LEIGH NEWS

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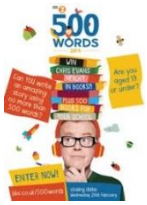
500 Words Writing Competition



We are again going to be encouraging the children to take part in the BBC's 500 Words Writing Competition. As well as sending all the entries off to the BBC we will also be running our own Leigh Competition with prizes on offer for those who enter and for the winners in different categories. We will be launching this with the children next week and further details will be in next week's Newsletter.

Bikeability Training

This week the children in Year 6 have been completing their Bikeability Training Course. The course exists to promote safe cycling on the roads and the children have learnt how to prepare themselves and their bikes for cycling, how to get on and off their bikes without help, how to start off, pedal and stop with control, how to pedal along, use gears and avoid objects, how to look all around and behind, and how to control the bike and to share space with pedestrians and other cyclists.

SATs Afternoon for Parents and Year 6

We are holding a 30 minute meeting for the children and parents in Year 6 to cover the essential information regarding this year's SATs exams. This is being held on Monday 6th February 2017 at 3.20pm and will be run by Mrs Harper and myself. If at all possible we would like as many children and parents as possible to be present during this meeting so if you are UNABLE to attend then please do let Mrs Harper know.

On Monday morning the children in Hedgehog Class will be looking at pop-up books as part of their DT/literacy work. If anyone has a pop-up book that they would be happy to bring into school then please bring it to Hedgehog Class on Monday morning and it will be returned home at the end of Monday. Thank you.

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Ben Hale

Congratulations to Ben Hale who has recently performed on the stage of the Theatre Royal Drury Lane. Ben performed in four dances: Memory, Revolting Children, Social Event of the Year and Electricity. Ben was performing with Act II Academy of Performing Arts in Weald and has also been awarded this fantastic trophy for overall best in drama and dance performer. Many congratulations Ben.

Poppy Gilbert-Lee

Congratulations also to Poppy Gilbert-Lee who has recently taken part in her first hockey tournament representing Sevenoaks Junior Hockey Club. The team played four games and Poppy played attack and was so close to scoring her first goal for the side. Poppy attends hockey club every Sunday and these were her first ever matches for the side. Congratulations Poppy.

Eleanor Straub

Very well done to Eleanor Straub who has recently been awarded her 10m front crawl certificate from the ASA. Eleanor attends Tonbridge School swimming club and has done really well to get this award so quickly. The Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) was the first governing body of swimming to be established in the world and today remains the English national governing body for swimming, diving, water polo, open water and synchronised swimming.

Andrew McCutcheon

Finally congratulations to Andrew McCutcheon who has been awarded these two trophies from Tonbridge Swimming Club. The shield is awarded to the best beginner and the glass trophy to the best beginner boy. Andrew has obviously made a very good start to his swimming lessons, really well done.

A message from Ready, Steady Sing…..

Ready Steady Sing returns to Tonbridge: GET SINGING!

We're delighted to be coming to Tonbridge once again with a **FREE singing activity day for children in school years 4-8 and accompanying adults at Tonbridge School on Sunday 12 February 2017, 9.30am-3.30pm.** Led by NYCGB's inspirational Assistant Music Director **Dominic Peckham**, **Ready Steady Sing!** is an action-packed experience that gets absolutely everyone learning more about their voice, **whether experienced singers or absolute beginners**. With warm-ups, games, and music from Mozart to mash-ups, we challenge you not to be singing your socks off by the end! It's FREE to attend, but you do need to **book places** and all children must be accompanied or chaperoned in groups by adults. **Adults sing too - even non-singing adults** - we've got the evidence from last time to prove it! For full information and to book your places, please click the button below. This day was extremely popular last year, and we encourage you to sign up promptly to avoid disappointment.

With best wishes, **Team NYCGB**

The Halcyon

You may have been watching ITV's new series, The Halcyon. The Halcyon tells the story of a bustling and glamorous five star hotel at the centre of London society and a world at war. It also features our very own Bella Padden who plays Peggy Taylor's daughter Dora! Bella filmed her episodes some months ago in London and can be seen in her role from Episode 5. Bella has also recently appeared in other television work, music videos, adverts and plays and we continue to watch her burgeoning acting career with interest! Extremely well done Bella.

Next Week's Theme –'Valuing Others Whoever They Are'

Essential Gas Maintenance

We have been informed by British Gas that they will be digging up the road by the cricket pavilion for the next three to four weeks. They will be installing a three-way traffic light system which is going to inevitably put pressure on traffic around The Green. We have also been experiencing some problems at the beginning of the day with some parents dropping children off directly outside the school entrance. Please could we respectfully remind everyone that cars should not be parked outside of the school entrance apart from in an emergency. Thank you.

Reception Class Applications

If you have a child who is due to start school in September then the deadline for applications is 16th January 2017. To find out more about this process please click on the link below. Thank you.

http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Our-School/Admissions/

Events

16.1.17	Deadline for Applications for a reception place in September
17.1.17	Wolves Class Forest School
18.1.17	Hawks Class Forest School Football and Netball Matches v. Fordcombe (away)
24.1.17	Robins Class Forest School
25.1.17	Fox Class Forest School
30.1.17	High Hopes Assembly
31.1.17	Squirrels Class Forest School
1.2.17	Wolves Class Forest School
3.2.17	Fruity Friday
6.2.17	SATs Meeting for parents of children in Year 6 (3.20pm)
7.2.17	Hedgehog Class Forest School
8.2.17	Fox Class Trip to Pizza Express, Hawks Class Forest School
10.2.17	PTA Film Night, End of Term 3
20.2.17	Beginning of Term 4

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar