LEIGH NEWS

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School Trips

Wicked

On Wednesday Wolves Class went to London to see the musical Wicked. The children have been studying the Wizard of Oz as part of their literacy work and will be continuing their work by focussing on plot twists and characterisation. Wolves Class also had a workshop run by the musicals outreach programme exploring the themes of the musical and how such a production is staged. The children were superbly behaved throughout both events and had a thoroughly wicked time! Many thanks to all of the staff for accompanying the children on this trip and to Mrs Harper for organising them.

The Royal Observatory

On Wednesday Hawks Class visited The Royal Observatory in Greenwich. The children looked around the observatory looking at the telescopes, navigational instruments and chronometers. The children learnt about longitude and latitude, the Meridian Line and Greenwich Mean Time. In the afternoon they visited the planetarium where they learnt about the solar system. Well done to all the children for being so well behaved, to all the staff for accompanying the children and to Mrs Halfhide for organising it.

The Railway Children

On Tuesday afternoon the children were treated to a wonderful performance of The Railway Children by M&M Theatrical Productions. The four actors put on a brilliant display and the children were thoroughly engaged throughout. After the show, Years 5&6 took part in a workshop which included information about how the show was put together and how the sound, lighting and set are all produced. We have already booked M&M Theatrical Productions for next year and we look forward to their performance of 'Oliver Twist'

Wonderful Displays

We have taken photographs of all the displays in the school this week and posted them on the school website. Please do take a moment to look at how wonderful the school looks!

Next Week's Theme – 'Harvest Festival'

Operation Christmas Child

Last week David Bennie took assembly to introduce this year's shoebox appeal. If you require any further information about it please contact David or access the 'News and Events; Letters Sent to Parents' page on the school website Thank you.

TA Vacancy

We are looking for a fantastic Teaching Assistant for 5 mornings a week to help our children reach their full potential in all areas of school life. You will need to have high expectations of pupil achievement and behaviour as well as believing that every child has their own interests and talents. We welcome applications from Teaching Assistants with experience of speech and language intervention as well as those who are keen to further their development by gaining experience in this area. The position will include general classroom assistance in Key Stage 2 as well as working with children on a 1:1 basis. Previous experience of working with children in an educational setting will be an advantage but is not essential. We are obviously committed to the Safeguarding of children. Appointment to this position will be subject to satisfactory references, a pre-employment and an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure Check. For further information please see the KentTeach website on: www.kent-teach.com

OFF BY HEART COMPETITION

Please do encourage your child to continue learning a poem from the list on the school website. This can be found by clicking on the link below. Thank you.

http://www.leighprimaryschool.com/Learning/Off-By-Heart-Poetry-Competition/

Amelia Bell

Congratulations to Amelia Bell who last weekend took part in a South East Gymnastics competition. Amelia had to complete a floor routine to music and two handstand vaults. Amelia came 5th overall which is a fantastic achievement. Amelia attends the Next Dimension Gymnastics Academy in Tunbridge Wells and was selected to take part in this regional championship. Really well done Amelia!

PTA NEWS

Upcoming events:

Scarecrow competition…details coming soon, look out for flyers!

Kids Halloween Film Night: Thursday 20th Oct, 5-7pm, £3 Tickets available soon.

Xmas Fair: Sat 26th Nov, Leigh Village Hall.

Breakfast with Santa: 10th December

Year 6 Environmental Posters

You may have seen scattered around the village some of the environmental posters that have been designed by the children in Wolves Class. These posters are designed to draw people's attention to some of the environmental issues facing us all and what we can do to try and minimise them. Do take a moment to read them if you can.

Squirrel Class Photos

Squirrel Class have been having their photo taken by the local newspapers. They will appear in the Courier on Friday 7th October and in the Kent Messenger in the week commencing 10th October.

Sporting News

Rugby

Congratulations to our Rugby Team who played another three matches this week. The team managed to beat Sevenoaks Primary School but narrowly lost to Amherst and Dunton Green Primary School. Well done to all involved.

Rounders

Congratulations also to our Rounders Team who played three matches this week. The children also played against Hever Primary School, Four Elms Primary School and Weald Primary School winning one match and losing two. This is the first time our new Rounders Team have played together so congratulations to all of them on playing so well.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year's Harvest Festival is being held on Tuesday at 10am in St. Mary's Church. We are asking that the children bring in their decorated envelopes with a small amount of loose change in so that we can raise money for the work David Bennie is doing in the Gambia. All are very welcome to attend this short service which will last about 20 minutes.

Events

11.10.16	Parent Workshop 3 – Key Stage 2 Writing (9am) Harvest Festival Service at St. Marys Church (10am) Fox Class Forest School
12.10.16	Robins Class to Tunbridge Wells Museum Hedgehog Class Forest School
13.10.16	11+ Results sent to Parents
17.10.16	Parent Workshop 4 – Years 2/3/4 Writing/Spelling (9am)
18.10.16	Robins Class Forest School
19.10.16	Parent Workshop 5 – Phonics/Early Writing (9am) Wolves Class Forest School
20.10.16	Open Morning
21.10.16	End of Term 1

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar