LEIGH NEWS

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Postcard from a Junkyard

On Friday Wolves Class took part in the first of our 'Postcard from a Junkyard' writing projects. They were challenged to make models of animals and objects from junk and then write creatively about them in the afternoon. The class had a terrific day and thoroughly enjoyed this creative approach to writing. Owls Class will be the next class to participate in this project next Friday.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations are taking place on 17th and 18th March. It is really important that all parents and carers attend these meetings so please do speak with the class teachers if you are unable to make the two dates put aside for these meetings.

IRISH DANCING NEWS

Tidda Hydara and Poppy Denham in Fox Class have recently taken part in an Irish Dancing competition. Both girls are part of the Penshurst Irish Dancing Club and took part in 2 dances during the competition. Both girls did extremely well with Tidda coming 3rd overall and Poppy coming 7th. Comhghairdeas cailíní!

Grandparents Afternoon

We are having our annual Grandparents Afternoon this afternoon starting at 1.30pm. All grandparents or elderly relatives or friends are invited into school to have a tour, speak to the children about their work and enjoy a cup of tea. Please do encourage as many grandparents and elderly relatives or friends to come along and enjoy spending the afternoon with the children.

PTA NEWS

Our current Treasurer is stepping down, and we need another lovely parent (or parents or the role could be shared) to help us out as soon as possible.
The role is to manage the accounts, organise funds, banking and deal with donations. It helps if you have a financial background as it is all about the figures.
This role can either be a very involved PTA role, or simply a background role for someone who only wants to help out behind the scenes, without having to get too involved with the fundraising side of things.
If you think you could spare a few hours to help us out, please contact Faydra on 07846 238 925 or by email leighprimarypta@outlook.com

A Big Thank You

Last term Mrs Pearson and Mrs Kirby organised a collection of old shoes to be taken out to Africa by David Bennie. Many children in Africa are only allowed to attend school if they have shoes. This means for some they can't attend school and others have to share shoes and attend part-time. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who donated shoes during this appeal and to Mrs Pearson and Mrs Kirby for co-ordinating it. David has just returned from The Gambia where, as you can see, the shoes have already found good homes. Thank you.

NEW REPORTS

Attached with this Newsletter is a letter about a new reporting format we will be using. The idea is to try and increase the amount of information you receive throughout the year regarding your child's progress. If anyone has any feedback about this new system then please do speak with me. Thank you.

WRITING COMPETITION WINNERS

We are delighted to be able to announce the winning entries of our 500 word writing competition. This was an extremely difficult competition to judge as there were so many entries of such a high standard. Everyone who entered has received 5 House Points and the following children also received a gift token in this morning's assembly for their winning stories. We will also post the stories on the school website for you to read. We have entered the stories for the BBC Radio 2 competition and we look forward to hearing whether any of our children have been successful!

Reception	Sebastien Backlog	*St George and the Dragon*
Year 1	Felix Murray	*The Mystery of the Mysterious Mummies*
Year 2	Ben Sharpe	*Spaceman*
Year 3	Emily Burns	*The Gold Cub*
Year 4	Finlay Constable	*The Spider who came to School*
Year 5	Dalma Rajan	*A Lion Friend*
Year 6	Logan McIntosh	*The Horrible Pancake Day*

THE VILLAGE SPRING SHOW

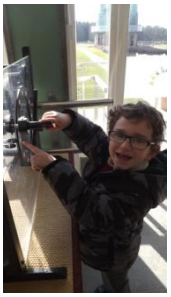
The Leigh Village Horticultural Society holds a spring show every year and pupils of the school are invited to enter the children's classes. If you're feeling creative and would like to take part, please look at the page on our website which has full details of the classes and a downloadable entry form. The show takes place on Saturday 28th March. Best of luck.
http://www.leighprimaryschool.org.uk/News/Spring-Show/

Spring Clean Day

We have been running 2 Spring Clean Days a year to tackle some of the bigger projects around the school that can't be dealt with during the normal course of the year. The next Spring Clean Day is on **Saturday 28th March** 10am-2pm. Please do come along if you can.

Next Week's Theme – 'Staying Healthy'

Fox Class at Herstmonceux



On Wednesday the Fox Class visited Herstmonceux Science Centre as part of their topic work on Forces. The children learnt about friction, pushes and pulls and had a wonderful time playing on the exhibits as well as attending a bridge building workshop. As ever the children were brilliantly behaved throughout the day and were a real credit to the school and to themselves. Many thanks to all the adults who accompanied the children on this trip and to Mrs Pearson and Mrs Tanner for organising it.

List for Transition Event

If you know of someone at secondary school who would be willing to come in and speak with our Year 5&6 children during our 'Transition Event' then please do phone the school office to put their name on the list. Thank you.

SPORTS NEWS

NETBALL

On Wednesday our netball team played against Stocks Green Primary School. They fought so hard throughout the match and were winning by four goals to nil in the first half. They narrowly missed out when Stocks Green won by two further goals in the second half of the match, making it 6-4.The team are really starting to come together and continue to make great progress. Many thanks to Miss Ray, Mr Matthews and Mrs Gilbert-Lee for preparing the team for this match and for taking all the practices. The team have two more league matches left and also a netball tournament at the Weald of Kent Grammar School which will allow them to enhance their game play and improve on what they have already learnt.

FOOTBALL

On Thursday our football team played against Four Elms Primary School. After a very tense and close game the boys eventually lost 4-0 but the score doesn't reflect how close the game actually was. Congratulations to the team.

Events

9.3.15	School Choir singing at High Hilden Residential Home Football Match v. Weald Primary School
11.3.15	Netball Match v. Crockham Hill Primary School
13.3.15	Red Nose Day Squirrel Class at Hever Castle
16.3.15	Squirrel Class 'Fairytale Day' Netball Match v. Weald Primary School
17.3.15	Parent Consultations (1.30pm-4.30pm)
18.3.15	Parent Consultations (4.30pm-8pm)
19.3.15	Year 3&4 Football Tournament Netball Tournament

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar