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Lickey Hills Primary School & Nursery School Newsletter

Friday 11th March 2022

This week's total school attendance is 97.00%

Dear Families,

It really has been lovely to welcome so many of you into school this week for parent consultations. From your feedback, I know you appreciated the opportunity to speak to teachers face to face, see classrooms and spend time looking at your children's books, and for some of you, it was your very first time in school. It was lovely to see children and parents talking together about their learning and to see how proud the children were of their achievements. You will notice in the newsletters there are reports from the children on the visits and experiences they have had. This year we have been able to firmly commit to our 'Culture Culture' curriculum - ensuring all classes have visits or visitors each term to enhance their classroom learning. The voluntary contributions you make for these visits are very much appreciated and ensure we can extend and enrich the children's experience of the curriculum. Talking of visitors, last week during World Book day we welcomed the Right Honorable Sajid Javid into Year 6 from Westminster via Zoom. Year 6 asked him about his book choices and also asked some challenging questions about funding and government actions to help promote reading in schools and communities. I also met with Mr Belshaw, the new Principal at Waseley Hills High School, last week. I feel confident that he will bring about the changes needed to ensure our pupils transitioning to Waseley have the very best opportunities and the education they deserve.

We are a busy and productive school, so I know there has been a lot of communication to digest this week; please look out for our letters on how we can support the children and families in Ukraine and also our upcoming Red Nose day events. Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours in learning

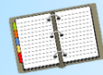
Miss A Salisbury

Headteacher



Dates for Diary

- 18.03 - 6MC Class assembly
- 25.03 - EYFS Mother's day event
- 25.03 - 5AS Class assembly
- 01.04 - Reception Class assembly
- 07.04 - KS2 Achievement assembly



Year 6 - Zoom with Sajid Javid

On Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day, Year 6 had a very special Zoom meeting with the Health Secretary - Sajid Javid! We gathered together in 6MC and took it in turns to ask questions that we had prepared in advance. Our questions were all related to Reading and we found out lots of interesting facts about the books that Mr Javid likes to read. At the start of our meeting, he dressed up with a flat cap and held his hands out like a bowl and said 'Please Sir, I want some more' which we all knew was Oliver Twist! (The very famous novel by Charles Dickens). It gave us all a good laugh and was the perfect way to break the ice. He asked us all about our t-shirts which we had made at home celebrating our favourite authors - he loved them and thought we looked amazing. We really enjoyed and appreciated the time he had spared to talk to us all and made this a very memorable World Book Day for us all.

A message from Mr Belshaw, the new Headteacher at Waseley Hills High School (Central Region Schools Trust)

I was incredibly fortunate to be invited into Lickey Hills Primary last week to meet your delightful children. It is always a real privilege to be able to visit colleagues and see how their schools operate. I was so impressed with how interested the children were in their learning and how keen they were to share this with me. Whilst at your school, Miss Salisbury kindly invited me to pen a quick introduction for Lickey Hills parents who may be considering Waseley Hills for their High School of choice. As a teacher for over 20 years I have been fortunate to work in schools from the glamour of Mansfield to the bright lights of New York City. I can honestly say, however, that I have never been so excited at the prospect of working somewhere as I am with the challenge presented by Waseley. Waseley Hills has something that many schools do not have... A group of ambitious, polite, and articulate students coupled with a community that is ambitious for the school to improve. Since November, when the school joined Central Region Schools Trust, and from when I joined in January we have been able to start to make some small changes in order to gain consistency with behaviour, we have improved our curriculum, we have developed systems to improve consistency in lessons and we have been able to recruit new staff to several key positions. Over the next 3 years we will be moving to a brand new school and will continue to improve teaching and widen the curriculum in order to give our students a wide variety of learning experiences. We hope that your children will join us over these next few years and into the future so they can be a part of what is going to be an amazing school and a fantastic journey.

Bikeability

Last week some of our children in year 4 and 5 took part in their bikeability courses. They mastered new cycling skills, including riding safely on the roads around school. The children had an amazing time and their instructors have described them as a credit to the school! A massive well done to all who took part.

World Book Day

Last week we celebrated World Book Day 2022 in style. It was wonderful to see so many different T shirts around school all uniquely designed. We held many different activities throughout the day including 'T shirt Tally' where we counted up all the different authors to see the 25 most popular ones. WBD are celebrating 25 years and it was lovely to all be together for assemblies to celebrate this. Thank you to everyone who helped design the T shirts - they helped create a real 'reading buzz' around school.

A big thank you to Mrs Henman for bringing the Usborne Book Fair into school last Friday. There was lots of interest and wish lists created. We will let you know when your books are in school.

Golden book stars



Isla C (RJR) Henry H (RJR) Joshua S (3HT) Isla T (RKG)
 Spencer R (RJR) Freddie K (RJR) Amelie R (RJR) Lucas L (RJR)
 Matthew W (LB2) Isla C (4SB) Brooke K (5AS) Layla L (4HR)
 Harry D (3HT) Isla C (3HT) Harvey K (6AB) Ranver D (6MC)
 Jessica A (6AB) Abigail H (6AB) Holly M (6AB) Connor J (3HT)
 Courtney T (4HR) Jessica L (1MK) Lily S (LB1) Jacob B (2HB)
 Billy M (1HB) Charlie M (2HB) Josie T (2SH) Kai B (2SH)
 Adam H (RJR) Theo H (RJR) Toby H (LB1) Isla T (RKG)
 Aria R (RJR) Jacob H (3MS) Ambur D (5CW)
 Didi H (RKG) Bodhi H (LB1)



Safeguarding information

Following our recent letter on how to support our children with understanding and coping with the crisis in Ukraine, here are the links we shared. You can find some excellent family guidance by clicking:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/>

<https://www.familyeducation.com/life/wars/talking-children-about-war-violence-world>

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Year 4/LB2 Trip - Roman Village

Year 4 and LB2 had a wonderful day last Tuesday exploring the Roman city at Wroxeter. We learnt that Wroxeter was the fourth largest city in Great Britain and we were lucky enough to have a tour of the remains of the bath house and explore the reconstructed town house. The 7 metre wall which looks over the whole of the surroundings is the largest piece of free standing wall in the whole of the UK! The whole day made our learning about what the Romans left in Worcestershire really come to life. The weather was beautiful and we thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Happy Birthday! (4th March - 25th March)

Martha N (2HB) James F, Sofie S (3HT) Toby B, Ariella F, Isabelle H, Ben H, Jimmy M, Finley M (3MS)

Alex E, Amelie J (4SB) Isla B (5AS) Lennie H, Rose L (5CW) Gabriel C, Harvey K, Olivia L (6AB)

Jacob D (6MC)

Bodhi H (LB1)

Corey C, Riley W (LB2) Amy B, Isla D, Theo H (RJR)

Ella P, Kaiyan S, Ollie T (RKG)



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