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# Lickey Hills Primary School & Nursery School Newsletter

Friday 20th May 2022

This week's total school attendance is 94.1%

Dear Families,

I had the pleasure of accompanying our school choir of 40 Year 4, 5 and 6 children to the Resorts World Arena, Birmingham for the Young Voices concert this week. We joined 99 other schools from across the country on Monday evening to make a unique choir of over 4,000 children and staff singing songs from the Lion King, Pop and Beatles medleys, Mambo Italiano Mambo and (my personal favorite) watching Urban Striders dance to O Fortuna. Each year we take our choir, led by our talented music lead Miss Williams, to perform at the arena, which includes a full afternoon of rehearsals and a show stopping two hour evening performance. We were delighted to see many of our parents, ex-pupils and staff supporting us in the audience, I know how much they enjoyed it from their dance moves and beatbox sounds! One of my driving ambitions for the school is that we expose our children to cultural opportunities beyond the National Curriculum. I call this our Culture Vulture curriculum; we have worked incredibly hard to bring this into the 'everyday' at school through sports and creative clubs, visits to museums, places of worship, gardens and country parks and participating increasingly in sporting and creative events. I know the children have really enjoyed this enrichment in their learning and there's so much more ahead to look forward to. Next week we welcome an extra special visitor and celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee together, we have a specialist coming in to remove the bees that have taken up (very expensive) residence in our hall wall and have our awards assemblies to look forward to.

Have an enjoyable weekend,

Yours in learning

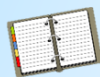
Miss A Salisbury

Headteacher



## Dates for Diary

- 23.05 - Awards assembly - KS1
- 24.05 - Awards assembly - KS2
- 25.05 - Awards assembly - EYFS
- 25.05 - Achievement assembly - KS1
- 26.05 - Queen's jubilee
- 27.05 - TED Day



## Year 4 Trip to Waseley Hills High School

On Tuesday Year 4 went to Waseley High School. They created monster goody bags using felt-tips, googly eyes, paper and PVA glue. We were taught by an art teacher from there. This made Leyla feel older. Also, Sophia said, "It was really good because the layout of the school was intriguing and fascinating."

## Year 1 walk to Lickey Hills

On Wednesday Year 1 went on a woodland walk around Lickey Hills Country Park. Our aim was to collect natural resources, such as stones, sticks, leaves, pinecones and feathers in order to create our very own Andy Goldsworthy inspired sculptures. Andy Goldsworthy is an artist and sculptor who creates pieces from natural resources and so we used our findings to do just that. We created stone towers, flower rainbows and swirly patterns with different coloured leaves. The children were amazing, really enjoyed being out and about in our local area and had a super time creating their sculptures.

## Bellboating

Year 6 children have begun bellboating club after school on the lake at Aztec Upton Warren. So far they have learned some basic strokes and are improving at paddling in time. The children have also played some games that test their balance on the boats and we're having a great time. We are also seeing a lot of wildlife and lots of baby geese!

## Nursery places

If you know someone who has a child who is 3+ after 31st August and wants to join a nursery that values learning through play and encourages children to be kind and independent please contact the school office.

## Safeguarding

A new website, launched by Adoption Central England, features a range of information and articles for anyone interested in adoption or who has been affected by adoption. The new resource allows for easy access of information and navigation around the site, key features include:

- Steps to adoption
- Family Connexions - a service for birth family members
- Clear signposting to support
- Information about step-parent adoption
- Information for adopted adults

The resource page includes useful up to date information on a range of topics such as health, education, financial support and other local services that may be helpful to adoptive families and adopted people. The real-life stories section provides a real sense of what it's like to adopt and these invaluable experiences are a must for anyone interested in adoption

## Golden Book Stars



Alice W (RKG)	Isla T (RKG)	Isabelle M (RJR)
Kylo C (2SH)	Ivy J (RJR)	Lucas L (RJR)
Ambur D (5CW)	Scarlett SW (5CW)	Bunny H(5AS)
Lelia A (5CW)	Phoebe C (5CW)	James H (5CW)
Zac G (5CW)	Eva S (5CW)	Rose L (5CW)
Anna N (5CW)	Kyle H (5AS)	Macey H (5AS)
Destiny D (5AS)	Abigail F (5AS)	Erica K (5AS)
Jessica S (5AS)	Brooke K (5AS)	Stanley O (4SB)
Keira H (4SB)	Alba ST (4HR)	Beau R (3MS)



## Young Voices

On Monday, our wonderful Singing Club performed at the NEC Arena as part of the 'Young Voices' choir. Alongside 5,000 other children (and around 10,000 parents), they sang and danced to a variety of different songs, from pop hits to 'The Lion King'. Although the concert had originally been postponed, the pupils agreed that it was definitely worth the wait!

## Nursery's Animal visit

What a fabulous morning the Nursery children had when the ranger visited us from Animal Club with a selection of marvellous minibeast! The ranger told the children lots of amazing facts about the animals he was showing them. The children had the opportunity to have a hands-on experience gently stroking millipede, a lizard called Leo, another variety of spiky lizard named Littlefoot who ate lettuce instead of drinking water, chubby frogs, a corn snake, an African cobra called Savannah, a mouse called Tabitha and her family of mice and Hazel the rabbit who was a firm favourite.

