LEIGH NEWS

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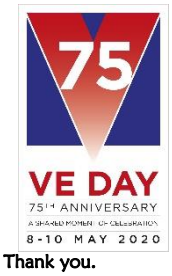
Forest School Area

The spring clean in the Forest School area has now been completed and I'm extremely grateful to all the members of the West Kent Countryside Partnership as well as to our own Rachel, Jim and Sarah for all their hard work. As part of the renovation they have given the whole area a fresh new look and have relined the pond, planted some suitable aquatic plants, rebuilt the small platforms, spruced up the mud kitchen as well as undertaking other cleaning activities to make it ready for the spring.

VE Day Celebrations 2020

On Friday 8th May there is a Bank Holiday in the UK to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. In Leigh the village is coming together on the Green for a day of celebration and commemoration and we would, if possible, love to get the children involved in this activity. We are proposing that the children lead half an hour of WWII singing on the stage during the afternoon but, before we commit to this, would like to know who is available and who is willing to get involved. We have set up a Parent Consent section on Arbor and, if your child is able to take part in this event, please do give consent before the end of February so we can see if this is going to be viable. Thank you.



Next Week's Theme –'Barriers to Peace'

National Offer Day – 2nd March 2020

If you have a child in Year 6 then you will be informed of your child's secondary school allocation on Monday 2nd March. Once you have received your allocation then I am happy to meet with any parents about this should you wish. Please do make an appointment with me via the school office. Thank you.

Rugby

On Wednesday we welcomed Tonbridge Juddians into school to run some rugby lessons and to take our new Rugby Club. This club is open to children in Years 5&6 and will be run at lunchtime. We're extremely grateful to the Juddians for coming into school and many thanks to Mrs Barber for organising this for us.

New Chromebooks

This week we have taken delivery of 8 new Chromebooks which have already been used by classes throughout the school. These are the result of a very generous donation from the Parish Council and takes our total to 57 Chromebooks throughout the school. We have worked really hard over the past 2 years to ensure that our ICT provision is not just fit for purpose for today but also provides the staff and children with the tools they will need over the next 5-10 years. I'd like to thank the Parish Council for this extremely generous donation and for all their support over the years.

Coronavirus Advice

The overall risk to the coronavirus remains moderate in the UK. However, we understand that people may be concerned where there are people returning from or visiting China or other affected areas. Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone travelling to the area. This can be found at: www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-fortravel-to-china We will continue to monitor this situation very closely and if there are any updates we will of course let you know. It's also a very good time to remind everyone about good hygiene habits and handwashing techniques and we have been speaking with the children this week about these issues. Thank you.

The Litter Kickers are creating a

Leap Day Litter Wave

across Tonbridge on **Saturday 29th February.**

It's a Bonus Day of the year, so why not use it doing something to help the planet?

Getting involved is simple:

Pick up **3 pieces of litter** wherever you find them – in your street, while walking the dog, at the park, in town – and take a photo. Tag your photo with **#TonbridgeLitterWave** and send it to us on Twitter, Facebook or by email to litterkickers@gmail.com, letting us know where you are (see the photos below for examples).

We'll add it to a map of the whole town, hopefully showing a huge joint community 'wave', made up of lots of little ripples of positive action.

We are also holding a community litter pick in the centre of town, meeting at **River Lawn** from **1pm-3pm** on **Saturday 29th February.**

We'll have our Litter Bingo sheets for families and will be making a wave-themed art creation later in the afternoon. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Follow us on **Twitter** @Lkickers or **Facebook** Litter Kickers for more information.

Great Ormond Street Fundraising

The Vincent family are fundraising for Great Ormond Street and we would like to support them here at school. Lynsey will be running the London marathon on 26th April and, if you would like to support her in this fantastic endeavour please do visit her JustGiving Page by clicking on the link below. We will also be having a Crazy Hair Day and Cake Sale (3pm) at school on Friday 20th March. If you would like to take part in this then we are suggesting a voluntary donation of £1 to Great Ormond Street. Thank you. www.justgiving.com/lynseyvincent

GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL CHARITY

Arbor Reports

Arbor

On Monday 9th March you will be able to access your child's midyear report via your Arbor Parent Portal. This is the first time we have used this reporting format and we hope it will provide a very useful starting point for discussion at the parent consultations on the 10th and 11th March. The teachers have been working hard to ensure that these reports are useful and informative but as this is the first time we have used them, please do bear with us if there are any glitches when you try and access them. If you haven't signed up for a parent consultation yet, please do so via the Arbor Portal by Monday 9th March at the very latest. Thank you.

Pupil Achievements

Huge congratulations to Ava who has recently been awarded her British Gymnastics Proficiency Awards Levels 7&8. Ava attends Tigers Gymnastics club and gets these two lovely certificates as well as two badges. Really well done Ava!

Events

28.2.20	Wolves/Hawks Forest School, Fruity Friday
2.3.20	Start of Science Week Football Match v. Hever Primary School (home) Netball Match v. Penshurst (home)
3.3.20	Squirrel Class at Ightham Mote
4.3.20	Squirrel Class Hearing and Vision Screening
5.3.20	Hawks Class at Horton Kirby
6.3.20	Grandparents Afternoon
9.3.20	Children's Reports Available on Arbor Parent Portal Netball Match v. Fordcombe
10.3.20	Parent Consultations (1.30pm-4pm) in Jessica's Hall
11.3.20	1.30pm – Year 3/4 Netball Tournament 1.30pm – Year 5/6 Footbal Tournament Parent Consultations (5pm-8pm)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar