LEIGH NEWS

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Year 6 School Journey

This week the children in Wolves Class have been at Blackland Farm in East Grinstead on the School Journey. During the week the children have been completing tasks such as abseiling, rock climbing, low ropes, orienteering, crate stacking, all aboard, kayaking and the perch. These activities are designed to push and challenge the children and get them to work together in groups as well as individually. The children have been sleeping in tents and we have been blessed with some dry if rather windy weather. We also celebrated Ethan Burbridge's birthday on Wednesday and, as well as enjoying a birthday cake and cards, he had a fantastic day with all his friends on the zip wire, abseiling down a huge tower and setting a course record on the bungee trampoline! We will be sharing lots of photographs of this trip and will create a gallery page on the school website in the coming weeks. Many thanks to all the staff at 4th Dimension who have looked after us so well and to Miss Taylor and Mrs Tait for organising the trip and for being such fun to be around! Finally I would like to thank all the children for being so well behaved and for being such great ambassadors for our school.

SPORTS DAY

We have now fixed the date for Sports Day. This will take place on Monday 20th July with the reserve date now moving to Wednesday 22nd July due to a trip in Hedgehog Class. All parents, carers, family and friends are very welcome to join us on the Green for this event which will start at 1.30pm.

RACE FOR LIFE

Congratulations to all the mums and daughters who took part in the Race for Life on Sunday at Dunorlan Park in Tunbridge Wells. The Race for Life is organised by Cancer Research and is an annual event for many. All the girls did fantastically well and raised a huge amount of money for Cancer Research. Well done girls!

PTA NEWS

Thank you to those who took part in the sponsored sports event. It was great to see so many children taking part and raising money for the school. The next two Fruity Fridays will be on Friday 26th June (pink grapefruit and green apples) and Friday 17th July (cherries).

We are holding a Barn Dance on Saturday 5th September in the marquee on the Village Green (after the Superstars event). If anyone can help with the loan of some lighting and hay bales then please contact Lyndsey O'Neill. The event is open to anyone in the village and tickets will be available very shortly.

DRAMA CLUB

We are starting a new Drama Club on Tuesday after school in Jessica's Hall from 3.15pm-4.30pm. This club is open to children from any year group and will cost £3 per session with all the money raised going directly to the PTA. This club will start this Tuesday and if you would like your child to attend then please contact the school office. The first session will be free and no more than 20 children will be able to attend.

Spring Clean Day

Every year we hold 2 spring clean days to complete some of the bigger projects around the school. The next spring clean day will be on Saturday 3rd October 2015, 10am-2pm. Please do keep this date free if you can.

A Message from the Governing Body's Working Party

Dear Parents and Carers,

As many of you know, Leigh Primary School was approached by Kent County Council in 2013 to explore the feasibility of providing extra places at the school in response to the planning approval of 73 new homes on the former Glaxo Smith Kline pharmaceuticals facility situated in Powdermill Lane. As a Governing Body we are always open to reviewing any proposal that will develop the school in the best interests of the children and so met with KCC to explore what the options might be.

Since the initial approach we have received very little communication about this project and are still awaiting a credible feasibility study from KCC. This lack of movement has inevitably created a degree of unrest not least because we have raised a substantial amount of money to develop a wonderful music facility for the children which is currently on hold because of these discussions.

As a Governing Body we have been extremely proactive and have set up a Working Party to explore a range of options to meet the increased demand for places at the school. However until a credible feasibility study has been received we are not in a position to suggest a viable option for consultation. As soon as there is further information then we are fully committed to sharing it with the parent community so that everyone is given ample opportunity to analyse the proposal and express their opinions. We would like to emphasise that no decision has been taken regarding the possible expansion of the school and no decision will be taken until a full consultation with the community has taken place.

We have set up an Additional Spaces Project page on our school website (www.leighprimaryschool.com) where there are answers to some frequently asked questions about this project. If you have any questions that you would like to add to the page then please do email Daniel Eaton at headteacher@leigh.kent.sch.uk.

Epilepsy Awareness Day

So many thanks to all of you who took part in 'Purple Day' to raise awareness of Epilepsy. The donations reached £160 and all the money has now been transferred to Epilepsy Action (www.epilepsy.org.uk) where there is more information about awareness events organised throughout the year. Many thanks to Alice and Flo Yeoman for organising this event.

Next Week's Theme –'Forgiveness'

DANCING SUCCESS

Huge congratulations to Grace Haselden and her dance troupe from Hill View Dance Academy for winning 1st prize in their category in the Kent Nationals at the Assembly Halls, Tunbridge Wells. There were a staggering 160 groups from across the South East with various categories represented from Junior to Senior. Grace is a hugely talented dancer and well done to her and all her group for this incredible achievement. We're very proud of you Grace.

Events

15.6.15	Walk to School Week School Choir at High Hilden Residential Home
18.6.15	Phonics Screening for Year 1
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20.6.15	School Choir at the Three Arts Festival (am only)
24.6.15	District Sports Event (6pm)
25.6.15	Friends Annual Lunch
26.6.15	Fruity Friday (pink grapefruit and green apples) Provisional class lists sent out
27.6.15	School Choir singing at the Church Fete
29.6.15	Some Year 6 children to Wimbledon
1.7.15	Parent Consultations
3.7.15	New Entrants Taster Afternoon
8.7.15	Triathlon Day at Hever Castle
9.7.15	New Entrants Taster Morning Year 6 Leavers Party
10.7.15	Finalised Class Lists sent to Parents

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar