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Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery – School Newsletter

Friday 17th February 2023

This week's total school attendance is 94.5%

Dear Families,

A hot topic of conversation and learning at LHPSN is around the safe use of the internet. Thank you to all those who were able to attend our information sessions for parents on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th – the PowerPoint and supporting materials are now published on our website for all to see, so please do take a look. Prevention is always better than the cure, and making children understand the internet better, is the best way to shield them from its worst excesses.

<https://www.lickeyhills.worcs.sch.uk/links-and-advice/advice-about-online-apps-and-games/>

Earlier this month the NSPCC published 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. The page link below is a brilliant support to help parents have sensible, non-accusatory conversations about the online world, and their children's role within it. To find out more follow the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/want-to-talk-about-it-making-space-for-conversations-about-life-online/>

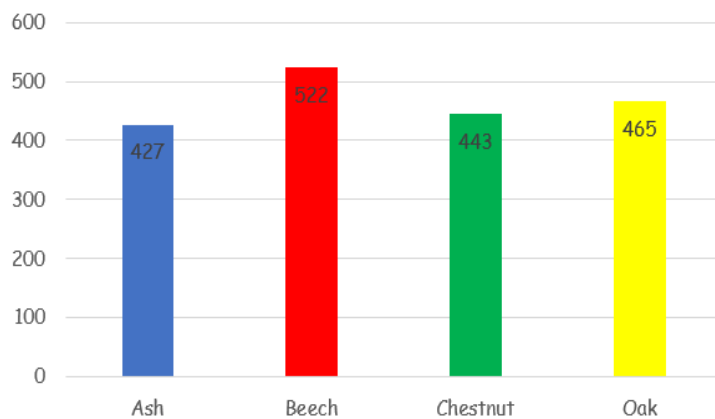
I hope you enjoy reading about all the exciting learning the children have been doing this past fortnight. I wish you an enjoyable half term week and I hope you are able to spend some family time with your children in the spring sunshine.

Yours in learning,

Miss Salisbury
Headteacher



This Week's House Points



Curriculum Corner

At LHPSN, we are passionate about creating the best learning opportunities for all children in STEM subjects: science, technology, engineering and maths. In particular, we put great importance in making the link really clear between the learning pupils are doing in the classroom and how they will be able to use that in the real world. In this half term's Curriculum Corner, we are showcasing some of the exciting learning that has been happening across school in Mathematics, Science, Computing and Design Technology. We hope you enjoy this look into our STEM subject's curriculum. If you have any questions do speak to your child's class teacher or get in touch via office@ with each subject's lead: Mrs Bowen, Dr Fishwick, Mrs Llewelyn and Mrs Pitcher respectively. As they are published, Curriculum Corners will be added to our subject curriculum pages.

Golden Book Stars



Iilya D (3HT) Lexie B, Jimmy Mc (4SB) Ruby W (5JL)
Theia K, Max B (1MK) Harper K (2BW) Thomas R, Benjamin E (2SW)
Abigail T (1HB) Blake S (LB1)
Joseph G, Frankie K (6CW)



Date for Diaries



27.02 – Return to school
28.02 – Rocksteady Assembly
02.03 – World Book Day
03.03 – RJR Class assembly
03.03 – RKG Class assembly
03.03 – SEN Well-being drop in
07.03 – Year 4 Trip to The Thinktank
07.03 – Year 3 Invasion Games
08.03 – Girls Football Festival KS2
08.03 – RJR Walk to Lickey Hills Country Park
10.03 – RKG Walk to Lickey Hills Country Park
10.03 – 4SB Class Assembly





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Speed Stacking Festival

On 8th February, 13 children from Years 4, 5 and 6 went to a Speed Stacking Festival at the Ryland Centre, Bromsgrove. Speed stacking is a fast-growing activity that involves stacking different sized cups in a particular way and then unstacking them as quickly as they can. It is perfect for developing hand-eye coordination but it surprised all of us how physical it was too! We had some very rosy cheeked children by the end of the event. Well done to all the children who attended who loved learning a new skill in such a fun way.

Mr Weston

Y6 Netball tournament at Beaconside

On Tuesday afternoon, we took a group of pupils from Year 6 to Beaconside to compete in a netball tournament. Our dedicated pupils have spent a lot of time developing their skills and fitness in netball. Though we didn't win this time, it was lovely to see the children play with team spirit and improved confidence.

Well done to all who took part; it was a fabulously active afternoon! Thank you to Beaconside Primary for hosting this super event.

Mrs Matthews



Forest School has been fortunate to enjoy glorious sunshine for the last two weeks, so much so that we indulged in a spot of tree-bathing: lying on the ground whilst contemplating the branches above us amid the sound of birdsong. We've also explored a wide range of activities with the children choosing to build a rope swing, try some tree climbing (whilst being responsible for ensuring they remained safe) and using knives to whittle sticks on which we planned to cook damper bread. In fairness, the dampers didn't finish cooking (we're going to need a bigger fire!) but we loved making the dough and wrapping our "dough-snakes" around our cooking sticks, and the crust almost tasted quite good without the doughy centre.

Dr. Fishwick



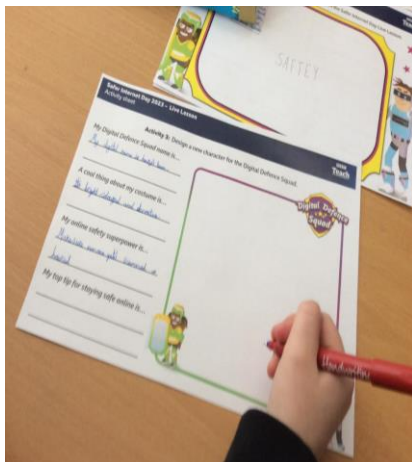
NSPCC - Well Done!

Congratulations to all that participated and donated to NSPCC's Number Day 2023. We can confirm that Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery managed to raise £464.00

Year 1 Trip to Selly Manor

On Wednesday, Year 1 went to Selly Manor to continue developing their knowledge of The Great Fire of London. Selly Manor is a beautiful period property - a replica of a house from 1666. As we looked around every room; we discussed what it would have been like to live in that period and what the houses may have looked like and had inside. The children were very surprised and quite disgusted to realise that the toilet would have been in the garden! We also dressed up as some of the significant people from The Great Fire of London, such as Thomas Farriner and his maid and we played wooden and leather games from that period of time. It was such a fun; interactive day and the children had a brilliant time. What a fabulous end to our History Topic!



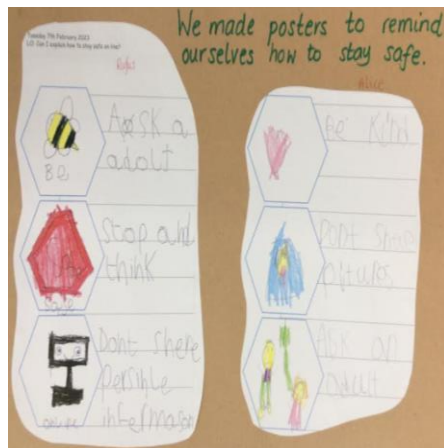
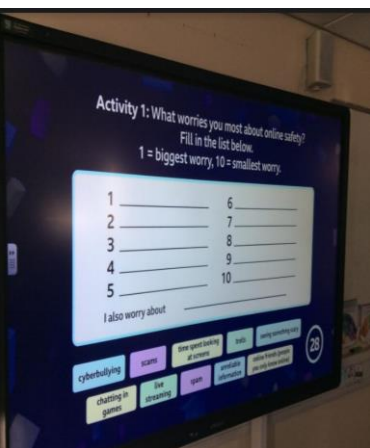


E-Safety Day

On Tuesday the 7th February, the whole school celebrated Safer Internet Day. This year's theme was called, 'Want to talk about it?' and "Making space for conversations about life online." The day was about creating opportunities and encouraging children to talk about their positive and negative online experiences. In Key Stage 1, the children made posters to remind themselves how to stay safe online. In Key Stage 2, children joined a BBC live online lesson where children were challenged to solve safety issues in the fictional 'Digital Defence Squad' game, and unlock advice from famous gamers and cyber savvy celebrities. They explored some of the risks of online gaming. Children were asked to consider their own thoughts on how to stay safe online and were shown practical tips and support from the BBC.

Thank you to those parents who joined us for our online safety workshops.

We were delighted that the Police were able to join us on Monday 6th February offering great internet safety advice to both parents and staff at LHPSN. Please do get in touch if you have any concerns and look out for our fortnightly e-safety posters with great tips and advice on how to keep children safe online.



LHPSN'S Recommended Reads!

Over the next few weeks, our Year 6 Reading Ambassadors will be sharing with you our wonderful staff's reading recommendations! Every two weeks, they will be interviewing a different teacher to discuss their favourite books and must-reads! For their first instalment, the children spoke to Miss Salisbury!

What's your favourite book?

'The Velveteen Rabbit' by Margery Williams. It's a very old classic story (first published in 1922) about a toy rabbit who wants to be real. It's a very touching children's story with a lovely message about connection.

Do you enjoy reading?

I love reading. It has always been my favourite thing to do! I also like listening to audio books on my long journey to and from school and I've usually got a few books 'on the go' at the same time!

Who is your favourite author?

Brené Brown is my favourite adult author. There are so many children's authors I like too. I like looking for new authors to introduce to children.

What is your favourite genre?

I really enjoy historical novels, biographies and motivational books that inspire! The most important thing is that you read the books you enjoy most!

Miss Salisbury's Recommended Reads:

- EYFS - 'The Hospital Dog' by Julia Donaldson
- Year 1/2 - 'Perfectly Norman' by Tom Percival
- Year 3/4 - 'Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q Rauf
- Year 5/6 - 'Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen



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Pupil Parliament Meets Parish Council

Today our Pupil Parliament had a very special visitor to their meeting. Dr Bakul Kumar, our local parish councillor, joined our MPs to share information about his role in our local Lickey and Blackwell community. Dr Kumar explained how he is elected, how parish councils feed information to and from local residents to Bromsgrove District Council and into the County Council and their role in being the first level of government in England. We were very interested to hear how the council supports residents with issues around roads, footpaths, litter, building houses and even the environment. Dr Kumar then asked for our help - he would like the children at LHPSN to come up with some advice for local residents for actions they can take to help look after our local area. This will be published in the village magazine.

Poetry Slam!

On Tuesday, LHPSN held its very first 'Poetry Slam'! This event was designed to share and celebrate our very favourite poems and poets in performances delivered by all KS1&2 classes. Our Pupil Parliament had the responsible job of being judges for the afternoon, carefully listening to and scoring each class. We were treated to a fantastic variety of poems from the likes of Shirley Hughes, Edward Lear, John Foster, Matt Goodfellow, Allan Ahlberg and Jack Prelutsky. However, it was a superb performance by 4SB that was the overall winner, with their expressive rendition of 'Seasons' by Valerie Bloom. Congratulations! Well done to all of our children and huge thanks must also go to our KS2 Reading Lead, Miss Williams, who organised this great event - we can't wait to do it all again soon!



Year 5 – Food Bank

We have some incredibly thoughtful children at LHPSN. A little while ago, Georgia, William and Tilly in Year 5 went to see Miss Salisbury to express their concern about the cost of living for local people, particularly about them not having enough food to eat. Together, they organised emails to ask our families for donations to take to a local foodbank. They visited each class to collect all items brought in and organised for The Basement Project, a Bromsgrove based foodbank, to collect all of the donations. We are so proud of these three children for their kindness - real role models for us all. Thank you so much too, to all of our families who made donations for those in need.

