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Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery – School Newsletter

Friday 17th March 2023

This week's total school attendance is 95.7%

Dear Families,

Two fish are in a tank, one says to the other, how do I drive this thing? Yes, we've had a GREAT day today sharing jokes, wearing things to make everyone smile and raising funds for a great cause. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-lickey-hills-primary-school>

Thank you so much for your kindness, we'll keep you updated on our final amount.

We've also had some wonderful entries for the BEST IDEAS EVER including the brilliantly named FriendSHIP - a ship made from lego where people go to meet new people and make new friends (Hugo-Ray 1HB) a Walking Robot Apartment Block - that saves homeless people from the streets (Tim 5JL) and a portable meeting room with chairs and tables for people who are lonely (Iris 3MS) Mr. Stead is going to enter our school entries into the national competition which closes on the 22nd May 2023. There will be one winner who will receive LEGO® bricks for their school to the value of approximately £1,500 so we have everything crossed.

Finally, what do you call a magic dog? A labra-cadabra- dor of course!

Have a great weekend!

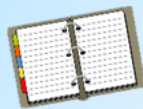
Yours in Learning,

Miss Salisbury

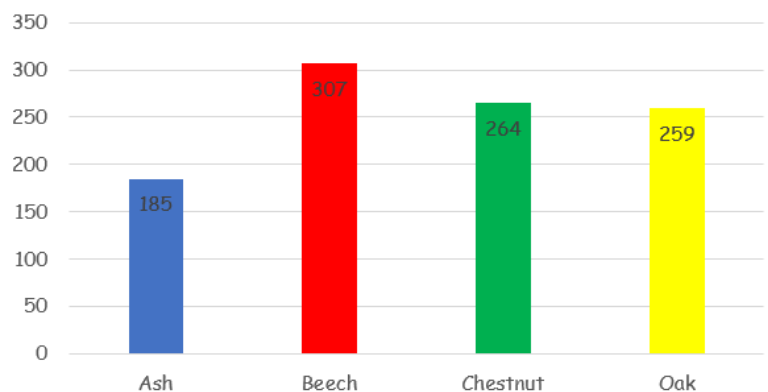


Date for Diary's

21.03 - KS1 Gymnastic festival
24.03 - 3HT Class Assembly
24.03 - SEN drop in morning
24.03 - Nursery Animal Man Visit
24.03 - Travelling Book Fair books arrive
27.03 and 29.03 - Parents Evening and book fair
28.03 - Worcester Cathedral trip - Y2 (AM)
28.03 - Drumming workshop Y1 (AM)
28.03 - Drumming workshop Y2 (PM)
28.03 - KS2 Achievement Assembly
29.03 - Awards Assembly



This Week's House Points



Golden Book Stars

Yuvan M, Joseph M, Ford K (RKG)

Poppy S, Annabelle W, Elise C (RJR)

William R, Frederick I (5JL)

Emilia L, Logan B (6AS)

Emran A, Rezwan A, Joseph G Frankie K, Erica k, Jack M, Cody E (6CW)

Tax-Free Childcare for families

HM Revenue and Customs are reminding families that they can save up to £2,000 a year on childcare costs with Tax-Free Childcare. Tax-Free Childcare can help working families pay for any approved childcare for children aged 11 or under, or 16 if the child has a disability - whether the child goes to nursery, a childminder, attends breakfast or after school club, has holiday care or goes to an out-of-school activity. For every £8 paid into an online account, families will automatically receive an additional £2 from the government. Parents can receive up to £500 every 3 months (£2,000 a year), or £1,000 (£4,000 a year) if their child is disabled. Opening a Tax-Free Childcare account is simple and takes around 20 minutes. Money can be deposited at any time and can be used straight away, or whenever it is needed. Unused money in the account can be withdrawn at any time.

For more information and details how to register visit: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>





Reading Corner

What's your favourite book?

My favourite book at the moment is the Oscar winning Charlie Mackesy's 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse' with its beautiful writing and illustrations and the value of kindness to ourselves and others and of course eating cake! I also love David McKee's 'Elmer' stories for Nursery. I love the message 'Elmer' sends out that everyone is unique.

Do you enjoy reading?

Since I was a child, I have loved reading books and this passion began at school. I remember reading 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis, a firm childhood favourite of mine, and my parents bought me the box set of 'The Chronicles of Narnia', which I read many times over. My teachers advocated a book at bedtime and this habit has continued.

Who is your favourite author?

I enjoy reading novels and there are so many favourites to choose from. I do like the novels by Joanne Harris, which are set in the Haute-Garonne region of France, a place I visit often. I am currently reading 'The Keeper of Stories' by Sally Page. I believe everyone has a story to tell. I also love the children's author Julia Donaldson too!

Mrs Virnuls Recommended Reads:

- EYFS - 'Elmer' by David McKee
- Year 1/2 - 'The Monster Machine' by Nicola L Robinson
- Year 3/4 - 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell
- Year 5/6 - 'The Girl of the Ink and Stars' by Kiran Millward Hargraves



Hockey festival

On Tuesday afternoon, a group of children from Year 5 and 6 went to Bromsgrove Hockey club to take part in a Quick Sticks Hockey tournament. They played a total of 6, 7-minute matches, and played teams from St John's Middle School, Alvechurch Middle School, Aston Fields Middle School and Parkside Middle School.

Despite never having played together before, the team showed excellent cooperation and perseverance, and played some fantastic games of hockey. They won 3 out of the 6 games, and came 5th out of 7 teams overall. At the end of the day, the organisers of the event praised Lickey Hills players for having the best sportsmanship out of all schools there.

The team had a super afternoon and should be incredibly proud of their performances, and of how well they represented their school. Well done to Freddie and William from 5JL; Logan and Emiliia from 6AS; and Frankie, Erica, Emran, Rezwan and Joseph from 6CW!

Miss Smith

Nursery Mother's Day Event

The Nursery children were excited to treat their mummy's and nannies to cake, gingerbread men and orange juice at the Mother's Day events which took place throughout the week. The children were proud to show their special ladies around nursery where they could pretend to buy flowers from our garden centre role play; read our story of the week 'The Gigantic Turnip'; order numbers on the lightbox; get creative with the playdough; build amazing constructions and have fun knocking them down again! Thank you all for coming and making this such a special event. Wishing you all a very Happy Mother's day!

Mrs Virnuls

Year 5 Trip to Waseley Hills High School

Our year 5 pupils enjoyed a trip to Waseley Hills High School last week. The pupils participated in a series of sessions learning about online safety. They discussed how to keep our information safe online, how to identify fake news and how to recognise age restrictions on certain platforms. The pupils also enjoyed an orienteering challenge around the school site and a Mexican wave in the snow!

Mrs Page

Year 6 Netball Team

Our year 6 netball team enjoyed playing 4 matches against Beaconside here at Lickey on Tuesday afternoon. The sun was shining and the win, lose, draw results kept us on our toes but it was a valiant effort by all. Player of the match for the Blue Team goes to Blake BD in 6AS and player of the match for the red team goes to James H in 6AS. Well done everyone!

Mrs Page



Red Nose Day

Wow, what a creative, fun day full of smiles we have had. Thank you to everyone for taking part and wanting to put smiles on everyone's faces. Everyone looked amazing, the red noses were fantastic and there was plenty of laughing. Two jokes that got the biggest laughs in the assembly today were... What is the scariest plant to eat? BamBOO and Two fish were in a tank, one fish said to the other, "How do you drive this thing?"

We have been overwhelmed with the amount of fantastic ideas our children have created. Unfortunately, only one submission is valid per person. So, if you would like to enter for a chance to win £1,500 of lego for our school, please submit your ideas at <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/schools/lego> There are three identification questions to answer and then upload a photo. Entries close May 22nd, so there is plenty of time if you didn't get a chance today.

As of lunchtime today, we have raised over £250. If you would like to donate, please <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-lickey-hills-primary-school>

Mr Stead





Year 4 Trip to the Thinktank

Year 4 had an amazing experience at the Thinktank! They really enjoyed the science experiment where they used chemicals to make a balloon fill up and make slime. This embedded their previous learning in science about 'States of Matter'. Also, we couldn't get them to leave the Lego Coding Room as they loved it so much. The Science Playground was pretty fun too!

Miss Reeves



HANDi App: Information and guidance on common childhood illnesses

The HANDi Paediatric app is now available to parents across Herefordshire and Worcestershire which is free to download onto any Apple device via the App Store or any Android device via the Google Play Store. The HANDi Paediatric app, developed by NHS organisations across Worcestershire, provides advice and support to parents and carers of children up to eleven years of age when their child is unwell. It contains information about when and how to ask for help thereby giving parents more confidence in dealing with minor childhood health care conditions.

The HANDi app offers simple and straightforward advice for the following conditions in children:

- Diarrhoea and vomiting
- High temperature
- 'chesty baby' illnesses, such as bronchiolitis, asthma, and croup
- 'chesty child' illnesses such as wheezing and asthma
- Abdominal pain
- Common newborn problems.

Children's Asthma Nurse At Home Service for 6-16 year olds in Worcestershire (pilot scheme)

Would you like your child to receive a review of their asthma at home?

Is your child aged between 6 and 16 years old and using regular inhalers for their asthma but having difficulty keeping their asthma under control?

If so, then we would like to arrange a visit to see you and your child at home. We will spend up to an hour talking about the child's asthma and how to manage it to gain better control. We can also talk to your GP about making changes to medication to support better asthma control.

How do I find out more? Please contact our asthma nurses, Mandy and Katie, to find out more about the service and see if your child is eligible. Young people are welcome to refer themselves too.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A PILOT SCHEME AND TIME LIMITED.

Either phone 0330 053 4356 (Option 2) and leave a message with your name, your child's name, date of birth and a contact telephone number. Alternatively, please email the same details to hw.childrensasthmateam@nhs.net.

This service is provided by Herefordshire & Worcestershire Integrated Care Board.