LEIGH NEWS

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Science Week

This week has been Science Week at Leigh Primary School. The children have had a wonderful time conducting a huge range of experiments and learning about forces, electricity, chemical reactions and absorbency. Many thanks to Mrs Barber and Mrs Hawken for organising this week for us and we look forward to holding another Science Week next year.

Netball Matches

This week the netball team have been very busy with their latest league match and a High 5's tournament. On Monday the team played against Penshurst Primary School which was a rearranged match from last term. The team played extremely well and won the match 11-2. The team also played at the High 5's tournament on Wednesday and beat Yalding 5-0 and Hildenborough 2-0. Unfortunately they lost to Chiddingstone 0-3 and so were placed second in their group. Overall the team came 5th which is a wonderful achievement and many thanks to Vickie Gilbert for managing the team and to all of you who came and supported them.

Great Ormond Street Fundraising

The Vincent family are fundraising for Great Ormond Street and we would like to support them here at school. Lynsey will be running the London marathon on 26th April and, if you would like to support her in this fantastic endeavour please do visit her JustGiving Page by clicking on the link below. We will also be having a Crazy Hair Day and Cake Sale (3pm) at school on Friday 20th March. If you would like to take part in this then we are suggesting a voluntary donation of £1 to Great Ormond Street. Thank you.
www.justgiving.com/lynseyvincent

VE Day Celebrations 2020

On Friday 8th May there is a Bank Holiday in the UK to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. In Leigh the village is coming together on the Green for a day of celebration and commemoration and we would, if possible, love to get the children involved in this activity. We have set up a Parent Consent section on Arbor and, if your child is able to take part in this event, please do give consent before Wednesday of next week so we can see if this is going to be viable. Thank you.

Squirrel Class at Ightham Mote

On Tuesday the children in Squirrel Class went to Ightham Mote to take part in a storytelling day. The children had a wonderful experience listening to and re-enacting a range of stories and they were also able to explore the grounds and sing songs. The children dressed up as Tudors and also had the chance to dance to Tudor music. Many thanks to Emily and all the staff at Ightham Mote for putting on such an interesting day and to Mrs Barber for organising this for us.

Grandparents Afternoon

Our annual Grandparents Afternoon is this afternoon between 1.30pm-3pm. We are looking forward to welcoming grandparents, elderly relatives and friends into school for a tour and a look at the children's work.

Pupil Achievements

Huge congratulations to Isabelle and Lily who have recently competed in the Royal Tunbridge Wells Dance festival. Both girls have been awarded a range of certificates and medals in the Classical Duets, Greek, Ballet, Modern and Stage Trios/Quartet categories. Huge congratulations girls!

Crandalls Parking Issue

I have had a number of complaints recently from local residents living in Crandalls regarding the issue of cars parking in dangerous places and the use of the road as turning point. Please could I ask that if you are driving children to school or collecting them at the end of the day that you do not drive or park illegally and that, where possible, you use the village Green to turn round rather than Crandalls. Can I also remind everyone that the car park in Crandalls is only for residents of that road and not for general use. Your co-operation with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Open Days for Secondary Schools

If you have a child in Year 5 then you might be interested in visiting local secondary schools over the coming months. Attached to this Newsletter is a document with all their open events in the coming months and this can also be found by clicking on the link below. I will also be holding a Parent Meeting on Wednesday 3rd June at 7.30pm for parents and carers of children in Year 5 to go through the Procedure for Entry to Secondary Education and the 11+. This event will be held in Jessica's Hall and last about 45 minutes. Thank you. https://www.leighprimaryschool.com/docs/Open_Events_for_2021_entry_Mar_2020.pdf

Next Week's Theme – 'International Women's Day'

Arbor Reports

On Monday you will be able to access your child's midyear report via your Arbor Parent Portal. This is the first time we have used this reporting format and we hope it will provide a very useful starting point for discussion at the parent consultations on the 10th and 11th March. The teachers have been working hard to ensure that these reports are useful and informative but as this is the first time we have used them, please do bear with us if there are any glitches when you try and access them. If you haven't signed up for a parent consultation yet, please do so via the Arbor Portal by Monday at the very latest. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

The PTA's Chicken Little film night is set for Friday 20 March at 5.30pm in Jessica's Hall. Tickets are £3 per child and include a bag of popcorn and a drink. Please leave money in the office or pay online.
Plans are developing for Leigh's VE Day 75th anniversary celebrations on bank holiday Friday 8 May. If you would like to be involved please contact leighprimary@gmail.com

ITV's The Trouble With Maggie Cole

Huge congratulations to Rocco who is currently appearing in the ITV series 'The Trouble With Maggie Cole'. The series stars Dawn French and was filmed last year in Devon. Rocco plays the role of Josh Roberts and can be seen over the next few weeks on a Wednesday evening. Bravo Rocco!

Coronavirus Advice

The overall risk to the coronavirus remains moderate in the UK. However, we understand that people may be concerned where there are people returning from or visiting China or other affected areas. Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone travelling to the area. This can be found at: www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-fortravel-to-china We will continue to monitor this situation very closely and if there are any updates we will of course let you know. It's also a very good time to remind everyone about good hygiene habits and handwashing techniques and we have been speaking with the children this week about these issues. Thank you.

Events

6.3.20	Grandparents Afternoon
9.3.20	Children's Reports Available on Arbor Parent Portal Netball Match v. Fordcombe
10.3.20	Parent Consultations (1.30pm-4pm) in Jessica's Hall
11.3.20	1.30pm – Year 3/4 Netball Tournament 1.30pm – Year 5/6 Footbal Tournament Parent Consultations (5pm-8pm)

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar