



e-news @ Leigh & Bransford Primary School

Friday 18th February 2022

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****SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE ** SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE ** SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE****

Mr Bill - I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for your support this half term. It is a great shame that this period has been so disrupted by Covid related illnesses but I am confident that the next half term will see a return to normality. The half term break gives us a good chance to stop any further transmission within the school; with this in mind can I ask that you test your children on Monday 28th February to ensure that we start the new half term covid free.

Next half term we are planning a range of exciting activities starting with a focus on reading and World Book Day. We are looking forward to ramping up our outdoor learning and running further educational visits for our pupils to enjoy. Our school council will be finalising designs for our eco area and then we will begin fund raising for that. Our parents' evenings will run shortly after the half term break with a choice of virtual or face-to-face meetings. Please see details below.

I would like to wish you all a safe and restful break and I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 1st March.

Item by the Year 6 School Council members, Turning circle competition – Here at Leigh & Bransford, the school council is hosting a competition, in which your child/children can submit a design for a banner. The banner will be put at the front railings of the school to try to stop people parking in the parking circle. It is a safety hazard for pupils and adults if you park in the parking circle.

Your child/children will be given a template for the banner today that they will use to create the design. The competition closes on Tuesday 1st March, please hand all entries to your class teachers. Our mascot for this is **Safety Sal**. The school councillors will judge the designs and pick two winners.

NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe – Today we have been participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe online programme. We have partaken in an online assembly and supporting classroom-based activities. We have aimed 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, to either a trusted adult or Childline. Thank you for your donations.

Half Term & TED Day – As you know it is half term next week, we are officially halfway through the year! Please remember there is a TED day on Monday 28th February so we will see you back here on Tuesday 1st March for World Book Day week.

Parents Evening – These will be held on w/c 14th March, you may book an appointment via Dojo directly with your respective teacher. Days available are Monday through to Thursday inclusive starting at 3.30pm and finishing at 5.30pm. Late night will be Wednesday until 7pm and appointments will be 10 minutes. Meetings are returning to face to face in school unless you would prefer a Teams meeting or there are Covid concerns.

Class 2 Trip, 2nd March – This is the Wednesday we return back to school so please remember your consents.

Mrs Sage, Safeguarding Update - I am writing to you in relation to the 'Roblox' game that I know is hugely popular amongst many of our children in school. As we know, it is one of the most popular games in the world. It has come to my attention about a BBC investigation into games that have been found on the Roblox platform that are completely unsuitable for children. It is our safeguarding duty to your children to make you aware of this investigation and to ensure that our children can be kept safe and away from these inappropriate games. These games are known on Roblox as 'Condos'.

The link below is to a BBC news report (published this week) into the potential problems that these condos present. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-60314572> As it states in the article, Roblox told the BBC they had developed 'Parental Control' tools, "that can be used to restrict who children interact with and which experiences they can access". However, these need to be set up to ensure that your child is safely interacting with others and only engaging with suitable content.

Celebrating our Successes and Achievements

Beatrix Potter Writer of the Week Award **Work will be displayed in Reception NEXT TERM**

Reception – Alayah: A great recount of our trip to the farm.

Class 1 – Bella: For a lovely description of her planet.

Class 2 – Sienna: Writer of the week for trying hard to improve her handwriting.

Class 3 – Larissa: For an excellent piece of writing to describe a day in the life of her dragon.

Class 4 – Henry: For writing a detailed fact file on a rhinoroo.

Class 5 – Evalyn: for an enthralling narrative, keeping the reader engaged throughout

Class 6 – Maisy: A fantastic chapter re-write.

Alan Turing Maths Award

Reception – Evie: For exploring composition of number.

Class 1 – Charlie: For his number greater than.

Class 2 – Martha: Showing confidence with multiplication and division.

Class 4 – Jack B: For his multiplying and dividing knowledge to solving problems.

Class 5 – Ava: For working really hard with the compact multiplication method.

Class 6 – Seren, Charlie, Issy & Olivia: Excellent effort when problem solving.

Dr Seuss Reading Award

Class 1 – Martha: For trying hard with her sounding out of words.

Rosa Parks History Award

Class 3 – Everyone: For working so hard on their Viking Trip.

Mo Farah Sport Award

Class 5 – Daisy: For demonstrating excellent defending skills in our dodgeball sessions.

Marie Curie Science Award

Class 1 – Lillie: For a great understanding of our materials topic.

Class 4: Amy: For writing an excellent conclusion to our science experiment on teeth.

Thoughtful Theodore

Class 2 – Isla: For thinking carefully about our dance and teaching others, even Miss Higgs.

Class 4 – Poppy: For always showing care and consideration towards her classmates. You are a great role model.

Class 5 – Lily: For always being so polite and respectful of others.

Class 6 – Sammy & Bethany: Displaying a thoughtful and caring attitude.

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!

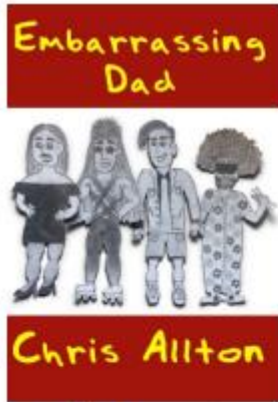
The children bring in an old book of good quality that they have enjoyed themselves and swap it with one of their friend's old ones.

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



Embarrassing
Dad



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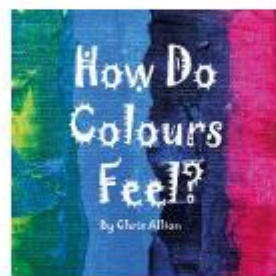
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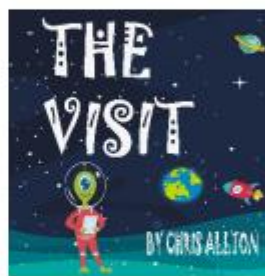
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The Visit



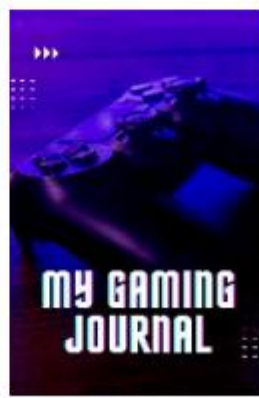
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Knight School
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Be Kind Kids



My Gaming
Journal



My Football
Journal

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