LEIGH NEWS

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Singing Day with Dominic Peckham

On Tuesday the whole school had singing workshops with Dominic Peckham. Dominic is one of the UK's leading choral and orchestral conductors and he took a whole day out of his busy schedule to be with us. During the day he worked with the School Choir, Key Stage 1 and then Key Stage 2 and we then put the whole thing together for an informal concert in the Village Hall at 2.30pm. The children managed to learn 5 songs in one day which is an incredible achievement and they gained so much from working with Dominic. It was a truly inspirational day and we're extremely grateful to Dominic and to Tamsin Anderson for organising this day for us.

Year 5 Parent Meeting – This Wednesday at 7.30pm
PESE 2016-2017

I will be holding a meeting about the Procedure for Entry to Secondary Education (PESE) for those parents of children in Year 5 on Wednesday. This meeting will take place in Jessica's Hall and will start at 7.30pm. My aims for the meeting are:

- To look at the situation in Kent regarding secondary schools
- To look briefly at the different secondary schools in the local area
- To look at the data from last year's 11+
- To look at the 11+ in its current format
- To look at the PESE timetable for 2016-2017
- To look at the SCAF Form, Appeals Process and Home School Transport

All parents of children in Year 5 are strongly encouraged to come to this meeting if at all possible although all the slides will also be available on the school website afterwards. Thank you.

Next Week's Theme –'Our Heroes'

Fox Class Pirate Day

On Wednesday the Fox Class had a Pirate Day as part of their topic Land Ahoy! During the day they learnt about famous pirates, life on board a pirate ship and watched a pirate puppet show. They also created their own pirate puppets. Pirate Ron spent the day with the children teaching them all about life at sea and what it must have been like to be a pirate. Many thanks to all the children for dressing up in such splendid costumes and to Miss Oyler for organising the day.

Open Classroom Afternoon

We have now set the date of this term's Open Classroom Afternoon. This will take place on Thursday 26th May from 3pm-4pm. All are very welcome to attend this event which is a great opportunity to see what the children have been up to in their classes.

Inter-House Tournament

This afternoon the children will be competing for this trophy in our first Inter-House Tournament. The children will be playing football, netball, dodgeball or running in a cross country event to earn points for their Houses. The House with highest points tally at the end of the afternoon will receive the cup during the presentation event at 3pm on the Green.

Blister Sisters Quiz Night

An enormous thank you to everyone who came to the Blister Sisters Quiz Night on Saturday evening. It was a terrific event and an incredible £840 was raised for the new music and creative arts facility room. A special thank you to Jon Wood for setting all the questions and for being such a fantastic quiz master. It's now only a week away until the big walk and if you haven't had the chance to sponsor them yet then please do so by clicking on the link below. As you might know we were planning to get the children involved in this event by running our own sponsored walk next Friday. However given the overwhelming generosity of so many people towards this project we feel that we shouldn't be asking for yet more sponsorship and so the event will now not take place. Thank you.

http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/leighblistersisters

PTA NEWS

Thanks to your support, Foxes class raised over £250 at their cake sale which is a fantastic result! The money will be used for their class resources & trips.

Dates for your diary: Robins Cake Sale: Friday 27th May

Men's Night at The Fleur: Weds 15th June, Curry & a Pint £10.95, tickets available soon!

School Summer Fete: Sunday 10th July

Thank you to all who brought in bags of clothing etc. for "Phil the Bag", we made £168.50!

The Summer Fete is fast approaching, please consider volunteering to help out on the day, the school needs you!! Sign up sheets are in the front office.

Choir Concert

On Thursday at 6.30pm the School Choir will be putting on a short informal concert in St. Mary's Church to show some of the music they have been working on this term. All are very welcome to attend this concert which will last about 30 minutes.

Katie Lockton

Congratulations to Katie Lockton who has recently been awarded her Happy Tails Dog Training certificate for completing an Advanced Puppy Foundation Course. Katie and her dog Bay have been working towards this award for many weeks and Katie had to train him to: sit, lay down, paw, wait, not to jump up and heel. Congratulations to Katie and to Bay on this wonderful achievement!

Wolves Class at Kensington Palace

On Wednesday the Wolves Class spent the day at Kensington Palace as part of their topic on the Victorians. During the day the children looked round the Palace and had a workshop where they got to handle Victorian artefacts and see some of Queen Victoria's dresses. Kensington Palace was the childhood home of Queen Victoria until she was 18 when she moved to Buckingham Palace. The children had a wonderful day and many thanks to all the staff who accompanied the children on the day and to Miss Taylor for organising it.

Events

24.5.16	Squirrel Class trip to Bore Place
25.5.16	Year 5 Parent Meeting (7.30pm)
26.5.16	Open Classroom Afternoon (3pm-4pm) Choir Concert (6.30pm) PTA Meeting (8pm)
27.5.16	Fruity Friday, Robin Class Cake Sale End of Term 5
28.5.16	London to Brighton Ultra Challenge
6.6.16	INSET Day
7.6.16	Beginning of Term 6

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar