LEIGH NEWS

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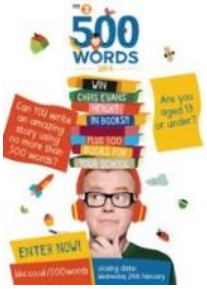
500 Words Writing Competition



We are very pleased to be launching our fifth 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 from Year 2 upwards 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 (20 house points each) as well as prizes for those that come first, second and third in each of the age categories (Year 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 20th 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!

Transition Event

On Friday 27th April we will be holding our annual Transition Event at school. We are asking that any ex-pupils who might be available come back into school and share their experiences of making the transition from Primary to Secondary School. The idea is not to promote one school over another but to share common experiences and to answer any questions our current pupils might have. This event will start at 4pm and finish at 5pm and we are asking that ALL children in Years 5 & 6 attend if at all possible. If anyone knows any ex-pupils who might be available to come back into school on this date then please do let Mrs Burbridge know and she will add their name to the list. Thank you.

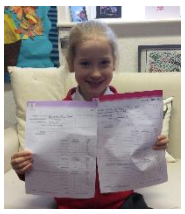
Next Week's Theme 'Caring For Our World'

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. We will be starting to formulate the programme next week so please do encourage any child who has a music lesson to take part. All are very welcome to attend this concert which should last about 45 minutes. Thank you.

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Georgie May Moon



Congratulations to Georgie May Moon who has passed with Distinction her Grade 1 Tap Exam and her Grade 2 Modern Theatre Exam. Georgie May scored 92 out of 100 in her Tap Exam and 93 out of 100 in her Modern Theatre Exam and should be incredibly proud of doing so well. Congratulations Georgie May.

Love 2 Dance

Today the Love 2 Dance rehearsals will begin. These will take place at school and be led by 2 specialist dance teachers from the Sevenoaks Dance Academy. Please note that if the children have signed up for this event then they must be committed to the evening performance at The Stag Theatre on Wednesday 28th March. Thank you.

Mrs Harper

Today we say a temporary goodbye to our wonderful Hedgehog Class teacher, Mrs Harper. Mrs Harper will now be on maternity leave until further notice and I'm sure you'd like to join me in wishing her all the very best for the coming weeks and months. When I have further news I will of course let you know. I am delighted that Mr Hancock will be starting on Monday and teaching the Hedgehog Class for the rest of the academic year. Mrs Harper and Mr Hancock met last Friday to conduct a thorough handover and Mr Hancock also taught the Hedgehogs for an hour so that the children could have the chance to meet him. I'm sure everyone would like to join me in welcoming Mr Hancock to the staff and if you are a parent of a child in that class then please do introduce yourself to him next week.

SUMMER PRODUCTION

As a reminder the two performances of our Summer Production on Tuesday 17th July will be at 1.30pm and 4pm and there will not be any need to collect children in between the performances.
Many more details will be sent out nearer the time. Thank you.

Bella Padden

This week Bella Padden has been filming a TV series for the BBC called 'Bodyguard'. Set in and around the corridors of power, Bodyguard tells the fictional story of David Budd, a heroic but volatile war veteran now working as a Specialist Protection Officer for the Royalty and Specialist Protection Branch of London's Met Police Service. The series stars Richard Madden and Sophie Rundle and Bella plays Ella Budd. It should be out on the BBC in the autumn. Congratulations Bella.

Wolves Class at the Natural History Museum

Last Friday the Wolves Class visited the Natural History Museum in London. During the day they completed a workshop called 'Investigate' where they examined teeth, rocks, butterflies, spines and shells all linked to their topic work 'Survivors'. They also looked at the blue whale and had an 'earthquake experience'. The children were wonderfully behaved and many thanks to all the parents and helpers who accompanied the children and to Miss Bettridge for organising it.

Netball Match v. Penshurst Primary School

On Monday evening the Netball Team travelled to Penshurst Primary School for their latest league match. Although they didn't manage to win on this occasion they did score three extremely good goals from Poppy, Lois and Katie. The team consisted of: Poppy, Lois, Katie, Emily and Anna. Many thanks to Vickie Gilbert for managing the team and well done to all the children who took part.

PTA NEWS

Tickets to go on sale for Carradine's Cockney Singalong
Early next week we will start selling tickets for the Cockney singalong we are holding on 23 February. It is set to be a brilliant event, hosted by Tom Carradine, a wonderful singer and musician whose cockney singalong sessions have sold out in many of London's music halls. Tom will be joining us for an evening of vintage fun, drinks and great food in the village hall. Watch this space! Get a flavour of Tom's music here:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1FTgkfTf13AMWJUv4MTi4Q

Events

26.1.18	Robins Class Forest School
31.1.18	Netball Match v. Chiddingstone (home)
1.2.18	Football Match v. Four Elms (away)
2.2.18	Fruity Friday Hawks Class Forest School

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar