

Principal's Comments

Our children are very lucky to have the most amazing teachers who are always looking at ways of enriching their experiences. This half term children have been involved in a 'My World' project; learning about the world of work, danced on the stage at the Lyceum, travelled to Germany, taken part in British Science Week and the big bang event, made marble runs at Saturday school, taken part in world book day, watched lambs being born at Reaseheath and had an article published in Parentzone. I'm sure I've probably missed something; these experiences are what life-long learning is all about!

This half term we have had more sporting success. Our teams represent the Academy so well, look wonderful and always try their hardest so it is lovely for this to result in success too:

In gymnastics the year 3/4 and year 1/2 team have achieved gold and a special well done to Nancy in year 1 who achieved the individual gold. The year 6s also took part in an in house gymnastics competition.

In athletics the year 5/6 team came second in Crewe and Nantwich and the 3/4 team came 1st. All year 2s also took part in a sports hall agility competition.

The swimming team came second in the Crewe gala and the netball team have come such a long way to get to the finals.

This year has seen some of our best football results and for the first time in the school's history we have won the Timperley shield.

A big thank you to those parents who completed the fairer funding consultation and signed the petition. We now await the final outcome.

You may have noticed the Astroturf on the KS1 playground. This has proved very popular and means the children have more space to play. It is part of a bigger project that is planned to expand the staffroom and meeting facilities which will start to take place in the summer term. This has been in the development plan for a number of years and we have been saving our capital funding which is specifically granted for building projects.

Congratulations to this half term's Principal Award winners:

Tamara in 6P for an excellent work ethic and making super progress

Salaar in 1HS for settling in really well and making super progress

Cameron in 3S for working hard writing his own stories

Tallulah in 2G for always working hard, persevering and having beautiful manners

Riley in 2N for working hard and making good progress

Ebony in 6P for working hard and making super progress

Eddie in 1D for trying very hard and making excellent progress in reading

Lola in 5E for an all round wonderful attitude to school

Millie in 2S for an excellent attitude to school and making good progress

Rubylee in 4B for an excellent attitude to school and making good progress

Football at Leighton Academy

Another super term for Leighton Academy Football!

Our outstanding year has continued with victories in both the area Futsal final and the Timperley Shield.

The Futsal competition is new to the school calendar; the final took place at Sir William Stanier and included the two best teams from both Crewe and Nantwich. The boys were again superb! Special mention must go to Freddie in goal who literally put his body (actually his face) on the line to make sure of victory. The whole team played their part though and again we were victorious at the expense of Weston (a theme is emerging).



A week after the Futsal final we visited Doncaster to represent Crewe Alexandra in the Football League Trophy. The standard of this competition was incredibly high. The boys were at least a foot shorter than all of the other teams! They were outstanding, qualifying through to the semi-finals with a defeat against Carlisle, a draw against Doncaster Rovers and victories over Blackpool and Accrington Stanley. The semi-final saw us up against Morecambe. The Morecambe game was a close match with a 5-0 defeat not being a true reflection of the game. Several teams commented that we played the best football on the day.

Finally, the Timperley Shield. We took two teams to represent the Academy in the Timperley Shield. The competition has been running for over 25 years and as yet our name has not made it onto the shield. All change this year as one of our teams went all the way to the final eventually winning the competition against a very strong Weston team. We have built a somewhat friendly rivalry with Weston this year and there has been a lot of mutual respect between the two teams.



Last but certainly not least, the team and I must say a huge thank you to Tosh for his huge support and brilliant management this season. Tosh doesn't just help to run the team at Leighton but has volunteered lots of his spare time to ensure the smooth running of school football competitions for the benefit of all primary schools in Crewe and Nantwich.

Mr Jones

Thank you!



The 21st of March was World Down's Syndrome Day, an event set up to promote the awareness of Down's Syndrome and raise funds for research and support.

We marked this annual event by selling gingerbread socks at break time. Not only were the children able to enjoy the tasty biscuits, we are pleased to announce that £155.40 was collected for the charity!

Despite Red Nose Day falling on the same date as our Easter Fayre, the School Council organised a stall to sell noses and run a 'Design a nose' competition.

Thank you to everyone who visited the stall and took part in the competition; more than £250 was collected in total.



PTA Update



We couldn't have wished for better weather than we had for the afternoon of our annual Easter Fayre. Pupils, parents, relatives and friends alike enjoyed soaking up the atmosphere and winning a prize or two on the chocolate tombola.

Thank you to everyone who donated generously to the Chocolate Amnesty Day and then attended the fayre to support us again. With your help we raised more than £1200 which will be used to enrich the experiences and learning opportunities of the pupils in our school.

Thank you again for your continued support.

We are always looking for volunteers to either join the PTA committee or help out at events as and when they can. If you are interested then please let us know by way of the school or by emailing hallj@leighton.cheshire.sch.uk.