC)	Lennie(3AS)
Elliot(3AS)	Jack(3AS)	Jemima(3HC)	Brooke(3AS)	Jacob (3HC)
Isabella(4CM)	Asavari(4SR)	Eva(4SR)	Taryn(4SR)	Ariyana(4SR)
Molly(4CM)	Holly(4SR)	Olivia(4SR)	Abigail(4SR)	Sophie(5MS)
Katie(5SB)	Lily(5SB)	Phoebe(5MS)	Thomas(5SB)	Erin(5MS)
Caitlin(6CW)	Ewan(6CW)	Ella(6CW)	Isobel(6CW)	Olivia(6CW)
Lucas(6CW)	Otis(6CW)	Toby(6CW)	Oliver(6AB)	Sophie(6cw)

Dates for Dairy

03.02 - Reception eye test
05.02 - KS1 Achievement Assembly's
06.02 - KS2 Achievement Assembly's
12.02 - FAME music concert
13.02 - YR2 SATs meeting
14.02 - Award assembly
14.02 - Valentine's Disco

What have we been up to this fortnight?

Nursery

This week the children in Nursery have been enjoying reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have been on an exciting bear walk, using our senses and listening to the natural sounds in the outdoors. We have been using the three bears as a focus to practice our counting and ordering. We have been practicing our cutting skills too!

Reception

Let it snow!

Reception are having wishful thinking for some snow this week to bring our learning alive as we develop into our wintery theme. We are exploring instructions looking at how to build a snowman and exploring ice as well as subtracting using snowballs. We even have a non-seasonal ice cream shop as chosen by the children embracing the cold theme.

YR 1 & YR 2

Year 1 and 2 children have had a really busy week!

Year 1's have been making 'Wild Thing' hand puppets in DT, to go along with their 'wild writing', where they have been using new skills, including the suffixes 'ing' and 'ed'. The children have also been using "!" and "?" To vary their sentences. Year 2 children have also been improving their writing by combining an ever increasing range of skills. They have prepared and created superb recounts of Neil Armstrong's life, using conjunctions, prepositions and expanded noun phrases! What a wonderful week of writing!

KS2

Year 6 have had a very exciting start to 2020 with the introduction of their new theme, 'London'. In literacy, we have started studying Shakespeare's play, 'Macbeth', and will soon be writing our very own versions of the opening scene! We will also be reading a new class text, 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty, which focuses on what life was like in Victorian London. Furthermore, we have been very busy over the last three weeks preparing for our class assemblies in which the children had a fantastic opportunity to showcase not only their learning but also their many talents, which ranged from dancing, singing and even beatboxing! 6AB's 'London Calling' assembly took us on an exhilarating journey on the Underground to some of the city's most iconic locations while introducing us to many of the historic and literary figures that call London home. Similarly, 6CW's 'Take Me Back to London' assembly looked at some of the moments that have defined the nation's capital in recent years. We would like to extend our thanks to all the parents for their ongoing support at home, from rehearsing lines to helping design some fantastic costumes. We are extremely proud of all the Year 6's for their hard work and dedication. We can't wait to start working on our summer production with this talented bunch!

We would also like to congratulate the KS2 Young Voices choir on their outstanding performance on Monday night at Resorts World, Birmingham. You were all superb, thank you again for all of your hard work throughout the year - we are all extremely proud of you!

Language Base

LB1

LB1 have been continuing with their exploration of Julia Donaldson texts, including The Gruffalo's Child and Zog. We have created role play drama shows as well as designing a new character to appear in the story as part of Zog's class. We then used the idea to design our own biscuits using a range of skills to decorate the biscuit as a dragon. Our Year 1's have spent a lot of time with 1SH preparing for and presenting 1SH class assembly. The LB1 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their time with 1SH and were made to feel part of the class. Thank you Miss Holmes. Finally, although a long time away, LB1 have been introduced to the song, 'The Mighty Jungle' as preparation for their class dance for a SEND event to be held in April. We explored rhythm using percussion instruments and played beats linked to the music. The pupils loved the choice of song and now cannot wait for Miss Troth's wonderful dance routine. Please keep your eye on the LB1 blog as we update with progress of our performance.

LB2

Chinese New Year was celebrated with lanterns and riddles, multiplication mosaics and art in LB2. Most lanterns went home and we hope that you enjoyed working out the riddles. We have now finished looking at the BFG and have created our own dream jars full of a mix of ideas. Our next book is the "Just So Stories" by Rudyard Kipling. This week, we have found out who Kipling was and what he wrote. We have listened to a number of "Just So Stories" and are now poised to write our own. Our words of the week have all come from the story 'How the Camel Got It's Hump' - he was excruciatingly idle. What difficult words to say! In maths, we have been busy with two step word problems and our grammar task has been on inverted commas.

A last reminder also of the Language Base Open events to all parents and carers of LB pupils next Friday, 7th February from 2pm. Please return your reply slip so that we can have an idea of numbers. Thank you.

The Hive

We celebrated the Year of the Rat by tasting new Chinese things, making some bright and colourful pieces of artwork and acting out shows, the children also have been busy making these long tailed creatures! I really hope that they tasted as amazing as they looked. Well done children!

Our Hive Homework Club has started and has been a hit with some of our children. Staff are praising and encouraging the children to attend the club in the Pod daily. When your child attends Homework Club ten times or more they will get to choose a reward!

We are looking forward to our first Top Table of 2020 next week, I wonder which 30 children will be chosen for this special treat?

Kind regards Zoe Lynch

