



Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Friday 6th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had another excellent week celebrating our new learning. World Book day gave everyone an opportunity to find and share their favourite books and what a great variety of genres we saw; comics, story books, poetry, fiction books on historical events, people and places as well as some beautiful picture books. Thank you also to Eleanor's Grandpa Dave (4SR) who donated a beautiful nature book and our mystery donor who left two carrier bags full of almost new books for upper key stage two!

We had two successful parents' evenings this week sharing some of the children's hard work and efforts and of course, those all-important next steps in reading, writing and maths. Thank you to everyone who attended.

This week a small group of Year 4 children, Mrs Pennant and I visited Bromsgrove School to participate in a Health and Wellbeing project. Research shows that preventative early action in the school environment including physical activity will develop a far greater awareness of mental health issues for children. Our newly appointed Well Being Champions are planning assemblies and projects to share across the school as they came away from the morning with lots of ideas to share and an understanding of how to inform others to manage everyday feelings of worry and anxiety. Linked to this, 1MK shared a super assembly this morning about being the best version of yourself - which is exactly what we encourage everyone at LHPSN to do!

Kind regards,

Amanda Salisbury
Head teacher



Attendance Award

YR1	99.30%
YR2	93.20%
YR3	95.70%
YR4	95.25%
YR5	93.45%
YR6	96.24%



Ask for help

Asking for help is a strength not a weakness

MIND - www.mind.co.uk

NSPCC - www.nspcc.org.uk

Womens Aid - www.womensaid.org.uk

Working Families - www.workingfamilies.org.uk

Netmums - www.netmums.com/support

Action for Children - www.actionforchildren.org.uk

Home Start - www.home-start.org.uk

National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247 (run in partnership with Women's Aid and Refuge)

Fabulous Fund Raising!

Here are our wonderful bakers who raised an amazing £334 for cancer research thanks to your kind donations of cakes.



Lizzie and Laila raised a wonderful £264 for Marie Curie, selling Daffodil pins. Well done girls!



Book Recommendation

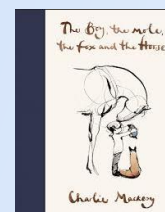
Dear Parents,

I would just like to take this chance to share with you this really lovely book I recently came across.

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse is a fantastic book with quotes and thought provoking pages in to share with other adults and children alike.

If you know anyone or have any children who are often angry, anxious or struggle with attachment or are simply having a bit of a hard time at the moment, this beautiful book is a great conversation starter and lovely to share. I've shared pages with KS1 already and many of our staff at school have also bought it and enjoyed it and its message. If you buy it, I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

Miss Holmes
KS1 Reading Lead



Attendance

Our School target for attendance is 96%

Did you know that even just 15 minutes late for school each day is the same as missing two weeks of school over a year!

Golden Book Stars

Alex E (2RF)	Joshua J(3AS)	Oscar M(2HB)
Imogen O(6AB)	Leyla N(1SH)	Olivia C(6CW)
Erin B(5MS)	Amber T(5SB)	Ruby K(5MS)
Freddie I(2RF)	Phoebe F(1MK)	Caitlin B(6CW)
James P(2HB)	Esme R(2HB)	Joey W(2RF)
Katie R(5SB)	Szymon(LB2)	Jonathan R (6AB)
Harry W(5SB)	Rio D(5MS)	Eva F(4SR)
Harrison P(4CM)	Tate L(3HC)	Eva S(3AS)



Dates For Dairy

12.03 - KS1 SATs meeting 5pm
13.03 - Reception class assembly
13.03 - Sports Relief
16.03/19.03 - YR5 bikeability
16.03 - School nurse Reception and YR 6
20.03 - EYFS Mother's day event
23.03/26.03 - YR6 bikeability
27.03 - Nuture Tea/coffee morning
27.03 - PTA pub quiz

What have we been up to this fortnight?

Nursey

Last week we went pancake mad in Nursery! The children really enjoyed playing with the flour and sieves in the messy tray and made lots of pancakes for their friends in the role play, Mr Wolf's Kitchen. We even made and ate real pancakes with different toppings and sauces, and lots of children had seconds and thirds! This week the children learned about St David's day and joined in our World Book Day celebrations! We shared our favourite stories with our friends and some of the children even wrote their own book!

Reception

Reception have really enjoyed the story 'Mr Wolfs pancakes' and have been finding half of shapes including pancakes as well as finding half of objects. Also, we are really impressed by the children having a go at writing on our own to describe how to make pancakes. This week recognises World Book Day and it has been lovely to share favourite stories, snuggled in our pyjamas. We have also been further exploring stories by one of our favourite authors: Julia Donaldson.

KS1

The children in KS1 have come back to school raring to go for another exciting half term of learning in and outside of school! Thank you so much to our families for supporting their children in producing some really fantastic home learning this half term. It's not too late to look at some of the projects on offer on our class web pages.

YR1

In school, Year 1 were very excited to receive letters in the post and sentences to unscramble which gave clues about a new traditional tale to study in English. It appears there are more wild animals to discover in Little Red Riding Hood! My, what good detective skills you have children, and we are really looking forward to reading your versions of this story! Year 1 have also began looking at the beautiful jungle scenes of French artist, Henri Rousseau as well as exploring the wildlife of other countries around the world.

YR2

It's all about animals in Year 2 as well! The children are studying the fantastic book, 'Wanted: The Perfect Pet' by Fiona Robertson. What Henry wanted more than anything in the whole wide world, even more than chips, was a dog... only Year 2 are creating their own stories with their own favourite pets! Do ask them to explain why they've made their choices! They are also studying a pioneer of children's poetic stories, Julia Donaldson. Which is your favourite of her characters?

KS2

KS2 newsletter piece, written by children (5MS).

We, 5MS have been learning about the Amazon rainforest. The Amazon Rainforest is the biggest rainforest in the world, there are an estimated 390 billion trees in it, which is more than the stars in the Milky Way. This is why it is known as the lungs of the Earth. We have been learning about the four layers of a rainforest and the animals that live there. The forest floor, the understorey, the canopy and the emergent layer. In art, we have created some oil pastel and chalk paintings of an animal from the Amazon and created a colour wheel different shades of green to represent the colours found in the Amazon. In literacy, we researched an animal of our own choice in pairs and wrote a non-chronological report and then a poem about this animal after reading 'Tyger Tyger' by William Blake. In theme, we really enjoyed making salt dough into the shape of South America, detailing the geographical features and painting it after it had dried. We also hope you enjoyed our class assembly last Friday.

By Ruby, Freya, Ailbe, Phoebe, Rio, Izzy and Hannah.

Thanks,

Language Base

LB1

LB1 have continued to explore the texts of Julia Donaldson, focusing on the relatively new text of The Detective Dog. All pupils have enjoyed the characters and the storyline, using it as a stimulus for both their speaking and listening as well as writing skills. Within Music, LB1 have begun their preparations for their SEND Dance Festival. Miss Troth has taken charge of the dance and motivated the pupils to inject some of their own individual style into it.

LB2

LB2 have completed their 'Just So' stories and have compared them to the text by Ted Hughes - 'How the whale became.' We are now writing information texts on our chosen animals with Goldfish being the particular favourite. In theme, we are continuing to study China and are currently using our creative juices to design and build an enormous Chinese Dragon. Maths has focused on conveying data through graphs.

The Hive

We are loving the lighter mornings and evenings and I am sure you are all too. It really makes a difference to us early risers and late finishers. We are enjoying going back out on the playground after tea now and getting lots of fresh air.

The children came up with some great ideas for 'Fun Food Friday' and what a yummy start we had... cheese burgers and fries! It was lovely to have a special guest for our first trail of this new event... Miss Salisbury came and enjoyed one with us too! We are all talking about what this Friday will be.

Also well done to all of the children who have been on the 'Top Table' this week. You are all superstars and it has been spotted by the Hive staff!

