



Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

This term we have welcomed Miss Taylor, Mrs French and Mrs Kenworthy to our school. They have all settled in quickly and are doing a fantastic job!

We ended this short, but very busy half term with Wellbeing Week where we focused on children celebrating being themselves. Here are some of the highlights:



School Council have been taking the lead organising some fruit related activities. The entries were all fantastic; well done to everyone who took part! Congratulations to Emily Tyler (YR4) for winning the dress a fruit competition and to Ruby Littlewood (YR1) for being a superb runner up. Here are their fruits:



We had a great response to our pleas for parent helpers and it is brilliant to see parents in, adding to the life of the school and creating even more opportunities for the children. Thank you!

Best wishes,

*Mr Briggs and Mrs Eaton*

## Learning Characteristics

We are working hard at school to embed our learning characteristics across the school.

Resilience	Pride	Respect
Independence Concentration Courage	Love of Learning Enthusiasm Optimism	Tolerance Teamwork Kindness

## Looking for Learning Portraits

We are delighted to inform you that all of the Looking for Learning Portraits are now up in the hall albeit a little later than we first hoped.



When you are next in the hall, take another look around at the fabulous faces!

### Dates:

All Spring term dates have been sent out separately.

## Twitter

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Follow us on Twitter to find out about all the fantastic things that are happening at Leighfield.

## Birthdays at Leighfield

Happy birthday to Joseph & Henry Hill, Nicholas Price, Izabelle Cant, Jarred Druce, Alfred Williamson, Leo Hern, Henry Speirs, Marcie Blackford, Lottie Reddy, Hugo Lemaire, Thomas Craven, Isla Sewell, Finlay Evans, Laila Wood, Harry Wells, Daniel Coop, Agnes Dunne, Jemima Clay, Jessica Hicks, Harvey Williams, Christian Williams, Ella Clarke, Cecily Botfield, Elizabeth Newton-Robb, Ella Juggins, Frannie Wells, Declan Smith, Afonso Julio Souza and Benjamin Smith who have all had birthdays since the last newsletter.

Foundation Stage Reception have been looking at traditional tales. We made playdough pigs and built houses from marshmallows and spaghetti then tried to blow them down with a hairdryer!



Year 1 The children in Year One have had great fun learning about instructions this term. They followed instructions carefully to make pirate hats and paper aeroplanes. They then wrote instructions on how to make an African necklace to go alongside some art work carried out in class. They also found out what happens when you don't follow instructions properly – things go wrong! The children have been extremely enthusiastic and have brought in lots of things from home to support their learning at school. There have been lots of African topic pictures and artefacts shared, lego instructions discussed and lots of real world 3-D shapes brought in.

Year 3 Year 3 have been enjoying reading lots of Roman myths in English this term, as well as writing their own exciting myths featuring gods, goddesses and horrible monsters! The pupils were thrilled to start swimming lessons at USSC in January and we have been very impressed with their bravery, perseverance and good listening skills. As part of Wellbeing Week, Year 3 have learnt how to be **SMART** online and they have produced some amazing

internet safety.



## Year 2

Year 2 have had a great few weeks! The children are very much enjoying the new behaviour system and are really beginning to understand how our learning characteristics enable them to become better learners and in turn, earn Housepoints and stickers. There is a "real buzz" in the class. We have been particularly excited by our maths recently and are getting to grips with multiplication.

Our topic is "You and Me" and involves finding out about keeping healthy. In Art, the children have been learning how to mix paint to make skin colours, how to draw portraits and whole body pictures with Mrs Hebdtich. We have some very good artists! Our Mindfulness Week next week will give us more opportunities to learn about our bodies and how to look after them.



## Year 4

This half term Year 4 have enjoyed learning lots about St Lucia. We have found out about its geographical location, Fairtrade links, animals, weather and housing. We have been working our brains hard in maths with multiplying and dividing 3 digit numbers using a variety of methods. We have also loved mathematical investigation tasks. We have learnt a number of persuasive techniques and used this knowledge to create letters, posters and adverts. We are looking forward to what the next half term brings!

## Storytime Selfie

On 19<sup>th</sup> January schools from Discovery Schools Academy Trust participated in a #storytimeselfie challenge on twitter. Pupils from around Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland came together to share their love of reading!



### Year 5

Year 5 investigated the case of Mrs Roddy's missing glue sticks. They identified Mrs Donnaloia from her pen, using chromatography and Mrs Toms by identifying the mystery powder. They then used modal verbs in ransom notes to negotiate the return of the glue sticks!



### Year 6

Year 6 have had an excellent term. Mr Wallace was really proud with how the children have risen to the challenge of the new behaviour system. They have led by example and this has meant some wonderful learning taking place throughout the weeks.

The children have shown wonderful independence in topic and science, and they are taking real pride in completing tasks to a really high standard. Keep it up Year 6!

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### NSPCC Number Day

What a fantastic day we had and we raised a grand total of £411 for NSPCC!! Thank you for all of your generous donations!



## **Sporting Achievements**

### **Swimming Gala**

Congratulations to all those children who took part in the individual swimming gala. It was wonderful to see children showing real courage to take part! There were lots of excellent individual performances that I am sure will see many children through to the final.

## **Rutland Gymnastics Competition**

Thank you to ten of our Year 3/4 children and Felicity Martin in Year 5 who represented Leighfield at the Rutland Gymnastics Competition today. The children were required to learn two separate routines for the Floor and Body Management disciplines as well having to perform on the vault. The girls were a real asset to the school, showing tremendous friendship, pride, teamwork, concentration and resilience throughout the morning. You should be very proud of yourselves girls, well done!

