



Leighfield
Primary School
Learning for Life

Leighfield Newsletter

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Christmas at Leighfield is in full swing with the highlight so far being the Christmas Performance. All children involved were fantastic!

Sadly this term, we say goodbye to Mrs Hopfl who has been with the school for 9 years. She will be greatly missed by children, staff and parents. We will be celebrating Mrs Hopfl's time at the school and wishing her well during our assembly on Tuesday.

We will also be welcoming two new teachers to the school. Mrs Angela French will be teaching in Year 1 on Thursdays and Fridays and Miss Alys Taylor will be covering in Year 4 while Mrs Stephenson is away. We are really excited to have them join our wonderful team, and we know that you will all make them feel very welcome.



Tomorrow (19th December), we are going to be ending the Term with mulled wine and mince pies. We hope to see you all there.

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!**

Best wishes,

Mr Briggs and Mrs Eaton

SPRING TERM CLUBS

We are very proud of the opportunities that we offer to our children. Please see below the clubs that will be running throughout the Spring Term. Full details will follow in the New Year.

	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Monday			Maths Club Uppingham School Year 6. Dodgeball KS2
Tuesday		Music Group – selected pupils	Wow Science – Year 2 to 6
Wednesday		Sock Monkey Club Year 4	Multi-Skills Years 1 to 3
Thursday	Boxer- cise KS2		Trampolineing Year 2 to 6
Friday		ICT KS2	Hockey Club Year 2 to 6

Cookery Club for Year 6 will also be starting at some point in the Spring Term when the nights become a little less dark and cold.

Dates:

Wed 3rd January – Term 3 begins

Tues 9th Jan – Swimming starts for Year 3 & 4

Fri 19th Jan – Storytime Selfie Challenge

Tues 23rd Jan – Year 6 Road Safety Quiz

Fri 2nd Feb – Heights & Weights Year 6 & Rec

Fri 9th Feb – Last day of Term 3

Foundation Stage

We had an amazing junk modelling afternoon and created an igloo!



We had a huge amount of fun in the snow – Mrs Roddy even pulled some of us in boxes!!! We experimented writing in the snow but it was a bit cold!!!



Year 1

The children in Year One have had a very exciting term learning all about space. On Tuesday 21st November they visited the National Space Centre in Leicester and enjoyed exploring the exhibits and reinforcing the learning that had taken place at school. The highlight of the day was watching a show about night and day in the huge cinema. The class listened really well and were able to answer lots of questions correctly.



They were also incredibly excited to see rockets and a real piece of the moon!

Year 2

We have had another very busy term in Year 2. The children really enjoyed finding out about the Great Fire of London. They brought in books from home, did research using Espresso and were able to write about the main events of the fire. They also did some lovely art work with Mrs Hebditch, including pencil and pastel drawings of the type of buildings around at that time and they made model houses out of boxes. They looked very realistic. The children have worked well as a team to produce our contribution to the Christmas Celebration and I was very proud of the way they managed after we lost a couple of days due to the bad weather. Well done Year 2!

Year 3

Over the last few weeks, Year 3 have had a lot of fun learning about many aspects of volcanoes. We worked in groups to make and paint paper-mache volcanoes, before erupting them in the playground (we used bicarbonate of soda, vinegar and red food colouring). It was very exciting to watch the lava overflowing! Thank you to the many parents and grandparents who came to watch and who then helped us with our quiz and word-searches back in class.



Year 4

Year 4 have had a super few weeks writing explanations of the digestive system and creating wonderful models for homework. Thank you to all the parents for their support with this project.



The children have used hieroglyphs to write messages to each other and, more recently, have enjoyed a range of Christmas crafts. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Christmas Decorations Day

A fabulous time was had by all!

Children and teachers alike adorned their Christmas jumpers and it was great to see those parents who were able to attend getting fully involved in making decorations.



Year 5

This term in our P.E. / games sessions, we have started tag rugby. Josh Peel, our specialist sports coach, has been teaching the skills from different sports each term. In term 1, the children began with basketball. Practising skills such as dribbling and passing, the children then move onto building up to games in each of the sports.



Year 6

Year 6 continue to work hard but took a break from the normal Maths and English to reflect on their own individual learning. They produced a wonderful assembly which spoke about where they are now and where they want to be by the end of the year. Also, with their transition to secondary school fast approaching, in class, Year 6 looked at being the best that they can be and identified their own strengths. This was not easy for some because they found it hard to praise themselves. The children then wrote the same but for all the other members of the class so that they could build a montage of their strengths.

Sporting Achievements

RSSP Sports Hall Athletics Finals

Congratulations to the seventeen children who represented Leighfield Primary at the Rutland School Sport Partnership Sports Hall Athletics Finals on Monday 27th November 2017.

The children came first out of eight teams and represented the school superbly. They then went on to the Level 3 Finals at Leicester Arena.

The results are below:

1st – Leighfield (260)



2nd – English Martyrs (218)

3rd – Langham (196)

Leicestershire and Rutland Sports Hall Athletics Finals

Congratulations to the eighteen children who represented Rutland at the Leicestershire and Rutland School Games Finals at Leicester Arena on Tuesday 5th December 2017.

The children came seventh out of the ten districts teams and represented the school superbly.



RSSP Basketball Finals



Congratulations to the sixteen children who represented Leighfield Primary at the Rutland School Sport Partnership Basketball Athletics Finals on Thursday 7th December 2017.

Both our teams qualified for these finals and they were in two groups of five. One team finished 5th in their group and lost the 9th/10th play-off, and the other team finished 2nd in their group and drew the 3rd/4th place play-off. The children worked really hard as a team and I was so proud of their determination and perseverance.



Leighfield Strike Gold...Again!!!

Congratulations to all the children and staff who have played their part in helping Leighfield Primary School achieve the Gold School Games Award for the third year in a row.

The award was presented by Chris Thomas who is the School Games Manager for Rutland. The award recognises the sporting effort and achievements of our school. This was a significant award because it was the third year running that we achieved gold and if we manage this for the 2017/18 academic year, we can then apply for the platinum award.



The award was accepted on behalf of the school by our four sport ambassadors.

Birthdays at Leighfield



Happy birthday to Flora Crombie, Isla Sillett, Theo Woollams, Matthew Roddy, John Orr, Chang Idun, Ben Roddy, Toby Armstrong-Cox, Kit Allen, Brax Laughton, Oliver Armstrong- Cox, Sammy Kaczmar and Miles Starbuck who have all had birthdays since the last newsletter.

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