LEIGH NEWS

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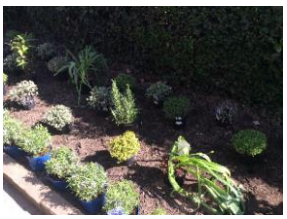
Welcome Back

We hope that you have all had a wonderful Easter and a very enjoyable break. It's been a great start to the new term and we look forward to sharing with you all the wonderful things the children will be doing this term. Please continue to check the school website on a regular basis and do see me if you feel there is something missing on it. Could I take this opportunity to remind everyone that we operate an open door policy here at Leigh; you are welcome into school at any time to discuss your child's progress.

New Sensory Garden



This week our new sensory garden has been planted. It's now a beautiful area and so many thanks to Drew Richardson, Nicci Snuggs, Lyndsey O'Neill and Sally Briggs (head gardener at Merriments Gardens in Hurst Green) for making this happen. The fencing and gates are being replaced next week and we hope you'll agree that, when finished, the whole outside area will look vastly improved.

St. George's Day

Monday is St. George's Day. As St. George is the Patron Saint of the Scouting Movement, we are inviting all children who are members of this organization (brownies, cubs, rainbows etc…) to come in dressed in their uniforms on Monday.

Chiddingstone Literary Festival

We are delighted to be taking the whole school to the Chiddingstone Literary Festival on Tuesday 8th May. It promises to be a wonderful event for the whole school with some really fun writing workshops planned throughout the day. A letter regarding this trip has been attached to this Newsletter and a copy can also be found by clicking on the following link:
http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/docs/Chiddingstone_Literary_Festival_2.pdf
A list of books available to purchase has also been attached to this Newsletter and can be found by clicking on the following link:
http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/docs/Chiddingstone_Schools_Day_Book_List.pdf
More information about the Chiddingstone Literary Festival can be found by clicking on this link
www.chiddingstonecastle.org.uk/literary-festival

Instrumental Concert

We are holding our annual Instrumental Concert in Jessica's Hall at 5pm on Wednesday 9th May. This concert is open to any child who is learning a musical instrument and would like the opportunity to perform the music they have been working on. All are very welcome to attend this concert which should last about 45 minutes.

Weather

The weather this week has been absolutely beautiful and it's been wonderful to be able to start using The Green again. Please could I remind everyone that when the weather is warm the children will need a hat, sun cream, and a water bottle in school so that they can enjoy the warm weather safely. Thank you.

Swimming

Swimming lessons have started this week for all children in Key Stage 2. Please ensure the children have the correct swimming kit in school every Thursday until the end of Term 5. Thank you.

LOVE 2 DANCE

The official photos from the Love 2 Dance event are now available for you to see. These can be found by clicking on the following link https://www.dephoto.biz/Search/Search.aspx?Path=Dance%5cKnole+Academy%5c2018%5cLove+2+Dance+27th+and+28th+March Once on the website you will need to enter the event code clare121 and click on 'Dance photos from 28th March'. Please note that these are the photos from all the schools participating on this day rather than just the photos of Leigh children. There is also a video which you can buy and further details of this can be found by clicking on the following link. http://www.acm-studio.co.uk/ksp/index.html

KEY STAGE 2 TRIP TO THE BATTLEFIELDS OF WWI

The Collective Passport for our trip to Ypres is being sent off today. If your child's name has not been added to the list and they do not have a valid passport then they will not be able to accompany us to Belgium.

Year 5&6 TRANSITION EVENT

We are very much looking forward to this year's Transition Event NEXT FRIDAY. This is for all children in Years 5&6 and will run between 4pm and 5pm. If you know of any ex pupils who might be able to speak at this event then please do let Mrs Burbridge know. We are asking that all children in these year groups attend this event and if they are unable to do so, please do let me know as soon as possible. Please note that because of this event there will not be Football Club after school on that day. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

Countdown to the May fete!

Following their amazing work this week planting the new sensory garden, Nicci Snuggs and Lyndsey O'Neill will be running a stall at the May fete with lots of garden related games and activities. The proceeds will be used to fund extras for the garden including wall baskets to grow fruit and veg, big pots to plant with bamboo and decorative items like wind chimes and windmills. Look out for the stall on May 13th.

Please do remember to bring in donations of jam jars of sweets and bottles for the stalls at the fete. There is a collection box in the school office and all donations will be gratefully received.

Forest School – A message from Mrs Murray

In these next two terms the forest starts to bloom and we can use its fruits to make things to eat and drink. We only use easily identifiable ingredients such as blackberry, nettle, sticky weed and hawthorn (this is not an exhaustive list) to make juices, fritters and pesto. If you have any concerns about your child taking part in wild and foraged food activities please let us know.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations have been taking place this week on Wednesday and Thursday. If you were unable to get to see your child's class teacher on this occasion, then please do speak with them to arrange an alternative date. Thank you.

Next Week's Theme 'St. George and Patron Saints'

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Russell Richardson and Jacob Nicholson

Congratulations to Russell Richardson and Jacob Nicholson who have recently taken part in a football camp at The Weald of Kent Grammar School. Both boys took part in this over the Easter holidays and have been given a trophy each for doing so well. Well done boys!

Gymnastics Medals

Congratulations also to Tilly Carter , Caitlin Moriarty-Cole, Sophie Edmonds and Phoebe Edmonds who have recently been awarded these splendid gymnastics medals. Well done girls.

Grace Kendrick

Finally, congratulations to Grace Kendrick who has been awarded her Goldfish 1 Swimming Award. To achieve this Grace had to answer 2 water safety questions as well as swimming for 5 metres and showing rhythmical breathing. Well done Grace.

Events

20.4.18	Robins Forest School
25.4.18	Cross Country at Sackville
27.4.18	Secondary School Transition Event (4pm-5pm)
2.5.18	Cross Country Event at Chiddingstone
3.5.18	Tag Rugby Tournament
4.5.18	Hawks Class to the London Transport Museum Fruity Friday, Squirrels Forest School
7.5.18	Bank Holiday – No children in school please
8.5.18	Whole School Trip to Chiddingstone Castle

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar