LEIGH NEWS

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MUSIC NEWS

Summer Concert

On Wednesday night about 40 children took part in a Summer Music Concert in Jessica's Hall. During the evening the school choir, orchestra, violin group and soloists performed a range of music from classical to jazz. Some of the children have only been playing for a few weeks and to stand up in front of a packed hall and perform was a huge achievement in itself. There are plenty of photographs available to view on the school website and thanks go to Fiona Lake for taking these. Many thanks also to Sarah McKenzie-Jones and Tamsin Anderson for organising the event and to William Richardson for preparing the programme and, of course, to all the children for their hard work in preparing for the evening.

St Mary's Garden Fete

On Saturday the school choir performed at the St. Mary's Garden Fete at the Vicarage. They performed three pieces: The March of the Lions, Down by the Sally Gardens and I'm Going up a Yonder. The children were great ambassadors for the school and lots of the public commented on how lovely it was to hear the choir sing. Many thanks to Tamsin Anderson for conducting the choir and for taking all the rehearsals on a Wednesday morning.

Ellie McKenzie-Jones

Congratulations to Ellie McKenzie-Jones who has recently performed in the Sevenoaks 3 Arts Festival. Ellie won the beginners class for woodwind and brass and received a distinction in the grade 3 & 4 woodwind and brass category. Ellie also received a distinction in the age 7 and under strings section and a distinction and second place in the grade 5 & 6 category. Ellie has also just achieved grade 3 on the trumpet with distinction after only playing for a year. Huge congratulations Ellie on this big list of achievements!

Cake Sale

We are having a cake sale after school TODAY to help raise funds for the new music and art room. All contributions of cake would be very gratefully received - they don't have to be homemade! If you could bring cakes to school there will be helpers on hand in the playground to take delivery of the goodies and we will store them upstairs to then sell on the Green after school. Thank you!

BELLA PADDEN

Congratulations to Bella Padden who has successfully auditioned for a part in the Pantomime of Peter Pan at Southborough. Bella was up against some very stiff competition but wowed the judges with her dancing and acting skills. Many congratulations Bella – we look forward to seeing you on stage in December!

MAGISTRATES IN THE COMMUNITY

Last week the Year 6's had a visit from a local magistrate. Thankfully this was not because of any misbehaviour (!) but was part of a workshop organised by Mrs Jones who is herself a magistrate. During the workshop the children were challenged to think about why we have rules and what happens if they are broken. In addition, they were shown how an everyday magistrate's court works and what roles specific people have in the court. It was a fascinating afternoon for the children and a huge thank you to Mrs Jones for organising this for the children.

REPORTS

Today the end of year reports are coming home with the children. The staff spend many hours writing these and we hope you find them a useful guide to how your child has progressed both academically and socially throughout the year. Included in the report is a slip about the class that your child will be in next year. If there is anything specific that you would like to raise with the class teachers then we have set aside next Wednesday as Parent Consultation evening. These meetings will take place in the classrooms as the Year 6 Prom Party will be in the hall. If you wish to arrange a time then please contact the class teachers directly. Thank you.

The Jungle Book

Please could we ask that the children are spending time at home learning the choir words. These can be found on the school website in 'Enhancing the Curriculum; The Jungle Book'.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Please could we ask that all entries for the photography competition are handed into school by WEDNESDAY at the latest. We are inviting all children in Key Stage 2 to select their favourite 5 photographs from the trip to Belgium and there will be a winner in each year group. We will also display some of the entries in Jessica's Hall towards the end of term.

FRIENDS LUNCH

A huge thank you to Janet Court for hosting the annual Friends Lunch yesterday. The Friends of the School play an invaluable role at school. They assist us in a variety of ways, including listening to the children read, assisting with cookery classes, discussing their experiences with small groups of pupils and providing support to class teachers. The Friends are also invited to a variety of school events, including dramatic performances, services at St Mary's and the annual lunch, which is a great opportunity to catch up with the latest news from the staff of the school. If you know of someone who would like to become a Friend then please do make contact with the school office. Thank you.

Next Week's Theme –'Taking Opportunities'

OWLS CLASS AT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Last Tuesday the Owl Class went to the Natural History Museum to enrich their topic work on 'Extinction'. They had a great time visiting the dinosaurs, the mammoth exhibition and of course the gift shop! This week they are writing news reports on baby Lyuba, a perfectly preserved mammoth calf found in Russia. Once completed, the children will be taking these reports home to teach their families about this amazing discovery. The picture shows the class in front of 'Dippy' the Diplodocus replica fossil in the central hall of the Natural History Museum.

Events

8.7.14	Foxes Forest School
9.7.14	Squirrels Forest School Parent Consultation Evening (in classrooms) Year 6 Prom Party
10.7.14	Taster morning for new entrants Open Classroom Afternoon (3pm-4pm)
11.7.14	Squirrel Class Beach Party
15.7.14	Wolves Forest School
16.7.14	Summer Production at the STAG Theatre
21.7.14	Sports Day (1.30pm)
22.7.14	End of Term 6 End of Term Service (2pm)
23.7.14	INSET DAY – No children
31.8.14	SPRING CLEAN DAY (10am-2pm)
3.9.14	INSET DAY – No children
4.9.14	INSET DAY – No children
5.9.14	Beginning of Term 1

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar