



e-news @ Leigh & Bransford Primary School

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Happy Half Term you lovely lot!

Mr Bill, Update – As we fast approach our first half term I would like to take a moment to ‘thank you’ all for all your co-operation, we have appreciated your daily compliance and input as we try to make the new version of our school a place that the children love coming into every day; despite the current circumstances. Enjoy Half Term and see you all back here on Monday 2nd November

School photos – We have had some back in, please remember to return your requirements to school via your class teacher no later than Thursday November 5th with payment enclosed.

Flu Vaccine – These have been confirmed at the school on 12th November for all children, consent forms to follow.

Halloween Dress Up Day – We have loved seeing you in your spooky Halloween outfits today and looking at the all the amazing pumpkin drawing entries.

Half Term Halloween fun - https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/downloads/file/13046/worcestershire_spooks_safely_fun_pack
Worcestershire County Council have produced a fun pack for half term, we thought you may like it.

In the case of illness - It is inevitable that during the coming week’s members of the school community will exhibit potential Covid symptoms, with that in mind I would like to let you know the following procedure.

· If your child is displaying Covid symptoms then please do not send them (or any sibling) to school but do let us know by 8.30 am by contacting the school office. (Symptoms are any of - a continuous cough, a temperature above 37.8c or a loss/change in the sense of taste or smell.)

· Anyone who is displaying these symptoms should arrange to be tested by visiting: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> If you are struggling to get a test then please phone the school office on 01886 832342 and we will endeavour to assist you.

· Please note that anyone displaying Covid symptoms should be isolating at home for 14 days from onset of symptoms, or until a negative test is received. The rest of the household should isolate at home for 14 days.

We will supply work for pupils who are self-isolating.

Newsletter Class Focus – After half term we are back round to Mr Powney and our fabulous Reception Class.

Dates for your Diary

Autumn mid Term – Friday 23rd October 2020-Monday 2nd November 2020

Christmas – Friday 18th December 2020-Monday 4th January 2021

Spring mid Term – Friday 12th February 2021-Monday 22nd February 2021

Easter – Thursday 1st April 2021 – Monday 19th April 2021

Summer mid Term – Friday 28th May 2021 – Monday 7th June 2021

End of Term – Wednesday 21st July 2021

Bank Holidays

Good Friday – Friday 2nd April 2021

Easter Monday – Monday 5th April 2021

May Day – Monday 3rd May

Whitsun Bank Holiday – Monday 31st May

TED Days

Monday 4th January 2021, Thursday 6th May 2021, Friday 25th June 2021

Friend Zone – its back!!

We are currently fundraising for an extra fifteen tablets for the school so every child in the class can have one when needed, we hope that some fun but socially distanced events are coming your way!

* Design a Pumpkin competition – We loved seeing your creative entries.

* Halloween fancy dress – You all looked amazing! Thank you for your donations. Any forgotten donations you can send in after half term.

As we are getting nearer to Christmas many of us will be doing more online shopping than ever this year, did you know that we're registered with easy fundraising and you could help us to raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourself?

Since many of our fundraising events are on hold, this is a great opportunity to keep raising much needed funds for the school. When you shop online, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, eBay, notonthehighstreet, you will raise FREE donations for Friends of Leigh & Bransford Primary School.

If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes, then you can begin using the easyfundraising website or app straightaway - simply shop online as normal. This will be an enormous help to the school, at no extra cost to yourself.

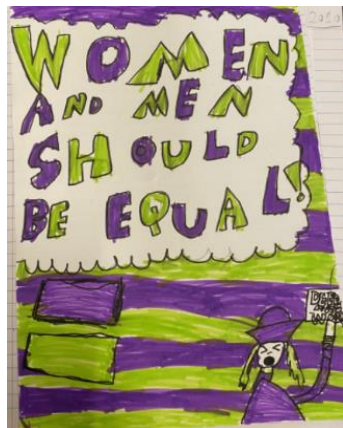
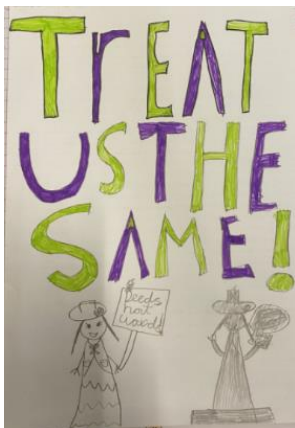
Visit our easyfundraising page to get started:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/folbs/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-e2

Classroom Focus – Miss Radford, Class 3

We have had a very busy few weeks in Class 3. The children have been working very hard on their diversity topic learning all about 'Fantastically Great Women Who Changed The World'. We have been looking at Rosa Parks and Emmeline Pankhurst, sequencing their lives and making our own protest banners.

We have also been designing and creating storyboards for our 'tweaked' versions of Aladdin and turning them into animations. The children have been problem solving and using their amazing imagination.



The children have been extremely inventive on our Muddy Mondays. We have had musical performances, beautiful castles, campfires, climbing frames and much more.



Miss Hutchinson, Class 6 - In maths, we have worked hard to develop and consolidate a wide range of mathematical operations including place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children have applied their skills to a variety of reasoning problems, using discussion and pictorial representations to develop their understanding.

In literacy, the children have taken inspiration from the award winning story 'The boy at the back of the class' to investigate dialogue, varying punctuation and sentence structure. The story explores the life of an 11 year old Syrian refugee, which will allow us to draw comparisons, and build upon these skills to write a persuasive letter to our Home Secretary, Priti Patel in support of real life refugees.

In art, we have enjoyed exploring different impressionist artists. We focused our research on Claude Monet, Vincent Van Gogh and Mary Cassatt, identifying similarities and differences between the features of their work. From this, we learnt how impressionist artists focus on the colours and light in an image, rather than specific detail. We also discovered that the use of different shades within the painting created the illusion of light and movement. Using this knowledge, we painted a section of the painting using oil paints which were quite tricky to use!



In forest school, the year 6's have had lots of fun working together in teams and using their creative skills. The children have undertaken many tasks such as: sorting into natural categories, pond dipping and habitat building and developing well-structured dens for different purposes. This has been a really good opportunity to explore our practical skills in a real life context.



Our Favourite Bit! Celebrating Our Achievements and Successes

Reception

Bella S & Amelia P – Great progress in phonics.

Lawson T & Isabella Smith – Great effort in maths.

Class 1

Alfie J – Outrageous word problem solving in maths.

Robyn H & Toby H – Amazing adding within 10.

Jayden W – For a super attitude towards writing.

Maisy B, Sophie D, Monty L & Lainey B – For a great effort in phonics.

Rafferty A – For working hard in maths to find two parts and the total.

Class 2

Alex R – Excellent maths mental work.

Esmail H – Being more focussed and working hard in lessons.

Timmy H, Georgiana P & Thea C – For an excellent superhero story.

Class 3

Owen S – For being a kind and helpful friend to all the class.

Teo S – For making excellent progress in his writing.

Class 4

Lizzie E – For showing great perseverance in her maths work.

Luca D – For being kind and caring to classmates.

Alana L – For improved focus on all her work.

Evalyn B – For always having a great attitude towards all of her work.

Aoife F – For showing great leadership during a group science investigation.

Class 5

Erin M - For demonstrating fantastic reasoning and problem-solving skills in maths lessons.

Henry T - For demonstrating fantastic reasoning and problem-solving skills in maths lessons.

Bethany R - For showing kindness to all of her peers and adults in school and enhancing others self-esteem.

Neve T - For excellent effort with her spellings.

Class 6

Molly G, Cole TR, Luke C, Thomas C- Excellent effort in all their work.