LEIGH NEWS

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Stunning Artwork

This week some of the classes have been receiving some expert art tuition from Mrs Hickson and Mrs Armstrong. Both have been working in watercolours and, as you can see, have produced some outstanding results. We have posted a lot of photographs on the school website of this work and we would urge you to look at them; they really are amazing!

KEY STAGE 1 RECOMMENDED READING LIST

We have recently added a Key Stage 1 Reading List to the school website (under 'Learning'). We hope you enjoy exploring these books and do let the class teacher know if you have a particular favourite that we can share with the rest of the class.

Sevenoaks School

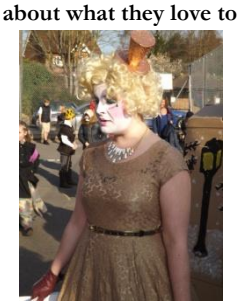
Ten bursary places at Sevenoaks School will be available for children in current Year 5 to apply for next year. Please see the website for more information, www.sevenoaksschool.org or telephone the school on 01732 456143.

SECOND YPRES LETTER

A second letter about our trip to Ypres has been sent out this week. Please could we ask that these reply slips are returned by 1st April and that if your child does not have a valid passport that you fill in the 'Collective Passport' form on the school website (under 'News and Events; Trip to Ypres'). We are determined that no child should ever miss an educational opportunity due to finance so please do speak with myself or Mrs Harris in the strictest of confidence if you require financial assistance with this trip. Thank you.

World Book Day

This week has seen World Book Day come to Leigh. The children had a fantastic day dressing up as book characters from some of their favourite authors and we were lucky that the weather was good enough for a parade so that all the children could show off their costumes properly. The idea of World Book Day is to promote books and reading and to get the children talking about what they love to read. Fostering a love of reading is so important for children and we work very hard at school to try and get this message across. All the children received a book token for taking part and we would like to thank all the parents for spending so much time on making these wonderful costumes. We have posted lots of photos on the school website for you to have a look at and we look forward to repeating this day next year!



World Down's Syndrome Day

Friday 21st March 2014

World Down's Syndrome Day is celebrated on 21st March. This year the theme is 'LOTS OF SOCKS'. We are inviting the children to come to school on that day wearing brightly coloured and patterned socks or tights and to bring £1, which we will donate to the Down's Syndrome Association. We will be speaking in assembly about Down's Syndrome, and hope to get some great photos of lots of dazzling legs. If you want to help even more, then buy your official WDSD socks here: http://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/shop/merchandise/fundraising/1474-socks-shop.html More information on WDSD here: http://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/

SPORTING NEWS

This week both the football and netball teams have been playing other local schools. The netball team continued their dominance in the local league by beating Halstead Primary School 11-0. This is a fantastic result and congratulations to the whole team and to Mr Gubb. The football team played against Weald Primary School and played extremely well, particularly in the second half. They eventually lost 4-1 but can be very proud of the way they played.

Next Week's Theme – 'Using Your Talents'

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent Consultations are on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. We would encourage all of you to attend this really important event in Jessica's Hall so please sign up for a time to meet your child's class teacher if you haven't already done so. The sheets can be found in reception. Thank you.

TRUMPET SUCCESS

Huge congratulations to Ellie McKenzie-Jones who last Saturday played in the Bromley Festival of Music and Speech. Ellie played two pieces on her trumpet: 'Te Deum' by Charpentier and the 'Halleluiah Chorus' by Handel. Ellie has been learning the trumpet at school with Mr Davis for about a year and has made staggering progress during that time. Ellie came in first place with an Honours Award against some very stiff competition. Very well done Ellie!

E-Safety

We have created an 'E-Safety' page on the school website under 'Learning' and have included information from the E-Safety talk that was recently held in Jessica's Hall. A CEOP button has also been added to the homepage. CEOP is a police website where children can report any concerns regarding inappropriate online behaviour. We continually talk to the children about internet safety and would appreciate parents reinforcing this message at home. Thank you.

Book Fair

This week the book fair has come to Leigh. We have enjoyed sharing many of these books with the children and the two breakfast mornings have proved to be very popular! The book fair is with us until Tuesday of next week so please do come along if you haven't already done so. Many thanks to Miss Oyler for organising this and, along with Mrs Jones, for cooking the breakfasts.

TENNIS COACHING

Tennis coaching is available to children in the Easter holidays at Leigh Tennis Club between 7th-9th April. This is open to children of all ages and abilities. The courses will be run by LTA coaches. Mini red players 9.30 – 11.30am. Mini Orange and Green players 11.30 – 1.30pm. Price for 3 days: £35. For further details or to book a place please contact Lorna on lbelither@hotmail.co.uk.

PTA

The PTA is organising a shopping event for the children to buy well-deserved gifts for their mums. This will take place on Friday 28th March. We are collecting donations of good quality items that would make suitable gifts. Please leave any donations in the boxes on the playground or talk with Steph Bell. Thank you!

Weasel Class Galleries Trip

On Thursday the Weasel Class visited the National Gallery and the Tate Britain as part of their topic work on 'Galleries'. The children learnt a huge amount on this trip and it was great to be able to visit two contrasting galleries in such a short period of time. The children were brilliantly behaved and many thanks to all the parents who accompanied the children and to Mr Gubb for organising it.

Events

18.3.14	Book Club Parent Consultations
19.3.14	Parent Consultations
21.3.14	World Down's Syndrome Day
25.3.14	Cross Country Meeting
28.3.14	Grandparents Afternoon (1.30pm-3pm)
31.3.14	The Great Leigh Bake Off
2.4.14	Squirrel Class Royal Banquet Football Match (v. Fordecombe) PTA Meeting (8pm)
4.4.14	End of Term Service at St Mary's Church (2pm) End of Term 4
5.4.14	Spring Clean Day
22.4.14	Beginning of Term 5

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar