LEIGH NEWS

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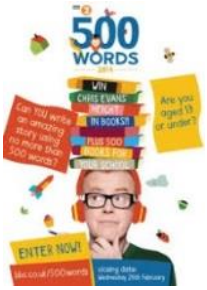
500 Words Writing Competition



We are very pleased to be launching our third annual 500 Words Writing Competition which we are running alongside the competition run by the BBC. It's very simple! We are asking the children to write an original story on any subject or theme IN NO MORE THAN 500 words. It can be about anything or anyone BUT it must be the children's own work and an original story. All the stories will be entered into our own competition and there will be prizes for all the children who enter as well as prizes for those that come first, second and third in each of the age categories (Reception, Years 1&2, Years 3&4, Years5&6). We will also enter all the stories in the BBC competition and, if they win, their story will be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity…like Julie Walters, Tom Hiddleston, Sir Kenneth Branagh, Jeremy Irons, or Sherlock himself – Benedict Cumberbatch. Each year, 10 million Radio 2 listeners hear, read and love these stories. We are asking that the stories are emailed to us at school at: 500words@leigh.kent.sch.uk by Tuesday 21st February. There's nothing to stop the children from entering as many times as they wish so we would encourage the older children to write two or even three stories. Further information about the BBC competition can be found by clicking on the following link.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/50pnqLfDywb9CFxjNvth5l0/about-500-words
Best of luck and get writing!

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017 launches next week. Any vouchers would be gratefully received as they help us buy new playground and sports equipment for the summer. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

Quiz night Sat 11th March, Leigh Village Hall. Start getting your teams of 8-10 players ready! Tickets available soon.
Kids disco/ film night 10th Feb, details coming soon……
Does anyone have any disco lighting that we could borrow for a school disco? If so please contact us leighprimarypta@gmail.com or speak to Chloe Bates, Rachel Murray or Alice Backlog. Thank you.
Next meeting Weds 22 Feb, 8pm at school
All are very welcome to attend

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Sophie-May Anderson

Congratulations to Sophie-May Anderson who has passed the audition to become a member of the Kent Junior Singers which is part of the Kent County Youth Choirs. As part of her audition, Sophie-May had to sing an unaccompanied song (Walking in the Air) as well as other musical tests. The choirs aim to communicate to children the sheer joy of singing; enabling them to understand the delight of the emotional and dramatic response they are capable of giving and receiving. Day rehearsals are held monthly and the choirs attend a three-day residential course in the summer. The Junior Choirs also provide an ideal stepping-stone to the more senior choirs. This is a fantastic achievement; really well done Sophie-May!

April Woods

Congratulations to April Woods who has been awarded her Stanley6Award for swimming. April attends Nizels swimming club and had to: push and glide on her back, swim through a submerged hoop and use a woggle to scull forwards and backwards. Very well done April.

Isabela Jones

Congratulations also to Isa Jones who has been awarded these swimming and gymnastics awards. Isa has passed her Stage 2 ASA swimming award as well as her Level 8 Proficiency Award in gymnastics. Congratulations on these achievements Isa.

Football Match

On Wednesday our football team played their first match of the season against Fordcombe Primary School. The team haven't played together before and should be very proud of the way they played. Although they didn't manage to win on this occasion they scored two very good goals and played together as a team extremely well. Many thanks to all the children for being such a great group to take and also to Steve Hale for managing them. The team were: Leo Pearson, Ben Grant, Kaedyn Poulter, Sam Barker, Joe Kirby, Tom Butler and Max Yeoman. They have another match next Wednesday against Ide Hill and we wish them all the best for this match.

Netball Match

Also on Wednesday our netball team played against Fordcombe Primary School. This is only the team's second match of the season and they also should be extremely proud of the way they played. Although they didn't manage to win, it was a very evenly fought match and the girls can be extremely proud of the way they played together. They also have a match against Ide Hill next week and we wish them all the very best for this. The team were: Emily Henderson, Skye Newman, Amelia Bell, Isabelle Waghorn, Tabitha Tyler and Millie Boucher, Very well done to all the team and many thanks to Angela Ray and Vicky Gilbert for coaching them.

Grandparents Afternoon

As a reminder, this year's Grandparents Afternoon will be held on Friday 17th March 2017 (1.30pm-3pm). This is a lovely opportunity for grandparents, elderly relatives or friends to come into school and spend time with the children, look at their work, have a tour of the school and then enjoy some refreshments in Jessica's Hall. Please do advertise this date to those who might be interested.

SATs Afternoon for Parents and Year 6

We are holding a 20 minute meeting for the children and parents in Year 6 to cover the essential information regarding this year's SATs exams. This is NOW being held on Monday 30th January 2017 at 3.15pm and will be run by Mrs Harper and myself. It has been necessary to change the date of this meeting due to a clash with the netball match against Chiddingstone. 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 Mrs Harper know.

Next Week's Theme –'Honesty and Fairness'

Start of the School Day

Since introducing a slightly earlier start to the school day we have been delighted with how it is working. Although we had a few teething problems at the beginning, we are seeing some excellent progress from the children from their Target Time activities and we also hope this is easing congestion around the school in the morning. However we have also noted that there are some children who are persistently late. Could I respectfully remind all parents that the school bell goes at 8.45am and children should be in school for registration by this time. Children are welcome into school from 8.30am for Target Time activities but must be in school for the register by 8.45am. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Events

24.1.17	Robins Class Forest School
25.1.17	Fox Class Forest School Football Match v. Ide Hill (away)
27.1.17	Netball Match v. Ide Hill (away)
30.1.17	High Hopes Assembly SATs Meeting for parents of children in Year 6 (3.15pm)
31.1.17	Squirrels Class Forest School
1.2.17	Wolves Class Forest School
2.2.17	Hawks Class visiting the Museum of Kent Life Football Match v. Chiddingstone (away)
3.2.17	Wolves Class visiting The Cabinet War Rooms in London Fruity Friday
6.2.17	Netball Match v. Chiddingstone (away)
7.2.17	Hedgehog Class Forest School
8.2.17	Fox Class Trip to Pizza Express, Hawks Class Forest School
10.2.17	PTA Film Night, End of Term 3
20.2.17	Beginning of Term 4

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar