



Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Friday 14th February 2020

It's been lovely to see so many of you in and around school again sharing your children's learning through class assemblies, music concerts, Language Base parents open afternoon and the Year 2 and 6 SATs workshops to name just a few. We enjoy working with you to support your children's learning and appreciate your attendance where you can. Our priorities this year are to improve accuracy and fluency in reading, number bonds and times tables. You will see this in the homework and reading homework expectations. As I've said before homework is like Marmite - love it or not! However, I'm so pleased to see that the vast majority of our children are now managing to record their reading at least three times a week, completing and handing in homework on time. This has really improved since we made changes in September. For those of you still finding this a challenge please take a look at the school's Early Help offer poster which is included in this ParentMail. It's a good reminder of how we can signpost you to help and support with the challenges that family life brings. Through this offer we can support you with behaviour, homework refusals, late arrivals, difficulties managing loss, health concerns and nurture. Please do not hesitate to contact the school and ask for myself, Mrs Williams or Miss Lynch, we are all able to support so our children feel safe, happy and able to achieve. Yours in learning,

Amanda Salisbury
Headteacher



Attendance Award

1MK	91.15%
1SH	93.49%
2HB	95.56%
2RF	96.67%
LB1	100%
3HC	97.22%
3AS	97.85%
4CM	92.53%
4SR	96.67%
5MS	96.76%
5SB	96.30%
6AB	96.14%
6CW	97.47%
LB2	82.10%



Parking

A big thank you to those of you who park considerately and think about our neighbours and road safety too. We have heard recent reports of some people forgetting this. Don't forget that members of the public in Bromsgrove are able to send digital photographs of dangerous or inconsiderate parking outside schools directly to their Safer Neighbourhood Teams via a dedicated email address

OperationLollipop@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

When you next visit our main office reception please welcome our newest member of the admin team, Miss Brown. She is working with us as an apprentice through Worcestershire County Council. It's a pleasure to work with her and we are all delighted to have the opportunity to support and work alongside young people making a start to their careers in all areas of our school community.

Reading

Reading is a very high priority at LHPSN and books are at the heart of our curriculum. A child who reads and discusses books daily, increases their vocabulary by approximately five times compared to a child who does not.

Thank you for supporting your child by reading with them every day. It really is vital for their development in all areas.

Don't Forget Your Homework!

Reading - a minimum of three times a week read with your child, signature required on reading record books (KS1) record sheets (KS2).

Phonics and Spelling - daily practice, little and often
Maths - To be super successful, children will need to have quick and accurate mental recall of number facts and bonds in KS1 and times tables and associated division facts for KS2.

Year 6 - preparation for the end of primary assessments SATs

Year 3 and 4 - new statutory times table tests at the end of Year 4 up to 12x12

Worcestershire Poetry

Worcestershire's poetry competition to find our next Young Poet Laureate is back for 2020. We hope there are lots of LHPSN applications! The competition which aims to inspire a new generation to enjoy, discover and share all things poetry, is open for entries from now until 8th March.

The competition now accepts entries from 8 to 18 year-olds in three age categories, 8-11, 12-15 and 16-18. All entrants are asked to send in two poems; one on the subject of 'Identity,' and another on a subject of their choice. A winner from each age category and an overall winner crowned Worcestershire's Young Poet Laureate will be chosen at a live final, on 29 March at The Hive in Worcester. On the day of the final there will be performance coaching with the host and well-known poet, Spoz.

A poster is attached with the newsletter. Poems can be sent by email, text or video. For more information see www.worcestershire.gov.uk/youngpoet.

Golden Book Stars

Eve J(6CW)	Harry W(5SB)	Thomas C(5SB)
Wilfred E(5SB)	James H(5SB)	Zak G(3AS)
Isabella T(3HC)	Hunter H(LB1)	Harry C(RJR)
Darcy C(RJR)	Erin B(5MS)	Amber T(5SB)
Ruby K(5MS)	Freddie I(2RF)	Joey W(2RF)



Dates For Dairy

24.02 - Return to school
25.02 - Reception eye tests
28.02 - 5MS Class assembly
03.03 - Parents evening
04.03 - Parents evening
05.03 - World book day
13.03 - Sports Relief

What have we been up to this fortnight?

Nursey

In nursery this week, we have been enjoying celebrating valentines day. We have talked about people we love, books we love, things we love to do and eat! The children have enjoyed making and exploring jelly in the messy tray. We have also danced and listened to our valentine songs to the tune of BINGO the dog! We listened to a story in Welsh and have made angel delight using measuring jugs and spoons. What a lovely way to finish off the half term! Happy holidays everyone!

Reception

Reception have loved learning all about penguins this week as we shared 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. We talked about the different characters feelings as we recognised mental health week and finding your brave. We then explored how to look after ourselves if we are feeling worried and made our own worry dolls from the story Silly Billy.

YR1

In Year 1 the children have continued their work inspired by a lovely book, 'Where the Wild Things Are'. In English, they have been creating their own wild places, with the theme of fantasy islands. After labelling their own drawings with captions, they moved on to writing descriptive paragraphs. Even their science has taken on a 'Wild Things' theme, as they have been grouping animals.

YR2

Year 2 have carried on learning how pioneers have changed the world we now know. After studying Neil Armstrong's life, we discovered how Mary Annings's explorations along the Dorset coast completely changed our understanding of prehistoric life through the fossils she found. This week, we have been reading 'Malala's Magic Pencil' in which Malala Yousafzai described how she stood up to those preventing girls from going to school. We were really inspired by her words, "One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world." We are wondering what sort of pioneers our children will be.

KS2

Year 3 have had a great start to the spring term, learning all about the Savage Stone Age! They have been creating some fantastic "woolly mammoth" shaped poetry in literacy, as well as interesting and informative non-chronological reports in groups, which they enjoyed sharing with the rest of the class. They have also created their own Stone Age cave drawings in art, using charcoal and oil pastels to depict a variety of Stone Age animals and hunting scenes. The children have recently tested out a Stone Age bread recipe making their own Stone Age loaves, although some were a little too crusty and Miss Smith and Mrs Cupper couldn't cut into them!

The children have built their own mini version of Stonehenge out of biscuits, which I'm sure was a lot easier and tastier to build than the real Stonehenge!

In maths they have been learning all about fractions, from adding and subtracting fractions, to using fraction walls to find equivalent and the simplest fractions. After half term we will be moving onto our next maths topic which is money.

Cake Sale for cancer research

The Year Four 'star bakers' who came up with the idea to sell cakes on Valentines day raised an amazing £334! Thank you so much to these inspirational girls and to everyone who brought in donations of cakes and money to spend on them. We also had a large box of unopened, shop brought cakes leftover which we will drop off at the food bank after school today.


Well done Taryn, Eva, Sophia, Jessica, Holly, Ariyana, Asavari, Olivia and Abigail!

Language Base

Language base opened their doors to parents and carers of language base pupils last Friday. They were treated to a variety of communication activities led by both the speech and language therapists and the class teachers. The pupils really enjoyed having their parents and carers present, sharing their school environment and showing off their listening and language skills. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. Please look out for future events.

Dizz Kids is an activity group for children aged 5 - 19 years old, with Dyspraxia/ development co-ordination disorder. The club is on Thursday evenings from 5:45 - 6:45pm at Perdiswell Leisure Centre.

If you're interested you can find contact details on this poster.




DIZZ KIDZ

Activity Club for 5-19 year olds with Dyspraxia / development coordination disorder

When: Thursday evenings 5:45pm - 6:45pm

Where: Perdiswell Leisure Centre

For further information contact Helen
Phone: 07974 846 961
Email: dizzkidzteenz@gmail.com



DYSPRAXIA FOUNDATION
International Dyspraxia Society

The Hive

We have had a lovely half term! The children have been very busy thinking of some new play/toy ideas for the Hive. We are excited for the lighter nights that are just around the corner... this will mean more outdoor play.

Next term we will be introducing 'Fun Food Friday!' The children will have the opportunity to suggest what they would like to eat on a Friday. There will be a suggestion box on the Hive register table for the children to put in their idea's. These will be picked at random for the following week.

We have many things to look forward to next term ... have a lovely half term break.

Kind regards
Zoe Lynch

