

Principal's Comments

Many thanks to those parents who completed the online questionnaire. We are delighted that over 95% of parents say their child enjoys and feels safe at school, feel Leighton Academy has high expectations for their children, feel the school deals effectively with bullying and over 91% feel the school communicates effectively with parents. Some parents feel they still don't know about the role of governors and I would urge you to visit the governor page on our website where you will find lots of information on the board and meetings that they attend. Some parents had concerns over how healthy the school lunches are and I would like to reassure you that strict guidelines are adhered to that ensure all lunches are balanced and there is a daily salad bar for all pupils to access.

Whilst the vast majority of children at Leighton Academy are exceptionally well behaved and visitors often comment on their manners and polite nature, a very small minority are using inappropriate language that should not be repeated by an adult let alone a child. As parents and carers I urge you to monitor what your child can access on the internet as the pupils often say they are repeating what they have heard on eg. You Tube. Incidents of disgusting language will be taken very seriously and consequences put in place. Thank you for your support with this.

We are looking forward to lots more exciting events over the next half term including finals of the Bloodhound rocket car competition, a stall at the Cheshire Show, athletics and other sports competitions and Goblin car racing.

I would like to wish you all a relaxing half term break and let's hope the sunshine continues.

Mrs Young

Principal

Congratulations to this half term's Principal Award winners:

Ruby in 2N for excellent perseverance

Darcey in 5A for a wonderful all round attitude to school

Lucy in 2N for hard work and great writing progress

Zach in 6J for working hard and making excellent progress

Rylee in 3N for working hard and making excellent progress

Ben in 1VS for working hard and making excellent progress

Aidan in 2N for settling in so well , having beautiful manners and a fantastic attitude

Madison in 5E for an excellent, hard working attitude

Millie in 3S for working hard and making good progress

Amy in 1HS for her perseverance and always working hard

Caoimhe in 1D for working hard and making excellent progress

Daniel in 5A for working hard on handwriting and making good progress

Design Technology News

On the 4th May, four Year 5 pupils went to RAF Cosford to compete in Regional Finals for the Bloodhound Blast competition.

After being given just over an hour to design and build a small rocket car, the team then had to submit their final creation for rocket testing along a 30 metre track.

An anxious wait for final results to come in ended with the LA Racers team of Carmen and Darcey being awarded first place; their car reached over 41mph!

The girls are now gearing up ready for National Finals at Santa Pod Raceway on 29th June where they will compete against the 11 other primary schools in the hope of being crowned overall winners.

Keep up-to-date on the progress of the team by checking out our Facebook and Twitter pages.



Avian Flu

For the past couple of years we have hired hens during the Summer term. This has given our children the opportunity to understand where their food comes from, animal life-cycles and husbandry.

We had intended on doing the same again this year until we were informed that free-ranging restrictions had been put in place by Defra (Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs). Although we would be allowed to have hens on-site with no health risk to humans, the birds had to be kept away from any wild birds. This meant that they would have to stay inside the coup and couldn't free-range around the site as they have done in previous years.

As we like the hens to have plenty of space to roam and couldn't offer this, we took the decision not to have them this year. Restrictions have now been lifted for our region and if this remains the case then we look forward to having them back again next year.



Year 6 pupils, supported by a team of engineering graduates from Bentley Motors, have now completed building our two race cars for this season – LA Fury and LA Earth. We will be competing at Stafford and Goodwood again this year, showcasing the pupil's design and engineering skills and pitting themselves against more than 100 other schools from around the country.



PTA Update

As hopefully the weather is set to improve and warm up over the coming weeks, we will be selling slushies and ice-cream treats after school on Fridays. The slushies are priced at £1 and the ice-creams vary from 30p to £1 and are available on the KS2 playground.

We will only sell these on Fridays so they are end-of-week 'treats' and all profits made will be invested back into projects around the school.

So far this year, the PTA have funded or committed to fund:

Leavers' gifts from Nursery.

Leavers' gifts and disco for Year 6.

Prizes for Leighton's Got Talent.

A gazebo to provide shaded space in the Nursery garden.

Without the continued support from parents and carers, this wouldn't be possible so thank you.

Date for your diary - Summer Fayre: Friday 16th June

As there are so many events booked in over the next few weeks, we have taken the decision to have this year's Summer Fayre after-school on Friday 16th June. The Fayre will begin at 3:30 and will feature many of the usual favourites along with a Parent and Child Football Tournament. More details will be sent out after the half-term break.

There are a number of places for private stalls available. If you would like to have a private stall then please contact us through the school and one can be reserved for you.

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.



Reception have had an excellent trip to Stockley Farm. We were lucky enough to have a chance to feed the animals, groom the ponies, hold the rabbits and even got a ride on the tractor.

We would like to say thank you to all of our parents for enabling us to go!



Sports Update



Y3/4 Football

This week, Mrs Holland and Tosh Fuller (our football coach and parent volunteer) organised the second 'Leighton MMU Shield' event of the year. We organise this tournament as an academy to increase participation for younger children in competitive football.

The event was massively oversubscribed and was attended by 20 teams from 17 primary schools across Crewe and Nantwich, giving an opportunity to participate for over 100 children. We took 3 teams who showed excellent sportsmanlike behaviour and team work. Well done to all involved.

Netball

Well done to our netball team who beat Wistaston Church Lane 10-1 in their final league game of the season. Thank you to Miss Dyer, Mrs Sweeney and Miss Randell for giving up your free time to give our children this opportunity this year.



Swimming

Next half term, Y3 will be going swimming alongside some selected Y6 children to ensure they meet their target of 25 metres before they leave for high school. As an academy we ensure that we provide swimming lessons for every child as a life skill for water safety and survival.

Please support us with this by ensuring your child comes to school with everything they need on swimming days.



Cricket

Mr Nikceвич and Mr Jones took a team of Y6 children to a cricket tournament in the sunshine on Tuesday evening this week. We saw some excellent cricketing and perseverance skills.

We finished third in our group with an excellent win against Nantwich Academy. Well done team!

DON'T FORGET!

'Leighton Laps' will run every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8.35am – 8.55am (weather permitting).

Please keep an eye on our social networking sites for updates. Come along and join in!

PE Kits

During the summer term, please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school EVERY day, along with sun cream, a sun hat and a water bottle so that lessons can be organised with changeable weather in mind.

Please look out for more information on these events in the form of emails or letters

Miss Brennand and Mrs Holland

Dates for your Diary



Monday 5th June

Ann Frank Exhibition

Wednesday 7th June

Dance Alive Showcase

My World Project

Thursday 8th June

Nursery closed for Polling Day

1VS Jodrell Bank Visit

Dance Alive Show at MMU

Chemistry with Cabbages for parents

Friday 9th June

1D & 1HS Jodrell Bank Visit

Monday 12th June

SEN Parent Coffee Meeting

Kwik Cricket Competition at SCC

Wednesday 14th June

Fit in Deutch German Tests

Inclusive Games at SCC

Thursday 15th June

Year 2 Formby Beach Visit

Reception Intake Evening

Friday 16th June

Summer Fayre

Monday 19th June

Town Sports Field Event

Tuesday 20th June

Year 5 Iris Centre Visit

Wednesday 21st June

Stafford Goblin Car Race

Town Sports Track Event

Tuesday 27th June

Reception Sports Day - AM

Years1 & 2 Sports Day - PM

Wednesday 28th June

Years 5 & 6 Sports Day - AM

Thursday 29th June

Years 3 & 4 Sports Day - AM

Friday 30th June

Nursery Sports Day

Artscool Evening Performance

Monday 3rd July

Parent Forum

Tuesday 4th July

Olympic Athlete Visit

Wednesday 5th July

School Nurses Heights and Weights

KS2 Gymnastics Competition

Recycling Workshop for Year 6

Thursday 6th July

School Nurses Heights and Weights

Year 5 & 6 Rounders Tournament

Monday 10th July

KS2 Cross Country Competition at the Vagrants

Tuesday 11th July

Diamond Cricket Match

Wednesday 12th July

Year 6 Play for Parents

Friday 14th July

Lego Junior league Competition

Tuesday 18th July

Year 6 Leavers Disco

Thursday 20th July

Sports presentation Evening in School

