LEIGH NEWS

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Forest School Spring Clean

This week members of the North West Kent Countryside Partnership have been up in our Forest School area giving it a spring clean. Throughout the two days they have given the whole area a fresh new look and have relined the pond, planted some suitable aquatic plants, rebuilt the small platforms, spruced up the mud kitchen as well as undertaking other cleaning activities to make it ready for the spring. They will be coming back next week to finish the project but already the whole area is looking so much better. Many thanks to all the members of the Countryside Partnership and to Rachel, Jim and Sarah for all their support throughout the week.

Boxing Taster Session

On Monday the children in Key Stage 2 were able to take part in a Boxing Taster Session run by Olympia Boxing. We have a wonderful boxing club every Wednesday morning and are in need of more members to make it sustainable so, if interested, please do contact the school office for further details.

A Message From Chiddingstone Literary Festival Short Story Competition

Chiddingstone Castle Literary Festival

We all love a good story, so here's your chance to show us your storytelling skills. If you're aged 7-13 enter our competition and write us an original, imaginative story and you could have it read out to a crowd of hundreds at Chiddingstone Castle Literary Festival 2020 and published in Scoop Children's Magazine.

Two age groups: 7-9 years. 10-13 years. Write a story in 500 words. Stories can be hand-written or typed, and illustrated (not obligatory). Each entry must be headed with child's name, age group and school.

Prizes: winning stories will be read out at the Literary Festival on Bank Holiday Friday 8th May and published in Scoop Children's Magazine. Winners will also receive complimentary tickets to one of our children's author events on Bank Holiday Friday 8th May and a goody bag of fabulous books. There will be a winner, a runner-up and a prize for best illustration in each age category.

Post entries to Education Officer, Chiddingstone Castle, Kent TN8 7AD

Competition closing date: Friday 13th March 2020.

Humanist Society

Humanists UK

On Monday afternoon a representative from the Humanist Society will be coming into school to speak with the children about Humanism. Simon will speak with the children in Key Stages for about 25 minutes and the intention is for this to be an educational session and allow the children to learn about the work of the Humanist Society. I'm hoping that this will be a really interesting event for the children but if anyone doesn't wish their child to attend, please do let me know. Thank you.

Love 2 Dance

LOVE 2 DANCE

The tickets for this year's Love 2 Dance event ARE NOW ON SALE. Please do try and book your tickets AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to avoid disappointment. In all we have 25 children taking part this year which is wonderful and we will start arranging rehearsals in the next couple of weeks. Our children will be taking part in the performances on Monday 30th March. Thank you.

Staffing Update

I'm sorry to inform you that Mrs Walters will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Walters has been a much valued member of our staff team since September 2010 and during that time has worked as a Teaching Assistant, Higher Level Teaching Assistant and has provided cover for class teachers on a weekly basis. It goes without saying that we shall all miss Mrs Walters hugely and we wish her all the very best as she moves on to work for law firm in Sevenoaks. We will have the opportunity to say goodbye to Mrs Walters at the Celebration Assembly next Friday. Thank you.

Cake Sale

On Thursday a group of girls in Year 5 ran a cake sale for the charity MIND. The charity exists to provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem and they campaign to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding of mental health issues. In all the girls raised a very impressive £125 which is a terrific achievement! Huge congratulations to Isa, Megan, Bibi and Eleanor.

Next Week's Theme –'Being Ourselves'

SPORTS NEWS
Football Match

On Monday evening the football team travelled to Weald Primary School to play their latest league match. The team played extremely well and worked together to create some wonderful opportunities in the goal. Unfortunately they came up against an extremely strong goalkeeper and didn't manage to win on this occasion although they should be very proud of a very strong performance. Well done to all the team and many thanks to all of you who came along to support the team on this occasion.

Events

7.2.20	Robins Class to Port Lympne Squirrels Forest School
10.2.20	Netball Match v. Hever (home) Football Match v. Penshurst (way)
11.2.20	SATs Meeting for Parents and Carers of Children in Year 6 (3.15pm in Wolves Class) Safer Internet Day
13.2.20	Netball Match v. Crockham Hill (home)
14.2.20	Robins Forest School Mrs Walters' Last Day at Leigh End of Term 3
24.2.20	INSET DAY – No children in school please
25.2.20	Start of Term 4
28.2.20	Wolves Forest School Fruity Friday
2.3.20	Start of Science Week Football Match v. Hover Primary School (home)
3.3.20	Squirrel Class at Ightham Mote
5.3.20	Hawks Class at Horton Kirby
6.3.20	Grandparents Afternoon

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar