



**Leighfield
Primary School**

Learning for Life

Leighfield Newsletter

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

We have had what can only be described as a busy yet fabulous first two weeks as part of the Leighfield team. It has been a pleasure to meet the incredible children and staff within the school and spend time getting to know them.

One of the highlights so far has been taking the children to The Royal Albert Hall where we sang as part of the choir. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity and was absolutely PHENOMINAL.

Congratulations to all staff and children involved.



I'm sure many of you will have noticed the changes to the environment. We want to make Leighfield's learning environment inspiring and welcoming. Thank you to all the parents who have helped so far!

Finally, we would like to thank you enormously for your support and please feel assured that your children remain at the heart of every decision that we make.

Best wishes,

Mr Briggs and Mrs Eaton



JOIN US AT OUR OPEN AFTERNOON

One of the highest performing schools in the county!



Dates:

Tuesday 21st November Year 1 trip to the Space Centre and Boys' Football Finals 4.15-6p.m. UCC

Thursday 23rd November 9.15 – 12.15p.m. Basketball USSC

Friday 24th November Open Afternoon 2.45- 6p.m.

Monday 27th November 12.45-3.45p.m. Sportshall Athletics Finals Year 5/6

Thursday 30th November 3.05p.m. Year 6 Class Assembly to Parents

FOLS Christmas Fayre 4 – 6.30p.m.

Foundation Stage



In EYFS we have been having a spooky week! We read 'Room on the Broom' and

had lots of fun learning activities. We made witches brooms in the outdoor classroom and had a broomstick race across the field, we decorated pumpkin biscuits, we made potions and we did witchy writing using sticks and ink. We also learnt about the Gunpowder Plot and made rockets which we exploded in front of our parents!



Year 1



We have been learning all about seasons and the weather in Year 1. Last week we went on an Autumn nature walk around the school grounds.

"We went to the outdoor learning area and we found leaves that were on the grass. We also found bushes that had once had blackberries on. We saw mushrooms and they were on the grass because it is wet in Autumn." (Matthew)

"In Autumn it gets darker in the afternoon. The leaves turn different colours and it gets colder and you need to wear a coat or a jumper. The Autumn months are September, October and November." (Zoe)

"In October it is Halloween and in November it is bonfire night. It is cold and you need to wear a coat." (Cecily)

Year 2

Year 2 have been really busy finding out about the Great Fire of London and have done some really good writing this week. I'm really pleased with it. We have been using our "Learning behaviours" scale and I'm sure this helped them focus on what it takes to do our best work. The coloured learning objectives helped remind them of what they should be trying to achieve in their writing. The children really seem to want to do their best work and know what they need to do!

Year 3

Year 3's highlight over the last two weeks has been listening to music (The Tortoise Song) and then performing it using the percussion instruments. We even gave a special performance to Mr Briggs!

The children have also enjoyed learning about soil in science and researching the Romans, using reference books from the library, as part of our topic work.

Amazing soil fact – Did you know that there are more micro-organisms in a cup of soil than there are people on earth?



Year 4



In maths, Year 4 have been learning about factors and then they have built on their knowledge to use them in mental multiplication. They have learned to use a range of descriptive techniques to use in their writing. Science has been about teeth and the children investigated which drinks are the most harmful. Year 4 have also been singing and painting, and finding out about Ancient Egyptian society. Year 4 are enjoying fitness in PE and are trying to improve their scores each week.

Learning Characteristics



In school, we are focusing on developing children's learning characteristics. We want children to be aware of the characteristics and reflect on these to make them the best learners that they can be.

We will be introducing a new learning characteristic in assembly each week. This will be the focus across the school throughout the week.

Our learning characteristics so far have been respect and kindness. Our next two focuses will be resilience and independence.

Anti-Bullying Week



Mrs Eaton started the week with her odd socks on to celebrate difference and individuality with a whole school assembly based around the book "Have you filled a bucket today?" We are all going to try and be 'Bucket Fillers' by doing kind and caring things for each other.



Year 5

Congratulations to the first 10 children in year 5 to achieve their pen licences this year!

We're sure to have more to follow after Christmas.



Year 6



Year 6 have been working really hard in all subjects but have been doing some particularly impressive work in science. They have been learning about light and the colour spectrum. The children were asked the question, *What colour is light?* and were amazed with the results. They used sweets to see how some filters can appear to change the colour of something from red to black, or green to red. The last thing they were all left wondering was, *'Is a pear really green?'*

We look forward to seeing all Year 6 parents at our assembly on Thursday 30th November at 3.05pm.

Sporting Achievements

Well, where do I begin? It's been an excellent couple of weeks for sporting achievements:

Danone Cup

The girls played amazingly representing Rutland against the best in each Leicestershire area. They won five games to win their group and only let one goal in in the final! So proud!

Girls- Football League

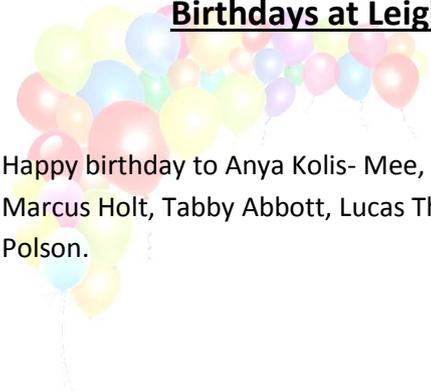
On Tues 14th November our girls' football team (minus 5 players who were at the Albert Hall!) competed in the final game of the league. We played against Brook Hill and won 7-0 with both Sammy and Molly scoring hattricks! We then played St Nicks in the semi-final and beat them 5-0 which got us to the final. For a team who hadn't played together, we were such a supportive bunch and everyone gave it all they had! We played English Martyrs and after scoring one

goal and an amazing last minute save by Laila we won the match!!! We were all hugely over excited and received our trophy with great pride. Well done also to the first team who got us to this point- we now have the opportunity to represent Rutland at the Youth Games in March.

Boys -Year 3/4 Football

On a cold and rainy Tuesday evening our year 3/4 football team performed so well and showed such great teamwork to finish in 7th place (out of 13!) in the Rutland league. We played our first match against Langham which we drew 0-0 despite some great chances. We then went into the playoff for 7/8th place and we really showed what we were made of- beating Ketton 5-0. Mrs Roddy and Mrs Utting were hugely proud of their performance and resilience playing in such unpleasant conditions!!!

Birthdays at Leighfield



Happy birthday to Anya Kolis- Mee, Maia-Rose Smith, Marcus Holt, Tabby Abbott, Lucas Thomson and Freddie Polson.

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