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# Lickey Hills Primary School & Nursery School Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

***This week's total school attendance is 94.9%***

Dear Families

As we come to another productive and enjoyable end of term for children and families, I'd like to thank you all again for working in partnership with the school during this term. Thank you particularly to the many parents who returned the Governing Board Parent Questionnaires, I have been able to spend some time this week reflecting on the successes of the school and the areas for improvement. The Governors will respond shortly with their comments and I know they will also appreciate the time and efforts you have taken to share your views. I am especially pleased to see that 96% of you say your child is happy at school and 97% of you agree that your child is being taught well.

Reading continues to be a high priority in our school so I am pleased to tell you that we continue to build on the good practice we have in place for early reading and phonics and have recently purchased a DFE validated phonics programme called 'Essential Letters and Sounds' (ELS). We believe that this programme meets the needs of our children in developing both their phonic acquisition and reading fluency so that we can meet our aim of ensuring every child at LHPSN becomes a confident reader. Your continued support with reading is still needed at home at all ages and stages of reading development so we strongly encourage you to enjoy dedicated reading time regularly and routinely with your child for a minimum of three times a week. Obviously the more reading you can do with them, the better! We have also purchased new reading books for KS2 and some new recommended reads. During the Easter break we are having even more reading areas created around the school.

Once again the children have been out and about visiting the Lickey Hills, below you can read about Year 2's visit and find out more about the multi-skills festivals KS1 and KS2 took part in this fortnight. After Easter, we look forward to starting Yoga club, Y4's Bell Boating Regatta, Y6 SATs, Young Voices and a PTA Quiz night! In the meantime, I hope you all manage to have some time off during Easter and are able to spend some special family time together eating chocolates and enjoying the spring sunshine.

Yours in learning

Miss A Salisbury

Headteacher



## Break the rules day

Terrible news! The children broke so many school rules on Friday 8th April. Children were wearing makeup, they had coloured hair, jewellery on, no one wore their uniform and to make matters worse we had children eating cake at playtime....CAKE! I hope all the children return after Easter as their usual rule following super stars. At least we raised lots of money. Thank you Year 6 and PTA for organising!

## Safeguarding

Our Family Learning courses have launched and begin after Easter. All our courses will be FREE for every parent, carer and adult in Worcestershire over the age of 19 years in our 'Your turn to learn' Campaign. Many parents have perceived barriers to learning but they don't realise that learning as an adult can improve their health and wellbeing and in turn improve their child's too. Our courses are designed to ensure we are improving their whole family outcomes in life. Attached to this newsletter are the leaflets with further details on what courses you can take part in and how to book.

Many thanks - The Adult Community Learning Team

## Year 5's walk to the Lickey's

On Friday, Year 5 went to Lickey Hills Country Park. It was freezing, but we narrowly avoided the snow! We had five different landscapes to sketch. It was incredibly fun, calm and relaxing! We really enjoyed our trip and being out in nature. We are desperate to go again!

Phoebe and Orla - 5CW

## Reminders

- A polite reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school premises.
- We have also being asked by our neighbours on High House Drive that all litter is taken home and not left on the roadside or the hedges.
- Please park considerately and not blocking our neighbour's driveways.

## Multi skills - Year 2

Last Tuesday, 1HB and 2HB had the pleasure of attending a fantastic Athletics Festival at Beaconside Primary School with other local schools. Sports leaders there had put on an enormous carousel of activities, for around 200 children! We had a go at developing skills in controlling a football, balancing bean bags in relay races, skipping, side stepping challenges, hurdles, speed stepping.... and the list goes on! All of our children had a brilliant afternoon and were a credit to LHPSN with their have a go attitudes! Huge thanks go to Beaconside for hosting us!

## Ukraine and forward products

Due to the appalling situation that is currently unfolding in Ukraine and the resulting humanitarian crisis, Forward Products is supporting Operation 322. This campaign is being organised by the RRT charity, who are sending 2-3 Lorries per week of essential food and household goods to those most in need. To facilitate this the charity has a target to collect £1 million, and is currently 52% on the way to achieving this target.

Forward Products is supporting this campaign with a one off donation of £500 to support the cause. On top of this we are going to match donations from staff / customers pound-for-pound, up to an additional donation of £500!

Please click on the following link below to make a donation and to read more about Operation 322 and the RRT charity.

<https://rapidreliefteam.enthouse.com/pf/forward-products>

For any donation you make and would like Forward Products to match the funding, please email me directly on [giles@forwardproducts.co.uk](mailto:giles@forwardproducts.co.uk) with a subject title including 'Operation 322'.

## Year 2's walk to the Lickeys

Year 2 children had a wonderful walk to the Lickey Hills Country Park this week to round up their learning about pioneers this term. We went off to explore the woods with the eyes of observers, looking closely at our surroundings much like Mary Anning did on the beaches near Lyme Regis. We tallied trees, pine cones and plants; we sketched our surroundings and The Spirit sculpture and listened to the sounds around us. We didn't spot any fossils this time, but trace fossils of feeding and worm casts have been found before. It was a super experience, right on our doorstep.



## Golden Book Stars

Jacob B (2HB) Sophia F (1HB) William B (2SH)

Eden H (2HB) Jessica R (1MK) Jack D (1MK)

Jake W (4HR) Theo K (RKG) Sienna A (4HR)

Martha S (4HR) Courtney T (4HR) Alba ST (4HR)

Matilda P (4HR) William A (4HR) Charlotte F (RKG)

Adam H (RJR) Iris C (RKG) Abigail T (RJR)

Sophia T (RKG) Isla T (RKG) Freddie C (RJR)

Hugo J (RJR) Amy B (RJR) Phoebe C (5CW)

Elliot G (5CW) Elliot B (5CW) Peyton B (3HT)



## Dates for Diary

25.04 - Back to school

02.05 - Bank Holiday Monday

03.05 - Year 4 Bellboating trip

06.05 - 5CW Class Assembly

09.05 - Start of SATs

13.05 - Year 6 Celebration day

16.05 - Young voices concert

17.05 - Year 4 visiting Waseley Hills High School

20.05 - PTA Pub Quiz

27.05 - TED Day

