



Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Wednesday 31st March 2021

Dear Families,

Children and staff at LHPSN are passionate about developing a whole school love of reading and writing. This term we have been slowly but surely reviewing our reading and class library books and replenishing our stocks. With some very kind financial donations by parents we have been able to purchase new reading materials for children to enjoy and learn from. Despite World Book Day being quite different in school this year, we still managed to raise £401 from the Virtual Book Fair which was organised by Mrs Henman (Freddie Y1) along with Miss Holmes and Mrs Brooks. Thank you Mrs Henman (who very kindly donated all of her hard earned commission to the school) and to everyone who purchased books. Reading and the ability to read is the greatest gift we can give our children, it unlocks everything and provides access to everything. Last week I spent some time listening to Reception classes read, what a joy to see them decoding, sounding out, segmenting and blending and then the excitement of reading and understanding the simple stories. It took me back to reading with my own daughter night after night during her early years and the huge amount of patience, encouragement and perseverance needed by both of us! It's all worth it in the end though, we still spend a lot of time talking about and swapping books, when we can and she's introduced me to the wonderful world of audible (other apps are available) where I can listen to a good book on the move! Recently the DfE published the national report for England from the 'international early learning and child well-being study' (IELS). It found that parents helping children to read words and sentences, and having back-and-forth conversations leads to not only better literacy but also better regulation: the ability to cope with stress, to think before acting, persist at an activity, follow directions, remain calm, and control their impulses. I hope you find some time over Easter to immerse yourself in a good read and to share a story or two with your children.

Happy Easter,
Miss Salisbury



Tina Russell, Interim Chief Executive of Worcestershire Children First has written an open letter to Children and Young People, Parents, Carers, Families and Partners https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/news/article/2483/a_message_to_children_young_people_residents_and_workers_of_worcestershire_from_tina_russell and Dr. Kathryn Cobain, Director for Public Health in Worcestershire a message to the residents and workers of Worcestershire, which you may like to read.

School Absence Line

If your child is not attending school due to an illness this should be reported through the absence line and not by emailing the school office.

Joke Competitions

The winners of this year joke competition is... **4HC** with:

I told my sister I had a car made out of spaghetti - she didn't believe me, until I drove PASTA

Governors

As we approach the end of the Spring term, all the Governors would like to say a huge thank you to the parents and carers, your children and all the staff at Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery. Everyone has made a tremendous effort to support the children to continue learning under the pandemic restrictions and then, from the 8th March, being able to return to the school. It is very much appreciated and we hope that your children are enjoying being back in school, seeing their friends and teachers, and being able to continue their learning together.

You will hopefully have seen our recent Parent Governor recruitment drive. Thank you to all who have stepped forward, your pen portraits were impressive and we look forward to welcoming the successful Parent to our Governing Body and working with them.

We know that the last year is likely to be one of the most challenging we have all faced. We know that the staff have continued to do everything possible to help all our children and our school thrive and build resilience throughout. As Governors, we will continue to support them in all that they do. We wish you all a very happy and well deserved Easter break. Fingers crossed for some lovely weather!

Golden Book Stars

Arlo C (2HB)
Kane J(RJR)
Gabriel J(RJR)
Alexia B(RHB)
Finley B(2RF)
Martha S(3AS)
Libby M (5MS)
Eva F (5SB)

Ella R (RHB)
Barnaby E(RJR)
Zara J(RHB)
Finley M(2HB)
Mia C(2RF)
Scarlett S(4MW)
Thomas C(6CW)
Taryn B(5SB)

Amber H(RJR)
Olivia K(RHB)
Coen K(RHB)
Riley W(LB1)
Patrick RF(2HB)
Abbie H(4HC)
Rio DG(6AB)
Nyla CW(5SB)

Jenson R(RHB)
Ava J(RHB)
Vinnie K(RHB)
Martha N(1SH)
Isabelle C(3HC)
Bobby B(5SB)
Freddie E(LB2)
Holly M(5SB)



Dates for Diary

01.04 - TED Day
19.04 - All children return to school
14.05 - Year 6 Celebration Day
27.05 - Awards assembly KS1
27.05 - Awards assembly KS2
28.05 - TED day
07.06 - All children return to school

What have we been up to this fortnight?

Nursery

Spring has sprung in Nursery! The children went on a walk on the field looking for signs of spring. The children worked in pairs with their checklists and pens. We found flower buds, birds and birds nests high up in the trees, we also found daisies and green leaves. We had fun on the field and then we returned to Nursery to have a cup of hot chocolate to warm us up.

Reception

This week Reception have been enjoying finding out what Easter is, why we celebrate it and what traditions some families may have at Easter. We have made Easter cards, done some craft and we have been on an egg hunt around our Early Years Building. It was super fun looking for plastic eggs in some really tricky places but it was even better eating the chocolate eggs inside them. We hope you all have a super Easter and manage to have lots of fun!

Year 1

What a busy week year 1 have had! We have been trying to pull together all we have learned so far about writing to showcase our wonderful sentences about 'The Great Fire of London'.

We have also had a go at using charcoal in art this week, to draw the black and white wooden houses from the 1600s and depict the smokey scenes of London in 1666. We have learned how this significant event led to the invention of the fire brigade and we spoke about when you would call 999 if you needed help!

Year 2

Spring is here and our Year 2's have certainly been springing into action over the last three weeks back at school. We've been busy across the curriculum, but have particularly enjoyed our English lessons recently. We've been reading a brilliant book called, 'Traction Man is here' by Mini Grey about a toy superhero who has the most fantastic adventures around the house - rescuing the farm animals from the Evil Pillows, saving the dolls from Wicked Professor Spade and so on! The children have been inspired to write magnificent descriptions of Traction Man and to create their own wonderful adventures. Maybe over Easter they'll take toys of their own to mysterious places! If you hear a muttering of, "Teddy is zooming towards the Dreadful Rug of Doom to save the desperate shoes from a nasty demise..." you'll know why!

KS2

This week sees the end of our Bikeability courses for this year. Over the last 3 weeks, children from Years 4, 5 and 6 have completed either their Level 1 or Level 2 course and have absolutely loved their experiences. We had the pleasure of the visiting instructors commend all of our pupils, they believed our children had been some of the best listeners and well-mannered pupils that they have delivered training to.

This makes us incredibly proud of the children that took part in the last few weeks for representing our school in a wonderful way. Well done to everybody involved and we look forward to more children being able to participate in Bikeability next year.

Mr Brewer and Mrs Room

Language Base

Pupils within the Language Base have continued to be brilliant. They have all worked extremely hard this half term and we couldn't be prouder. We hope everyone has a lovely rest over the Easter break and we look forward to welcoming them back on Monday, 19th April.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs Pennant, who will be getting married over the Easter break. When we return back she will be called Mrs Lewis.

The Hive

This week we have been celebrating Easter early. The children have been creating and crafting, whilst enjoying some Easter treats.

Now that the weather has changed we are spending more time outdoors. When we come back after Easter hopefully we will be able to eat alfresco!

Have a lovely Easter break !

