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# Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery – School Newsletter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

This week's total school attendance is 97.1%

Dear Families,

What a lovely start to Autumn Half Term 2022! We were so pleased to see our children returning safely and happily from their October half term holiday. We ended our last half term with a very successful Halloween disco as well as a huge donation to our local food bank, we are so grateful to our families for these kind donations.

This week has already seen Year Two heading off to the Black Country Museum, Year One enjoying an afternoon of multi sports at the Bromsgrove School and children across LHPSN celebrating a belated Diwali day yesterday.

Looking ahead to the rest of this half term the children in Nursery, Reception and KS1 will start to warm up their voices, practice their dances and learn their lines for the Christmas plays and shows. We look forward to welcoming you to these in December, so do please look out for information on how to book tickets.

Our school photo day is on Monday so don't forget children to brush your hair and put your full smart school uniform on - practice your smile over the weekend! On the 11th November we will hold our annual Remembrance Assembly at 11am in the main hall for the children. Poppies and other Poppy Day merchandise are being sold each day in school and we remind the children to bring a donation if they would like to purchase something - suggested donation is 50p for a poppy and £1 for all other merchandise.

You will shortly receive information regarding Children in Need 2022 on Friday 18th November - the CIN team are busy planning a host of events to raise lots of money for this worthwhile charity.

As you can see, we have a busy half term ahead, so please keep your eye on the school website, newsletters and emails through Arbor.

Thank you as always for your continued support - Mrs H Williams Deputy Head Teacher



## House points Winners – Beech!

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| 1. Beech -381 | 2. Chestnut - 371 |
| 3. Oak - 317  | 4. Ash - 290      |

Herefordshire and Worcestershire ICB have commissioned Autism West Midlands to deliver online training for parent carers who have a child on the assessment pathway or an ASC diagnosis. The dates are as follows:

- Monday 17th October 2022 - 9.30 - 12.00 - Sensory Differences and your child
- Monday 7th November 2022 - 9.30 - 11.00 - Autism and Communication
- Monday 21st November 2022 - 9.30 -11.00 - Autism and Behaviour
- Monday 12th December 2022 - 9.30 - 11.00 - Autism and Anxiety

Registration on these sessions includes a recording to watch later. To book the sessions, Parents/Carers should visit Autism West Midlands's site at <https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events>

## Golden Book Stars



Dhanvi A (2SW), Ariya, Jake (3MS)\*

Ambur, Lelia, Joshua (6AS), Jessica L (2BW)

Courtney T (5HM), Sophie (5JL)

Carlson (LB1) Charlie, Alice, Evie (1MK)

Jack S, Freddie S (RJR) Adam E(RKG)

## EYFS – Writing Workshop

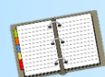
We look forward to welcoming you to our writing zoom meeting on Monday 7th November at 6.00pm. We will share with you the stages for early physical and writing skills and how you can help at home. Please see the details to access the meeting below.  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/94039723248?pwd=ZEozd2xOeEY2dFpGQm9YnkZkZWZCdz09>

Meeting ID: 940 3972 3248  
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## Safeguarding

This week you will have had an email regarding our new Wellbeing drop in sessions. These are being held monthly on a Friday. If you are unable to make these sessions but would like any support from the Safeguarding and family wellbeing team then we are happy to book a separate appointment to fit with your schedule. Please contact the office to speak with a team member whenever needed.

## Dates for diary



- 07.11 - Whole school individual/sibling photo's
- 07.11 - Writing workshop EYFS - via Zoom
- 15.11 - S.T.E.P Workshop
- 15.11 - Year 6 Netball @ Beaconside Primary
- 18.11 - Children in Need
- 24.11 - Year 5 Trip to Bishopwood
- 25.11 - 6CW Class assembly

## Year 1 Multi-Skills Trip

On Wednesday Year 1 went on a trip to Bromsgrove School to take part in a multi-skills sports event. There were lots of other schools there too so we saw some familiar faces. We had such a great time doing a carousel of different activities to practice lots of skills, such as dribbling with a ball, finding different ways to travel, hula hooping and ladder runs. We did about 10 different activities in total, it was very tiring but we had a lot of fun!





### Diwali

Although Diwali was celebrated on October 24<sup>th</sup>, we held an afternoon of celebration at school on Thursday this week. Assemblies were held during the day and all classes learnt about Diwali during the afternoon. We looked at local celebrations and learnt what traditions the Hindu community carry out when they celebrate the festival of light.

### Halloween Disco

Thank you to our wonderful PTA team who organised a 'Spooktacular' Halloween disco before the half term holiday. We would also like to send a big thank you to one of our parents – Corinne Williams, who brought her wonderful Disco equipment and DJ'd for us free of charge. The children looked amazing in their costumes and a great time was had by all. We look forward to letting you know the total raised in the next newsletter.

### Harvest Festival

We had a lovely afternoon just before we finished for Half term celebrating our Harvest Festival. Once again, we were overwhelmed with your generous food and other donations that were brought in over those few weeks. Some of our Year 6 children arranged them beautifully in the hall to create a display for our assembly.

We had three visitors during the afternoon. Sheri Gidney came from Lickey Church and we were entertained by some volunteers from the audience performing a story. We were also very grateful to listen to two volunteers from the Basement Project talk to us about where our donations were going and who would benefit from them.

Thank you once again if you sent in any donations, they will be appreciated by families in need.

### Black Country Museum – Year 2 Trip

On Wednesday, Year 2 went on the most fantastic trip to the Black Country Living Museum to complete our history topic, which aimed to compare life in Lickey and Birmingham now to life in Victorian times. We were able to see first-hand what houses would have looked like; to experience a lesson in a Victorian school; to learn about the job's children had to do including working in a coal mine and we even learnt about family bathtimes! This really helped us to decide if we would prefer to live in Lickey now or in the past. Our trip also showed us how transport has changed since Victorian times – we saw the horses that pulled carts and canal barges; vintage cars being restored and we even had a ride on an old double decker bus! What a brilliant day – thank you so much to our wonderful children who made us so proud with their listening, engagement and superb manners; and to our staff and parent volunteers who joined us on the trip to look after our children.

