LEIGH NEWS

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PTA Summer Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who came along on Sunday and supported the PTA Summer Fair. There were a huge variety of events taking place throughout the afternoon and, although the weather was a little variable, it was wonderful to see so many people supporting the school. A huge thank you to all the members of the PTA who organised the day and to everyone who ran a stall or event. In particular I would like to mention Chloe Bates who, as chair of the PTA, masterminded the whole event brilliantly. This year the PTA have raised a huge amount of money for the school through various fund raising events and we are extremely grateful to all of them for giving up so much of their time and expertise to raise so much money for the school.

Open Classroom Afternoon

Yesterday was the last of this year's Open Classroom Afternoons. We hope these have been useful events and we will run another one towards the end of Term 1 in October.

Sports Day

On Friday we held our annual sports day when the children competed in a variety of different track and field events to try and win the Sports Day Cup for their House. It was a wonderful afternoon and so many thanks to all of you who came along and supported the children. Congratulations to Earth for winning the tournament and indeed to all the Houses for competing so well throughout the afternoon. I would like to thank Mrs Marsh and Miss Taylor for organising the event and to all the staff for their support throughout it.

Children's Prom Concert

On Wednesday afternoon a group of musicians from Leigh went to the Knole Academy to take part in this year's Sevenoaks Children's Prom. Michael Lake, Bea Wood, Isabelle Waghorn, Anna Lake and Ellie McKenzie-Jones all played their musical instruments in a large orchestra made up of children from the district. The children played: The William Tell Overture, Pachelbel's Canon, Morning, Best of British, Ode to Joy and Pomp and Circumstance. It was a terrific concert and congratulations to all of them for taking part.

Next Week's Theme –'Saying Goodbye'

Year 6 Prom

On Friday evening the children in Year 6 had their Prom Party in Jessica's Hall. The children were certainly 'dressed to impress' and had a wonderful evening being treated like royalty! The parents of the children in Year 6 organised the whole event and Jessica's Hall looked absolutely stunning! There was a disco provided by Duncan Aldiss and the food was absolutely wonderful! Thank you so much to all the parents who organised this terrific event for the children.

Football Event – THIS AFTERNOON

Football Teams v Parents and Teachers
The Green, 7 a-side
Come along and support your team!
Please note that because of this event there will not be football club today.
Thank you.

Finalised Class Lists

Today we are sending home the finalised class lists. We have decided that, as we are only splitting Year 4 next year, we will only send this information out to parents and carers of children in Year 3. Please note that these class lists are now final and the children will have a transition day on Monday afternoon to spend time with the teachers and teaching assistants they will be with next year. Thank you.

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Music

Congratulations to Sophie May Anderson who has just passed her Grade 1 Harp exam. In the exam she played: Barn Dance Memory, Purple Bamboo and Sound the Trumpets as well as arpeggios and major scales. This is a terrific achievement and we're all incredibly proud of you Sophie May. Congratulations also to Thomas Howe-Marquez for passing, with merit, his first ever music exam. Thomas played Black Betty, Boulevard of Broken Dreams and Days in his Initial Rock & Pop Drums exam. Very well done Thomas. Also very well done to Georgie-May Moon who has recently passed her Grade 1 singing exam with Distinction. Georgie-May had to sing: Fly a Kite, Swing Low Sweet Chariot, Anna Marie and Ladybird. Really well done Georgie-May.

Dancing

Congratulations to Isobel Mitchell who has been awarded a dance trophy for 'acting through dancing'. Isobel goes to Act2 Academy of Performing Arts every Saturday at Weald Primary School and clearly has a passion for performing arts – very well done Isobel. Well done also to Tidda Hydara who has been awarded two medals for Irish Dancing. Tidda goes to dance lessons in Penshurst School and was placed 3rd out of 17 entries for her solo dance. Well done Tidda.

Swimming

Congratulations to Amelia Watson and Ben Phillips who have just been awarded their Stage 1 and 2 ASA Learn to Swim Certificates. Ben has lessons at Tonbridge Swimming Pool and Amelia at Nizels. Very well done to both children.

Cricket

Congratulations to Mansel Hard, Ellis Hard and Maisie Gilbert-Lee who have all just completed their first season playing for Soutborough Cricket Club. All three have been playing for the under 11's side and finished 4th in their league. If you have a child who is interested in playing cricket then they are hoping to start a girls team and an under 9's team from next season. Well done to all three.

Football

Finally congratulations to Ollie Carolan who plays football for Tonbridge Ridgeway and who has received a silver medal for his footballing skills. This represents 2nd place out of 50 players for his age group which is a terrific achievement. Really well done Ollie.

VERY EXCITING NEWS: NEW LEIGH LADIES CHOIR!

Would you like to be part of a brand new ladies' community choir in Leigh? Tamsin Anderson (the one with the ancient Silver Cross pram) is starting up a cross generational ladies' choir open to anyone who enjoys a good sing, a nice chat, the odd slice of cake and glass of wine. The choir will sing an eclectic range of music from all over the world. No experience is required, as long as you are keen to learn. Singing in choirs has been scientifically proven to increase happiness and physical health. Supported singing does wonders for your pelvic floor!
The new choir will rehearse in the church at 8pm on Thursday evenings during term time from September.
If you would like to find out more, please contact Tamsin at tamsinverity@gmail.com, 01732669514 or 07932159682.

Maasai Visit

On Tuesday morning we were extremely excited to welcome back a Maasai Tribe from Kenya. They astounded us with their singing and dancing in a short demonstration in the morning and then each class had 15 minutes with them to ask questions and to learn some of their moves. We are very grateful to all of them for giving up so much of their time and to Rachel Murray for organising it for us.

PTA NEWS

Many thanks to all involved in the Summer Fete on Sunday! Despite the weather the day was great success. The amount raised will be revealed next week!
Get your Barn Dance tickets from Football cafe on Friday, from Rachel Murray, or from The Fleur. £15 for an evening of live music & delicious food on The Green, Sept 3rd.

The Wizard of Oz

Preparations for this year's summer production of The Wizard of Oz have been going very well indeed. We're all very excited about the performance on Tuesday and spending the day at Tonbridge School. A letter went home earlier this week giving the final details for the day itself but I have also attached it to this Newsletter for your reference. If you are unsure about any of the final arrangements for Tuesday please do speak with your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you.

Events

16.7.16	Leigh Village Garden Safari
18.7.16	Class Transition Afternoon
19.7.16	Summer Production at the E M Forster Theatre (7pm)
20.7.16	Wolves Forest School (am) Hawks Forest School (pm)
21.7.16	End of Term Service (2pm) Year 6 Leavers Picnic on the Green (3.15pm-8pm)
5.9.16	Beginning of Term 1

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar