



# Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will know by now that the restrictions are not due to lift until Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. This means that the current arrangements for both pick-up and drop-off will continue until the end of the school year. Unfortunately, this means that we won't be able to invite parents or carers into school before September so we will continue to do all we can to avoid further closures. I know that I will have your support with this and that you will continue to follow the hands, face and space guidance in place.

Can I please remind you that school arrival times are between 8.40am and 8.50am. At 8.50am all of our gates are locked and duty staff return to classrooms to teach which means the site is not supervised after this time. Traffic, roadworks and siblings at other schools are issues many of us face on a daily basis so please ensure you give yourselves enough time to arrive promptly. From this week, the office will notify parents of any children arriving late who are allowed to walk to school by themselves (Year 5 and Year 6 only) so that you are aware of this. Thank you for your understanding.

Finally, I would like to thank parents and pupils in Year 6 for making the PGL residential visit an enjoyable and memorable experience for everyone involved. The children were a credit to home and school; conquering fears and pushing themselves out of their comfort zones in so many ways. Thank you to all staff who gave up their time to take the children and to our Year 6 children for showing what responsible, respectful and motivated young people they are.

Yours in Learning  
Miss A Salisbury



What can you learn about kindness from a lion? Could a mouse show you how to help a friend in need? Classical stories have a lot to teach us about wellbeing and mental health today, from how to help others, to showing kindness even when we are afraid. On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 11am 'We Can Be Heroes: Classical Stories for Wellbeing Today' is a live, free, 45 minute event for children aged 3-9 and their families, and part of the British Academy Summer Showcase. You will receive a recording of the story after the event. To sign up please go to: <https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/events/the-british-academy-summer-showcase/we-can-be-heroes-classical-stories-for-wellbeing-today/>

### Golden Book Stars

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|----------------|------------------|
| Cameron W(3AS) | Cyrah F(3HC)     |
| Brooke K(3HC)  | Elliot G(4MW)    |
| Isaya O(5SB)   | Scarlett S(5MS)  |
| Mya N(6CW)     | Izzy K(6AB)      |
| Azaan M (LB2)  | Riley W(LB1)     |
| Scarlet D(1MK) | Riley M(1SH)     |
| Connor J(2RF)  | Alexander M(2HB) |
| Oscar M(RJR)   | Darcey R(RJR)    |
| Ava J(RHB)     | Oliver J(RHB)    |
| Troy G(RJR)    | Harper K(RJR)    |
| Jenson R(RJR)  | Lola MS(RJR)     |
| Sophia F(RHB)  | Aurora S(RHB)    |



### Date for Diary

**22.06** - Nursery Induction Evening via Zoom  
**24.06** - Reception Inductions Evening via Zoom  
**05.07** - Reception Transition to Year 1 talk via Zoom  
**06.07** - Year 2 Transition to Year 3 talk via Zoom  
**09.07** - Reports to Parents  
**16.07** - KS1 Awards Assembly  
**16.07** - KS2 Awards Assembly  
**19.07** - Year 6 Leavers Disco  
**20.07** - Year 6 Leavers Assembly  
**20.07** - Last Day Of Term

# What have we been up to this fortnight?

## Nursery

The nursery children have loved our Superhero theme which started with the story of Elliot Jones Midnight Superhero. They enjoyed dressing up as superheroes and created their own superhero masks. We have started to learn about our five super senses beginning with the sense of sight. In maths the children created a bar chart to count the most popular eye colour using the language of most and least. The children were fascinated to see our butterflies as we released them in our nursery garden to continue their butterfly adventures.

## Reception

Reception have enjoyed zooming up into space these last few weeks, we continue to explore this new topic at home. We have been looking at characters and settings and are thinking carefully about words we can use to describe them. We have been subtracting in different ways and are exploring numbers up to 20.

## Year 1

Year 1 have worked so hard again this week. We have learned how to tell the time, and now know the terms o'clock and half past. We also have a brand new class text 'Rapunzel', but this is an oddly illustrated, dark and intriguing text, which makes us think that this may not be the typical fairy tale story that we know and love..

## Year 2

Unfortunately, the Year 2's visit to the Botanical Gardens had to be postponed this week, however, we didn't let that get in the way of having an exciting day of activities around the school. We did observational art of trees and plants out on the field and back in the classroom as well as having an exciting scavenger hunt. We also made wild, natural art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy including working as a team to make an Amazon River out of sticks. We also enjoyed a picnic on the field. Finally, we looked for minibeasts around the gardens and in the school pond. Everyone agreed that they had a brilliant day and would love to go to Lickey Hills Botanical Gardens again!

## KS2

Last week, our wonderful, brave Year 6's spent four nights away from home at PGL as part of their end of year residential trip. Having been postponed since October 2020, both Mr Brewer and I were thrilled to hear that the trip would be going ahead. Even better, the children would now have the opportunity to complete their activities in the glorious sunshine!

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed partaking in the array of activities on offer. Favourites included the exciting canoe journey down the river, the chance to score a bullseye (many of which were hit!) during rifle shooting and archery, working together to create an unsinkable raft and a ride on the formidable 'Giant Swing'. Another highlight was the PGL cuisine - Year 6 sure do have an appetite!

On behalf of all the staff that had the privilege of spending the week with your amazing children, we are so proud of everything they have achieved. We know that being away from home can be quite daunting at times (especially after the year we have just had), but we could not be more impressed with how our pupils have embraced it. We have seen phenomenal examples of teamwork, kindness and perseverance and the amount of children that have conquered their fears have blown us away. What an outstanding cohort you have become (and such brilliant role models for the rest of the school!)

We hope you have all had time to settle back into routine (and are not too exhausted) as we are very much looking forward to the events we have planned before the end of term!

Miss Williams (6CW)

## Language Base

LB1 have enjoyed a lovely two weeks of doing lots of learning outside. We have explored our strawberry plants and are so excited to see that they are growing. Maybe we shall have 5 strawberries to share! We have continued to work on our throwing and catching skills in P.E, we are beginning to recognise different positions in preparation for family games of rounder's. We have had so much fun and the team spirit continues to be extremely positive. In other learning, we have started to explore the text 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. This has prompted lots of discussion and captured the imagination of all of the pupils about life outside of LB1, brilliant!

With such glorious weather, LB2 have also taken some of their learning outside. We have launched rockets into outer space as part of our Science lessons. Our outer space was the school environment but we still reached for the stars! In P.E. we worked our batting skills for rounders as well as throwing and catching to field. We worked hard on our team work skills and the team spirit ran high. With Wimbledon just around the corner, we have started our training to be the next Andy Murray. The pupils have persevered with their racquet skills.

## Dear Parents and Carers

It was with great regret that the Hive had to close this week. Luckily the invoices for June were not sent out so we will be able to recalculate them and send them out to you as soon as possible. School seems very strange without the Hive, as you can imagine it is very quiet. We look forward to reopening on Monday the 28th June. Have a great weekend.

Miss Lynch

