



e-news @ Leigh and Bransford

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We wore odd socks & celebrated diversity, there was a robotics day and it rained.... and rained....and rained!

Paperless Newsletter – Did we appear in your text messages today? This will be our last ever paper newsletter, as from next week we will only be sending you a text link. We can always add mobile numbers to our texting list so please do come and see us in the office if you would like this to be the case. (2 numbers per child) We will be emailing also to ensure that you never miss this spectacular read, we are still updating the email records so please bear with us. For those of you who prefer paper, there will be copies available from the school office from Friday afternoon. As ever, any questions, suggestions or if we can help with this... you know the drill.

The Rain – Thank you all for your quick responses to our changing weather situation this week. We are hoping to return to normal next week but keep a watch on your phones, we will update you as required. Your safety, as ever, is our main priority.

School Clubs – These will return to normal next week (weather dependent) please refer to your original club correspondence.

Pedestrian Training – Any final monies please pay using Payment For Schools.

Portrait Photographs – These should now be coming out in batches dependent on when the requests were returned to school, any issues please do come in and see us and we will do our very best to help.

Parents Evening- Thank you for attending these in a timely manner, please remember if you require a further meeting then Dojo your teachers who are always happy to accommodate you.

Learning Curriculum - We are still plotting & planning for the new vegetable patches and outdoor learning facilities, watch this space!

Warm Wintery Clothes – Can we add waterproofs to this list please!

Christmas Play 2019 – Dates as follows, we will be organising the tickets over the next few weeks so have a look at your diaries, Christmas plays are important stuff!!

Monday 16th December - Reception & Class 1 dress rehearsal @ 9am - 10am, Classes 2 & 3 dress rehearsal @ 2pm - 3pm.

Tuesday 17th December - Reception & Class 1 performance @ 9.30am – 10.30am, Class 2 & 3 performance @ 2pm – 3pm.

Wednesday 18th December - Class 2 & 3 performance @ 9.30am – 10.30am, Reception & Class 1 performance @ 2pm – 3pm.

Tuesday 17th December Classes 4,5 & 6 will have a carol concert at Leigh Church 6-7pm.

There will be an allocation of two tickets per child for whatever **play** they are performing in; you may choose the **performance** you watch. If you have a child in both age groups, you will be entitled for these two tickets for both. Confused? Come and ask the office!

Calling all Parents! Mrs Tedds - We have signed up for The Sun's books for schools' project as part of improving our home reading here at Leigh and Bransford Primary. The Sun has paired up with 'Big Cat Phonics' and Harper Collins for this campaign and is backed by some celebrities. Please help us to receive £600 worth of books by collecting the vouchers in The Sun newspaper. We have between the end of November and January to collect over 3000 vouchers. We would then receive our free books by March. I think we can do it if we tell all our friends and family! For more information visit:

www.thesun.co.uk/topic/books-for-schools/

Eco Zone - Second Hand Clothes Fashion Show - The eco club would like to organise a second hand fashion show (date tbc) as part of our recycling scheme at school. If you have any clothes that you are able to donate, please can you bring them in to school on Mondays over the next few weeks. The fashion show will be followed by a clothing sale of all of the donations including the clothes chosen by the models to wear. Over the next few weeks we will be asking for models too!

Clothes Recycling Bin - As some of you might have seen, we now have a clothes recycling bin in the drop off carpark. Any clothes left over from our clothes sale will be put in the bin. Please feel free to use the bin for any clothes you do not want to donate to the sale. The clothes bin will raise funds towards our new eco area and also the Starlight Children's Charity.

A vote of thanks

On Friday 8th of November the Friends held a black tie ball and charity auction at the Bank House Hotel to raise funds for extra play equipment for the children.

For an inaugural event it was extremely well attended by both parents and staff alike. It was a fantastic evening in a lovely setting with a fabulous band and great company. I for one cannot wait until the next one!

A very big thank you to all of the companies that donated prizes to the evening. An even bigger thank you to all of the diners who 'put their hands in their pockets' and helped raise over £1700 and an extra special thank you to Laura Tocknell and Alex Powney for organising such a memorable evening.

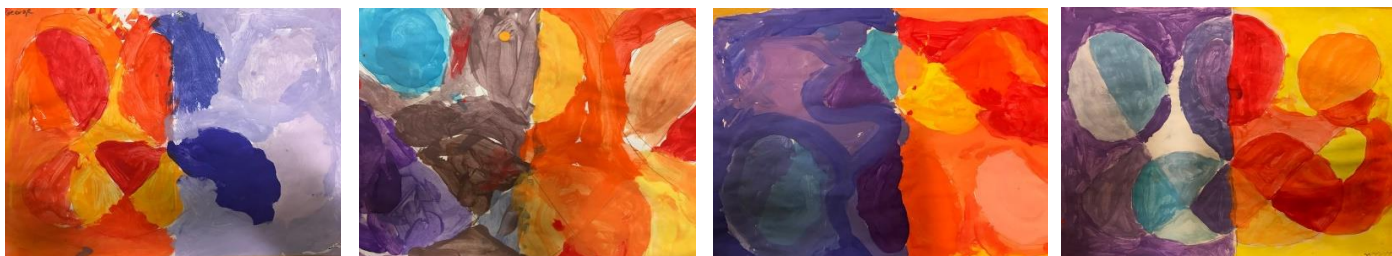
Jon Slattery, Chair of Governors

Reception, Mr Powney - This week we have been looking at addition in maths by combining groups of objects and 'counting on' in our heads. We were hoping to visit Bransford Chapel as part of our RE work but unfortunately rain stopped our plans. Luckily Rev Anne was kind enough to come in so we could act out our own Christening! We have also learned to decoupage by creating our own Elmer the Elephants.

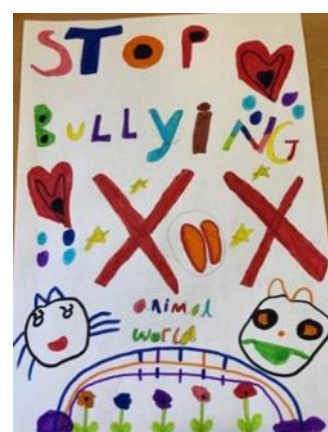
Class 1, Miss Knight This week in Class 1 we have been looking at 3D shapes. We have looked at the different properties of 3D shapes and even built towers out of them! We have also made shapes using different resources such as marshmallows and sticks. We have also been making a news report to tell everyone about polar bears and what we need to do to help save them! We also enjoyed Wellie Wednesday where we looked at different microhabitats around our forest school & searched for different bugs.



Class 2, Mrs Tedds & Miss Gilmore – This week we have been working very hard to learn all about multiplication and counting equal groups using our knowledge of counting in 2,3,5, and 10. We have been looking at using warm and cool colours to create an effect in art and mixing paints to create different shades to paint with. Some very effective art work was created. As part of anti-bullying week we have been discussing how we can make a change, and choosing how we use our words effectively to be kind to others and help others who are being bullied. The children noticed that three of our life skill monsters help to stop bullying- Thoughtful Theodore and Respectful Rhian, with Brave Briony speaking up if it happened to her.



Class 3, Miss Radford – The children have been working hard during anti-bullying week. We have been busy designing our own odd socks and anti-bullying posters. As a class we have been thinking very hard about how we can help the school to be a safer and happier place. In Literacy this week the children have also started to write their own set of instructions on how to make a salt dough diya lamp. We will also be making and decorating these over the next couple of weeks ready for our Diwali Day coming up soon!



Class 4, Miss Albutt - In light of anti-bullying week, Class four have been spreading kindness around school. The pupils spent time creating wellness cards to the pupils in class 5, celebrating their individuality. As well as this the children have written thoughtful notes to members of staff and parents to show that a simple act of kindness can go a long way.



Class 5, Mrs Sage - In maths this week, Year 5 have been applying our estimating and rounding skills to solve calculations involving numbers up to 5 digits. We have had good discussions in anti-bullying week and learned a lot about how change starts with us:



we have all been looking at how change in peoples' attitudes starts with - respect, kindness, care, friendship, giving a smile, including everyone and complimenting others. In our teams, we came up with strategies we could do to work together in our school to ensure everyone felt included and liked.

Class 6, Miss Hutchinson - This week we have been looking at coordinates in maths. The children learnt how to plot and read coordinates on a four quadrant grid. They then applied this skill problem solving, identifying missing coordinates in an un-marked quadrant. This was quite challenging but the children demonstrated determination to work out strategies to find the missing coordinates. In literacy we have been looking at paragraph structure in non-fiction writing, using a system known as 'traffic light'

paragraphs' this has helped us to structure our writing in a logical way. We also looked at how features such as fronted adverbials and conjunctions can help our writing become more cohesive. We have also learnt a lot as part of anti-bullying week. We have had some excellent class discussions where we have talked about the importance of acceptance and the impact different types of bullying can have. The children also really enjoyed designing their anti-bullying posters!

Friends dates for your diary – More information to follow.

6th December – Christmas fete.

School dates for your diary


Christmas Holidays – School closes Friday 20th December & reopens Monday 6th January 2020.

Christmas Play – Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th December.

Carol Concert – Tuesday 17th December.

TED Day – Thursday 12th December

Celebrating Our Success!!

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- Rafferty & Toby – A brilliant Elmer the Elephant.
 - Sam – Great progress in phonics.
 - George – Great addition work in maths.
 - Isabella- For good teamwork when making a news report.
 - Scarlett - For good teamwork when making a news report.
 - Charlie - For good effort with his maths work on shapes.
 - Freya - All round effort and focus.
 - Oliver - Good progress in maths.
 - Ashleigh – Good knowledge of multiplication.
 - Jude - Independent work and good focus.
 - Lizzie - for trying really hard in literacy and maths lessons.
 - Maddy - for always being really positive in class and improving her independence.
 - Seren & George – Outstanding sportsmanship.
 - Marnie – Being a kind and caring member of Class 4.
 - William & Bethany - For excellent contributions in anti-bullying week.
 - Fiona - For showing kindness to those in need.