LEIGH NEWS

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Wolves Class – CSI Day

On Wednesday Pulse Education came into Leigh to conduct a Crime Scene Investigation day. During the day the children learnt forensic skills such as: how to use iron filings to dust finger prints, how to use ultra violet lights to find clues, how to study imprints made by shoes, and how to use microscopes to distinguish fibres from clothing. They then used these skills in the afternoon to deduce who the criminal was at a staged crime scene during which they took swabs and had to bag evidence before reaching their final verdict. It was a fantastic day and many thanks to Jacky Thompson from Pulse Education for coming in for the day and to Miss Taylor for organising it.

Year 5 Parent Meeting - 25th May 2016
PESE 2016-2017

I will be holding a meeting about the Procedure for Entry to Secondary Education (PESE) for those parents of children in Year 5 on Wednesday 25th May. This meeting will take place in Jessica's Hall and will start at 7.30pm. My aims for the meeting are:

- To look at the situation in Kent regarding secondary schools
- To look briefly at the different secondary schools in the local area
- To look at the data from last year's 11+
- To look at the 11+ in its current format
- To look at the PESE timetable for 2016-2017
- To look at the SCAF Form, Appeals Process and Home School Transport

All parents of children in Year 5 are strongly encouraged to come to this meeting if at all possible although all the slides will also be available on the school website afterwards. Thank you.

Pupil Achievements

Music

Congratulations to Michael Lake who has recently been awarded a merit in his Grade 2 Piano exam from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. Congratulations also to William Richardson who has been awarded a Distinction in his Debut exam on the guitar from the Rock School. Bravo boys!

Sport

Jack Howe continues to excel on the trampoline and, on Sunday, competed in his latest trampoline competition. After 2 separate routines he ended up in second place by performing, amongst others, a daring straight back, tuck back and tuck back to seat. Very well done Jack. Georgia Vickers-Wynne has been placed first and seventh in a recent horse riding competition. The first place was in the 'best six legs' category and the seventh place was for the best handler. Very well done Georgia.

Leigh Blister Sisters

As I'm sure you're aware a very brave group of mums are embarking on an exciting but daunting challenge at the end of May. They are walking 100km in around 24 hours from London to Brighton to raise funds for the conversion of the toilets next to Jessica's Hall into a music and creative arts facility. All donations, however large or small, are very much appreciated. For those who have already sponsored them, a huge, huge thank you. For those who might wish to make a donation the link is http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/leighblistersisters

In addition one of our own governors, the infamous Fleur de Lis quizmaster, Jon Wood, is hosting a quiz night in the large village hall on Saturday 14th May starting at 8pm (there'll be alcohol and cheese and biscuits too, what's not to like?!). More details will be coming out imminently. The idea is to have a fun night and raise some additional funds, whilst also giving the Blister Sisters support and a motivational push before they embark on their challenge! Please do support them in this fantastic venture and do keep Saturday 14th May free if you can.

Whole School Photo

Last term we had a whole school photograph taken by Tempest Photography. You can now order these photos via the envelopes that were sent home this week. It is worth noting that we are not intending to have another whole school photograph for at least 4 years so if you would like one of these please do return the envelopes by next Friday.

Instrumental Concert

We are holding our annual Instrumental Concert in St Mary's Church at 5pm on Wednesday 4th May. This concert is open to any child who is learning a musical instrument and would like the opportunity to perform the music they have been working on. We will be starting to formulate the programme next week so please do encourage any child who has a music lesson to take part. All are very welcome to attend this concert which should last about 45 minutes. Thank you.

Spring Clean

A huge thank you to all the parents and children who came along to our Spring Clean day on Saturday. It was hugely satisfying to get so much done throughout the day and I'm extremely grateful to everyone who came along and gave up so much of their time to support us with this. We will be holding another one of these in the autumn so when I have a date for this I will let you know.

Next Week's Theme –'Being a Good Neighbour'

TRANSITION EVENT

Next Friday we will be holding our annual Transition Event for children in Years 5 and 6. We are inviting back all our ex-pupils to come and share their experiences of Secondary School and we are expecting all children from Years 5 and 6 to be here for that. The event will run from 4pm-5pm and will be held in Hedgehog Class. At the moment we are very short of ex-pupils so if anyone knows of some pupil who might be prepared to come back to school and speak with small groups of children about their experiences then please do phone the school office and add their name on the list. Please note that there will not be Football Club next week due to this event taking place.

National Youth Choir ..READY STEADY SING !
Sunday 15 May 2016 10am-3.30pm
St Augustine Chapel, Tonbridge School

A FREE singing activity day for young people age 8 - 18 and adults from the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain. Unlock your voice / learn warm ups / tips & techniques / get confident / discover events & opportunities in your area / GET SINGING!

Children must be accompanied throughout the day by an adult or chaperoned in groups by accompanying adults - adults sing too! No auditions, no previous experience needed.

It would be great to get some of our children along to this as it promises to be a wonderful day!

For further information please click on:
http://www.boxoffice.tonbridge-school.co.uk/whats-on/music/article/date/2016/05/national-youth-choir-ready-steady-sing/

PTA NEWS

This week we have been running a "Phil the Bag" collection of unwanted clothes, shoes & household textiles. If you still have any items to bring in please drop them off on Monday at Jessica's hall, thank you.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 20th April at 8pm at school, we will be planning the Summer Fair so do come along if you are interested in being a part of it, all very welcome!

Events

18.4.16	Offer Day for Reception Places Choir to High Hilden Residential Home
22.4.16	Transition Event (4pm-5pm)
27.4.16	Kent Fire and Rescue Service visit
28.4.16	Tag Rugby Competition
29.4.16	Fox Class PTA Cake Sale
2.5.16	Bank Holiday
4.5.16	Cross Country Competition Instrumental Concert (5pm)
9.5.16	Year 6 SATs Week
16.5.16	High Hopes Assembly
17.5.16	Singing Workshop with Dominic Peckham
25.5.16	Year 5 Parent Meeting (7.30pm)
26.5.16	Choir Concert (6.30pm)
27.5.16	Robin Class Cake Sale End of Term 5
28.5.16	London to Brighton Ultra Challenge
6.6.16	INSET Day
7.6.16	Beginning of Term 6

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar