



Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

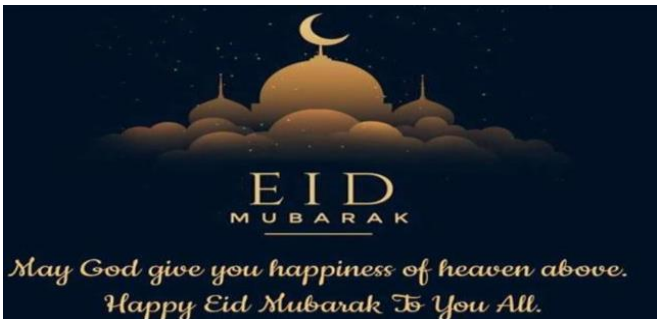
Friday 14th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

We are excited this week as the Government has agreed for school visits and residential to go ahead. Year 6 can finally get excited about PGL in June (maybe they will stay drier this year, we usually go in October!) and teachers are busy planning days out bellboating (Year 4) and the Botanical Gardens (Year 2) as we speak. We're aiming to have everyone out on a visit before we finish the year. We have planned our sports days and the reserve days (wet weather planning) and will share these dates once we can confirm that spectators can attend safely. We can't wait to welcome you back but of course we must proceed with care and following the guidance. Last week we had a super Number Day with plenty of spots, stripes and patterns before our eyes, thank you for sending your children in some super outfits and for the kind donations to the NSPCC. We used the day to introduce our Can-Do-Kangaroo who reminds us of our values of resilience through perseverance and taking responsibility for our learning and behaviour. It was a great day and as well as helping us with our maths, our teamwork and cooperation skills were also in demand! Remember, May is National Walking Month - ask your children about the benefits of walking, we've been working really hard to learn about how and why walking is good for your body and brain and especially for your well being and mental health.

Have a safe and happy weekend,

Kind regards,
Miss Salisbury



Governing Body Questionnaire

As of this afternoon all parents have been sent a Governing Body Questionnaire, only one survey per family is required to be filled out. You will find this on your ParentMail app.

Summer events

We will update you on all summer term events, as and when the government guidelines are realised following the announcements.

Number Day

Thank you so much to all of our children and staff for their enthusiasm and engagement with the NSPCC's Number Day last Friday. Everyone looked fantastic dressed up for digits - with some really inventive uses of number, pattern and geometry to enrich our day. The children took part in a huge range of maths based activities across the curriculum. You would have seen tape measures and stopwatches out in PE, Mondrian in art, number stories in English, capacity in science and much more! We raised an incredible £318.00 for the NSPCC - thank you! We were also really excited to introduce our Maths Mascot, The Can-Do Kangaroo, who helps us remember our growth mind-set. These messages will feature in all our mathematical learning, reminding us it is ok to make mistakes and to have a 'Yes You Can' attitude!

Mrs Bowen and Mr Brewer, Maths Leads



Golden Book Stars

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| Freya H(5SB) | Eren H(RJR) | Dhanvi A(RHB) |
| Harry T(RHB) | Evan M(RHB) | Orla B(RJR) |
| Ava J(RHB) | Isla M(RJR) | Mason T(RHB) |
| Gabriel H(RHB) | Ayla H(RJR) | Harper K(RJR) |
| Lola MS(RJR) | Jessica R(RJR) | Oscar M(RJR) |
| Jenson R(RJR) | Astrid M(RHB) | Nancy B(RHB) |
| Finn W(RHB) | Nellie HM(RHB) | Owen O(RHB) |



Date for Diary

21.05 - PTA School Event
27.05 - Awards Assembly KS1
27.05 - Awards Assembly KS2
28.05 - TED day
07.06 - All children return to school
11.07 - Class photographs

What have we been up to this fortnight?

Nursery

The nursery children have continued investigating the superpowers of mini-beasts through the stories of Eric Carle with The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Very Busy Spider and The Bad-Tempered Ladybird. The children have been using the stories to develop their counting and number ordering. They have also had fun creating their very own busy spider and ladybird finger puppets.

Reception

Reception have had so much fun with the arrival of two eggs in the setting. We have all been anticipating the hatching with huge excitement and finally they have cracked. We now have two dinosaur friends, now we have to agree on their names. We have since been digging and creating dinosaur fossils, making dinosaur skeletons, enjoying a swamp and creating a dinosaur world with a volcano. We have also loved having Miss Salisbury listen to us read. She has been really impressed!

Year 1

The children have been hard at work writing a huge label for our marvellous medicine, listing all the magical ingredients and warning of what might happen if we take too much! Fingers crossed we should be able to avoid the medicine if we follow nurse Nightingale's rules of keeping ourselves and our environment clean to stop the spread of disease, as well as eating a healthy diet. We know that eating 5 portions of fruit and vegetables help keep us fit and healthy and our budding botanists can name and identify the parts of plants we eat.

Year 2

Year 2 children have had another super-busy, super-exciting fortnight with lots of fantastic learning. We can tell you all sorts of information about the heights of mountains in the Andes, compared to those in Great Britain; we can explain how seedlings emerge from germinating seeds and can describe their requirements for growth; and we can explain how to use notes and coins to go shopping! We are also absolutely delighted with our recent art project - we have made Peruvian pottery, with markings inspired by the Nasca lines (mysterious designs etched into the desert sands around 2000 years ago). We love all of our learning!

KS2

In KS2 we are really getting back into reading since we have returned to school. You will have noticed your child bringing their reading book home on a daily basis to enjoy with family at home. This has been met so enthusiastically by the children, they often share book reviews in class or have discussions with peers and their teachers as to which books are inspiring to read. Children get the chance to browse their class's book reviews and then can make a choice based on that. It is also lovely to see children bringing in their books from home and sharing these with us.

Your child's teacher will be reading a high quality text at some point in the day for everyone to enjoy. Being read to is the single most important part of a child's education and it is still just as vital in KS2. We thank you for your help in continuing to support your child's reading journey through LHPSN.

Thank you once again to parents who have donated books recently. Please send any high quality texts that your child no longer reads to us.

Best wishes, Mrs Brooks (KS2 Reading Lead)

Language Base

LB1

LB1 have continued to work extremely hard this past fortnight in all areas of their learning. We have been exploring the text The Lion Inside by Rachel Bright as a stimulus to support both our self-esteem as well as reading and writing skills. The class have loved being the scary lion and found it amusing when the lion was scared of the mouse. In Maths, we have developed our life skill of money. Your children should now be able to work of any amount costing less than 20p for Yr. 1 and £1 for Yr. 2. They will not only tell you which coins to use but possibly how much change to expect. I have no doubt that they will enjoy spending your money, so please beware!

LB2

LB2 have been hard at work on two new class books: The Tunnel and The Boy in the Girls' Bathroom. Everyone seems to be really enjoying their new books and lots of interesting hard work has gone on. Well done to our two pupils, Freddie and Matthew, who became the characters in the book and answered questions as their character. They were such good actors. Thank you also to Mally who brought in his fossils to show as part of the Year 6 Science topic. The Boys enjoyed their experiment with light and mirrors too. We have all been performers this week as we put together our dance moves to 'Sunshiny Day' - though it really hasn't been mirrored in the weather outside. For more detailed news, please read our communication letter on Friday.

Hive

Thank you to all of our parents who have requested a place at the summer club. I will be able to update you after the closing date. If you would still like to take part in the summer holiday club then please fill in the ParentMail form.

Kind regards Miss Lynch

