LEIGH NEWS

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PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Today we are launching a new photography competition. We are inviting all children in every year group to take part in this and each child is allowed to submit up to 5 photographs. The competition will be judged on the best photos that illustrate our school values (such as sharing, caring, friendliness, honesty, determination, supporting each other etc...). The School Council will pick the best 3 from each Key Stage and each participant and winners will all receive a prize. Children can hand these photographs in by emailing them to me (headteacher@leigh.kent.sch.uk) or by printing them out and handing them to their class representatives on the School Council. We will then make a display of them at school and post some of the entries on the website. The closing date for entries is Friday 6th February so get snapping!

PTA NEWS

The next PTA meeting is on Tuesday 27th January at 6.30pm at the Little Brown Jug. All are very welcome to this meeting.

NEW SCIENCE BOOKS

This week we have received some new Super Scientists books for our new school library. These books are biographies of famous scientists and are a great introduction to the people who have shaped our knowledge of the Earth and wider Universe. These books were a generous donation from Professor Alan Dronsfield who is passionate about children getting good quality science education. Alan has also supported the school in lots of other ways over the past year including donations to support Gifted and Talented projects and money to support our new library facility.

More Music Success

Congratulations to Michael Lake who has just been awarded his Grade 2 with Merit on the tenor horn from Trinity College of London. The examiner made some lovely comments about Michael's playing and the progress he is making with Mr Davies is fantastic. Congratulations Michael.

KENT ATHLETICS FESTIVAL

Last Thursday 18 children from Years 5&6 took part in the Kent Athletics Festival at the Angel Centre in Tonbridge. 16 schools took part from Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells and each child competed in 2 running events and 2 track and field events. The children competed brilliantly throughout the day and were a real credit to the school. Many thanks to Mrs Hill for accompanying the children on this trip and to Miss Taylor for organising it.

SUMMER PRODUCTION

This year Leigh Primary School will be performing their Summer Production at the E M Forster Theatre at Tonbridge School. This will involve the WHOLE SCHOOL and will take place on Wednesday 15th July at 7pm.

PLEASE DO KEEP THIS DATE FREE

As yet we are not exactly sure how many tickets will be available per family but it is a big theatre so we are hoping there will be plenty of tickets available for everyone who wants them. Many more details will be sent out nearer the time. Thank you.

School Choir at Canterbury Cathedral

The children in the school choir from Key Stage 2 have been invited to sing at Canterbury Cathedral on Thursday 22nd January. To be invited to take part in this event is a huge privilege and should be something the children remember for many years to come. The concert starts at 2pm and friends and family are warmly encouraged to come along and support the children. If you wish to buy a ticket for the concert then they can be purchased from the school office for £3.50 per ticket or they can be downloaded from the school website. Thank you.

Next Week's Theme – 'Canterbury Cathedral'

SATS AFTERNOON FOR WOLVES CLASS

We are holding a 30 minute meeting for the children and parents in Wolves Class to cover the essential information regarding this year's SATs exams. This is being held on Tuesday 27th January and will be run by Miss Taylor and Mr Eaton. If at all possible we would like as many children and parents as possible to be present during this meeting so if you are UNABLE to attend then please do let Miss Taylor know.

Cycling Proficiency

This week the children in Year 6 have been braving the weather and taking part in the Kent County Council 'Bikeability' Course. During the course the children have been learning about road safety and how to properly look after a bike. The children have, as ever, been wonderfully behaved throughout these sessions and, when the weather improves, we would encourage the children who have been on this course to ride their bikes into school when appropriate.

OPEN CLASSROOM AFTERNOON

The next open classroom afternoon is on Thursday 26th March from 3pm-4pm. You are all very welcome to attend this event and see what the children have been up to this term.

New Cricket Net

We are extremely fortunate to be able to proceed with installing a brand new cricket net on the school field. This is the result of a generous donation made on behalf of the Leigh Cricket Club and this facility will be used by our children as well as the club itself. The net should be installed ready for the new cricket season and we hope to be able to use it to develop a really strong cricket side here at school. A huge thank you to Chris Scott and all of the members of the local community who made donations to this project and we will let you know when the net is ready to be used.

EXPANSION OF THE SCHOOL – WEBPAGE

A new page on the school website has been written to answer some of the questions that have been raised regarding the possible expansion of the school. This page can be found under the 'Parents' section of the website and is entitled 'Additional Spaces Project'. As yet we are still waiting to hear what the local authority are officially proposing but the governing body, as ever, are being proactive in this matter. If you have any additional questions that we can answer then please do email me (headteacher@leigh.kent.sch.uk) and we can add them on the page for all to see. We will of course let you know when we have any additional information about this.

Events

19.1.15	Last 'Bikeability' course for Year 6
21.1.15	Children's Workshop Assembly
22.1.15	School Choir performing in Canterbury Cathedral
27.1.15	SATs Event for Parents and Children (Yr 6) 3.30pm
28.1.15	Football Match v. Hever
2.2.15	Football Match v. Chiddingstone
4.2.15	Football Match v. Penshurst
11.2.15	Football Match v. Fordcombe
13.2.15	End of Term 3
23.2.15	Beginning of Term 4
24.2.15	First Swim for Years 5&6

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar