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Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery – School Newsletter

Friday 3th February 2023

This week's total school attendance is 93.8%

I spend a lot of time talking with various people about our wonderful school. We continue to grow in popularity as a first choice for parents and more of you choose to keep your child in school for the whole primary experience from reception class through to the end of Year 6. This week, I felt huge pride in sharing our end of year results with a visitor to the school. I thought you'd like to see them too and to know what a great school you've chosen for your children's education! Each year in May our Year 6 children take the statutory assessment tests (SATs) which show the progress and attainment they've achieved over time from Year 3 to Year 6. The same tests are taken by all Year 6 children across the country on the same days, they are marked externally and published nationally. Our latest results show that LHPSN is 'significantly above' and in the highest 20% of schools in the key areas below. All of this is down to the hard work of the children, the support of the parents and the dedication and commitment of the staff at LHPSN - what a great start we give our children!

Pupils achieving age related expectations in all three areas of reading, writing and mathematics were significantly above national and in the highest 20% of schools in 2022.

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English grammar, punctuation and spelling (SPaG) at age related expectations was significantly above national and in the highest 20% of schools in 2022.

Science at age related expectations was significantly above national and in the highest 20% of schools in 2022.

This week I enjoyed meeting with a small group of Year 2 pupils who shared their new knowledge from their recent learning in History at a 'Show and Know' session. They talked about some of the artefacts they'd seen in their learning and the legacy of the Victorian reign. One of my questions was, "What information about the Victorians would you share with your family?" These were some of their enthusiastic responses:

- Victorian teachers were very strict and only rich children went to school (Freddy)
- There were no bathrooms; the toilet was outside and toilet tissue was newspaper! (Aurora)
- We also know about something called a 'guz-under' - it's a container you put under your bed in case you need the toilet during the night! (Jessica)
- The cars were different; there were no seatbelts (Amber)
- The clothes were different; boys wore skirts and dresses (Ella)
- Children worked in mines, sewers and factories; it was hard and difficult (Lois)

I also enjoyed watching 5JL's class assembly - they confidently shared their learning with their family members sharing information about Spectacular Space, festival food designs, musical compositions and their visit to Bishop's Wood to find out more about the Vikings and the Anglo Saxons. The LHPSN curriculum has been planned specifically to ensure our teachers are clear about what children need to know and remember as they progress through the school. This ensures that as well as a range of memorable, enriching experiences children will also know and remember specific knowledge. In addition to this, they are also able to reason, make decisions and problem solve.

If you want to find out more about our exciting curriculum click here: [Curriculum-Intention Implementation-and-Impact-at-LHPSN-2022](#)

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours in learning,
Miss Salisbury





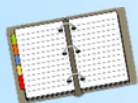
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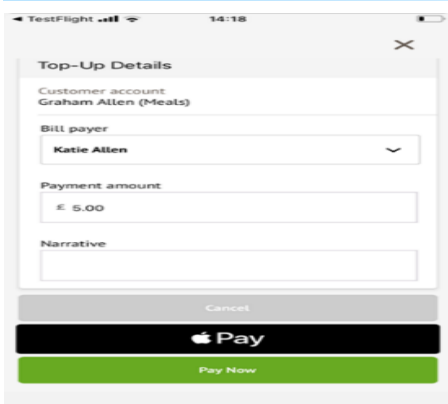
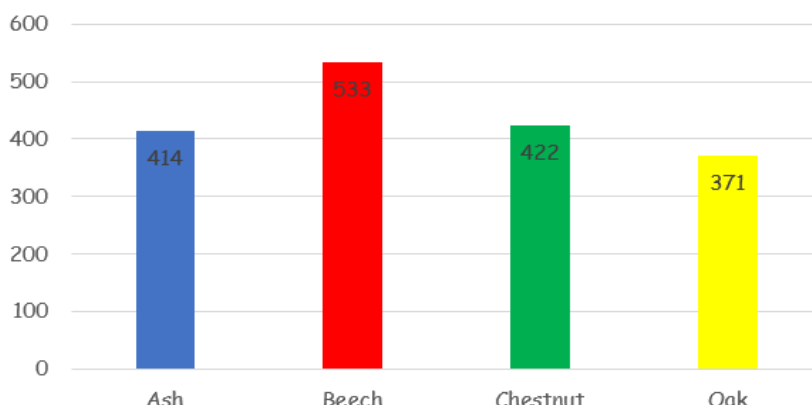


Dates for diary



07.02 - Safer Internet Day
 09.02 - RE Themed Day (Yr 4,5,6)
 10.02 - 2BW Class Assembly
 14.02 - Y6 Netball Match at Beaconside
 14.02 - KS1/2 Poetry Slam - 1.30pm
 15.02 - Year 1 trip to Selly Manor
 16.02 - KS1 Achievement Assembly
 17.02 - Awards Assembly (KS1/2/EYFS)
 17.02 - Last day of term

This Week's House Points



New to Arbor - Making payments with Apple/Google Pay

Arbor payments now includes Apple Pay and Google Pay:

- A new, simple way to pay via the Arbor App
- No more re-entering card details every time

Setting up the payment method:

Google Pay

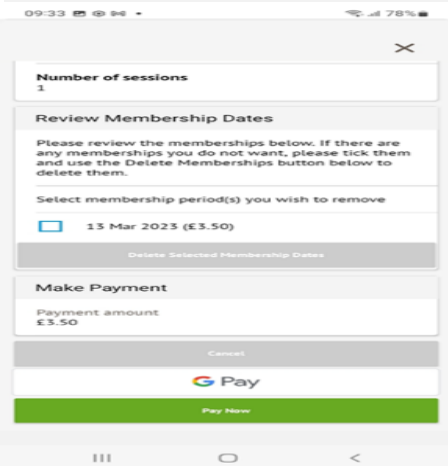
Parents can set up Google Pay following these instructions: [Download the Google Wallet app](#)

Apple Pay

Parents can set up Apple Pay following these instructions: [Set up Apple Pay](#)

Using Google or Apple Pay

Once set up, parents will see the Google or Apple Pay button when making purchases through the app for things like account top-ups, trips, clubs or School Shop items.



Golden Book Stars



Leo C, Charlotte L, Jamie E, Zhanea CG (RKG) Emily T, Billy R, Emilia S (RJR), Caysie-Jo LD, Fletcher C (LB1)
 Brandon MB, Joshua J, Mia K (6AS) Abigail F, Cody E, Olivia R (6CW) Freddy M, Anna-Mae P, Amber H, Jessica L (2BW)
 Elisa C, Phoebe F, Jack P (4HR) Sofia D, Finley M, Imogen T (4HR) Evan M, Aurora S, Ella R, Lois M (2SW)
 Amelie J, Joey W, Kieran A (5JL) Thomas E, Matilda P, Esme R (5HM) Jeremiah MB (1HB) Dylan A, Sophia C (1MK)





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Year 3 Trip Bishopswood

Last Tuesday, Year 3 went on a trip to learn more about what life was like for people in the Stone Age. We went to FSC Bishop's Wood in Stourport, where Greg and Stephen were our group leaders for the day. While there, we did lots of hands-on activities that helped us understand what life might have been like thousands of years ago. We built shelters, wove fences, ground seeds and some of us were even able to start a fire using flint.

Mr Stead



Year 2 and 5 – Planetarium

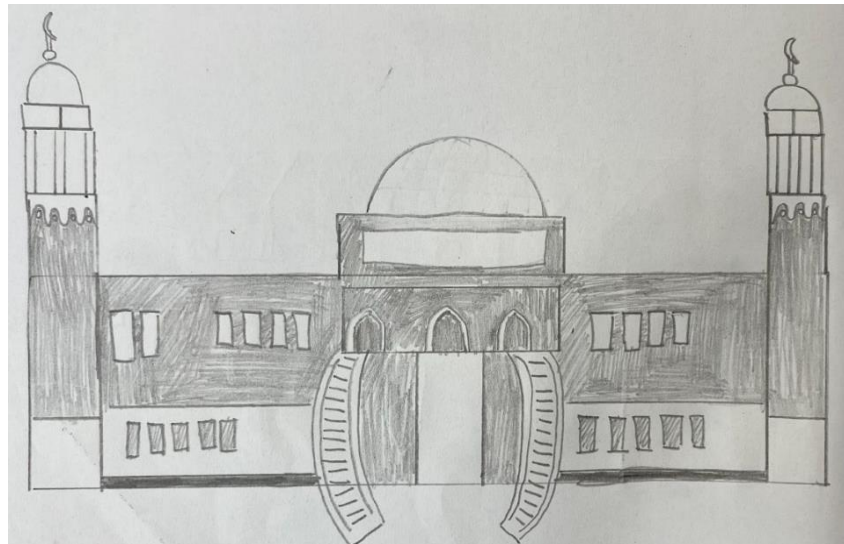
Last week saw the appearance of a large, mysterious dome in the school hall much to the surprise of most of our children. However, Year 2 and Year 5 were expecting a visit from the Black Hole Planetarium and it didn't fail to live up to their expectations. For Year 2, it was an introduction to the night sky with a particular focus on the moon landings and an inspiration for their work about space pioneer Neil Armstrong this term. It also wrapped up Year 5's science topic on the Earth in Space. It was not only an opportunity to learn new things but also reinforce their science lessons and even for the children to teach our guest speaker something new. All the children loved the experience, with the children particularly awed by seeing what the night sky looks like without the hindrance of light pollution.

Dr Fishwick

Year 6 Trip to the Mosque

On Thursday, we got a coach to Birmingham Central Mosque to have a tour. When we got inside, we had to take our shoes off to be respectful, and the girls had to cover their arms and legs. We had a tour of the Mosque and looked in different rooms including the prayer room. We learnt about how Muslims pray and the important rituals before praying. We also looked at the community room and the classrooms for children. Our favourite things were learning about their prayer actions and looking at the miniature versions of important religious buildings.

Written by Eva and Rose; drawing by Leila.



EYFS Questionnaire

We'd like to say a big thank you to the EYFS families who were able to respond to our recent questionnaire. We really do appreciate all of your feedback. We are pleased to know that 100% of our respondents said that they feel their child is happy in school and that they are pleased their child is doing well in their learning. We'd like you to know that we greatly appreciate your support in our home/school partnership. It is also good to know that you felt the induction you received in the autumn term was helpful and informative. Our aim is to make the start of your learning journey with us of the utmost benefit to yourselves as parents/carers and most importantly for the children joining us. We greatly appreciate your support with the arrival and dismissal procedures and recognition of the safeguarding surrounding these times. Please remember that we are always available after school once the children have been safely released and if you need more time please book an appointment at the office@lickeyhills.worcs.sch.uk. We look forward to welcoming you into EYFS over the coming weeks for our parents' events and evenings.

Mrs Reading



Chinese New Year

We had a lovely time celebrating Chinese New Year last Friday. We learnt that it was the Year of the Rabbit and found out what characteristics people are said to have if they are born during these years. During the day, we held assemblies, found out how communities in our local area celebrate Chinese New Year and created beautiful artwork to commemorate this special day. Children in Year 4 also had the chance to sample delicious Chinese food! Another great day linked to one of our curriculum's Golden Threads: Global Citizenship.

Mrs Brooks



We've had a lovely couple of sunny winter Forest School afternoons in the last two weeks. The children have been enthusiastically building shelters and playing games, as well as learning to use tools responsibly by sawing logs and whittling sticks. We learnt how to make and put out a camp fire safely and even used our sharpened sticks to cook on the camp fire. Everyone has overcome their initial nervousness and become more confident with each passing week. It's been amazing to see everyone having such a positive attitude.

Dr Fishwick

Number Day 2023

If you'd have popped into school today, you may have felt like you'd stepped into a calculator! Today we all 'Dressed Up for Digits' to celebrate NSPCC's Number Day - a fantastic opportunity to have fun with all things mathematical and raise lots of money for a superb charity. Throughout the day we were thinking about how maths forms part of everyday life and not just in a maths lesson! Across school, you'd have seen maths everywhere, such as timed activities in PE to encourage us to move faster, measuring the volume of water absorbed by different fabrics in science, and studying chronologies in history. We also completed many fun maths challenges and puzzles! The NSPCC's Number Day also enabled us to raise money for such an important charity - we regularly use the 'Speak out. Stay safe.' and 'PANTS' programmes in school to help us to stay safe. And you may not know that, on average, a child in the U.K. contacts Childline every 25 seconds. Thank you so much for your support and donations to make this a memorable and valuable day.

Mrs Bowen

