



e-news @ Leigh & Bransford Primary School

Friday 11th February 2022

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HAPPY VALENTINES WEEK ** HAPPY VALENTINES WEEK ** HAPPY VALENTINES WEEK

Mr Bill, School Council - Our school council met this week to discuss a variety of matters and as a result they have plans to move a few things forward at school. They reaffirmed that the pupil view in school was that outdoor learning and activity are the most important aspects of the curriculum. They are drawing up a design for an eco-area at school which will become an exciting resource for our pupils to use - details of this will follow when complete. We also discussed the life skills aspect of our curriculum and how useful our 6 Dojo characters are in capturing this. The school council reported that these may not give the required clarity to our pupils so we will look to rework this at our next meeting.

Please visit: <https://www.leighbransford.worcs.sch.uk/about-us/> for more information about our Dojo characters.

One very important matter that came up was pupil safety on Hoopers Close. They reported that many of our pupil body feel unsafe, especially around the turning circle. This is because of parent parking in this area which then causes other road users to do tight turns in order to leave Hoopers Close. The school council decided that the best way to try and tackle this is to try and educate road users to keep the turning circle clear and safe. With this in mind our school council will be running a competition over half term to produce a design for some banners to dissuade parking on the turning circle - details to follow soon.

Mr Bill, Covid - You will be pleased to hear that cases continue to fall here and normality is finally starting to return. We are still getting the odd new case and so I would ask everyone to remain vigilant in order that we keep everyone safe and to ensure that we avoid further disruptions to staffing.

Mr Bill, Class 6 - I am sorry to say that Miss Hutchinson will be leaving us as we break up for the Easter on the 8th April. Miss Hutchinson has made an invaluable contribution to the school in the time she has been with us and she will be greatly missed by all of us here. Miss Hutchinson has expressed that she is very sad to be leaving the school and that it was a very difficult decision for her to leave. However, she has found a new role much closer to her home which will mean that she does not have to make an extremely long commute each day. We are currently recruiting a replacement for Miss Hutchinson and once appointed we will write to you with further details.

Friday 18th February – I am pleased to tell you that on this day we will be participating in the **NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe** online programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom based activities. Speak out. Stay safe is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

To support the work of the NSPCC we will also be fundraising for them on the day. Therefore, on the Friday 18th February we will be having a non-uniform day for a donation of £1 (or more) to this excellent and important cause. Please help if you can.

Class R Trip – This is rescheduled to go ahead on Monday 14th February 2022.

Class 3 Trip – This is to Bishops Wood Viking Centre on Tuesday 15th February 2022.

Class 6 Redridge Trip – Please remember to return consents and pay deposits by 14th February. If P4S is not up and running please do send consents back regardless.

World Book Day Celebrations- Week beginning 1/3/22

(First week back after half term)

We are going all out again this year to celebrate Reading and Writing and now the children are in school to enjoy all the activities together! The days will span over two weeks (see dates below).

The return of



Children will play along every day to guess the book and member of staff and we hope you can join in at home too.

Thursday 3rd March - Dress up as a book character and bring the matching book in (if you have it). We will have a whole school assembly and the children will take part in reading and writing activities through the day.

For ideas please visit- <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>

Monday 7th March - L and B's GREAT Book Swap!

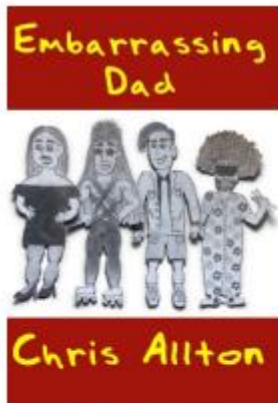
The children bring in an old book of good quality that they have enjoyed themselves and swap it with one of their friend's old ones.

If you are having a sort out of books at home for any age that still look like new, we would love donations in on this day too. This day sparks great interest and discussion about texts, stories, authors and favourite genres between the children.

Wednesday 9th March- Author Visit to School

Author Chris Allton will be coming into school to inspire the children to write their own stories. He will be doing an assembly with the children and then working with each year group throughout the day. His books (pictured below) will be signed and available for sale on the day should you wish to purchase one. More details on this to follow nearer the time!

Chris Allton - Author www.chrisallton.com Books for sale and signed - All £5



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Dad



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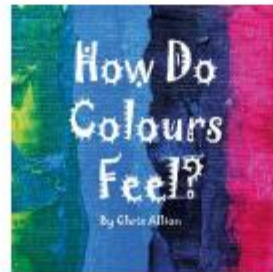
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How Do
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The Visit



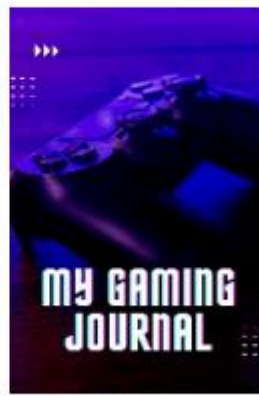
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Be Kind Kids



My Gaming
Journal



My Football
Journal

*****Term Dates for your Diary*****

Spring term – Wednesday 5th January 2022 – Friday 8th April 2022

Spring mid-term – Friday 18th February 2022 - Tuesday 1st March 2022

Easter – Friday 8th April 2022 – Monday 25th April 2022

Summer Term – Monday 25th April 2022 – Thursday 21st July 2022

Summer mid-term – Friday 27th May 2022 – Monday 6th June 2022

*****Bank Holidays*****

Good Friday - Friday 15th April 2022

Platinum Jubilee Holiday – Friday 3rd June 2022

Easter Monday – Monday 18th April 2022

Additional Bank Holiday – Friday 22nd July 2022 (Please see

Whitsun Bank Holiday – Thursday 2nd June 2022

amended Summer Term end date)

*****TED Days 2021-2022*****

Monday 28th February 2022

Monday 27th June 2022

Celebrating our Successes and Achievements

Beatrix Potter Writer of the Week Award (Remember the work is displayed in Reception for one week so come and see)

Reception – Matilda: for independent writing.

Class 1 – Athena: for great rhyming sentences.

Class 2 – George: for use of punctuation and fantastic presentation at all times.

Class 3 – Scarlett: for an excellent persuasive letter.

Class 4 – Madison: making detailed notes about eagles and lions.

Class 5 – Daisy: for showing good understanding of parenthesis in her grammar work.

Class 6 – Elsie: for fantastic diary entry in the style of William Beech.

Alan Turing Maths Award

Reception – Layton: for great work on composition of number.

Class 1 – Ellie: for successfully using the number line to count back.

Class 2 – Zachery: Maths for fantastic work learning the 2,5 and 10 times table.

Class 4 – Elaya: for applying her dividing knowledge to solving word problems.

Class 5 – Millie: for perseverance and good progress in her times tables.

Class 6 – Jonny, Marnie & Issy S: for fantastic effort in all maths work.

Dr Seuss Reading Award

Class 1 – Robert: for confidently segmenting his words.

Marie Curie Science Award

Class 1 - Finley - for excellent knowledge of materials and their properties.

Rosa Parks History Award

Class 5 – Skylar: for superb information and illustrations in history in our learning on Ancient China.

Thoughtful Theodore

Class 2 – Sienna: for coming back from a break and having excellent focus on her learning.

Class 4 – Seth S: for being thoughtful about other members of our class and our environment.

Class 5 – Freya: for showing kindness and empathy to others.

Class 6 – Amber, Darcy & Jess: for showing initiative and respect during forest school.