

Newsletter

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Last Day of Half Term—Friday 22nd May 2015
Return to School on—Monday 1st June 2015
Last Day of Term—Friday 17th July 2015
Please see the Academy website for further term dates

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Message from the Principal

Well this term has seen the year 6 children sit their SATs papers and their attitude as usual was impeccable. These are only a snapshot of what our children can do and we will continue to offer a broad curriculum so EVERY child can shine and go off to their secondary schools knowing what they have a talent for.

We are delighted to be able to offer a visit abroad this year. The current year 4s have the opportunity to visit Germany in November (when they are in year 5). From next academic year there will be a residential visit for all children in key stage 2. These experiences help the children to learn in the real world in a manner that is not possible in the classroom.

A big thank you to all those who completed the parent questionnaire and to Miss Brennand for spending the time analysing the data. We are delighted that the vast majority of parents are happy with what we are doing and feel their children are receiving an excellent education in a happy and safe environment. We hope to have a new provider for the school meals in place from September which was an area that was highlighted by parents.

Please don't forget to put July 4th in your diaries for the annual summer fayre. We are hoping to make this one the biggest and best yet!

Have a wonderful half term break. Fingers crossed we see the sunshine!

Mrs J Young
Principal

Principal's Award

Well done to the following children for winning the Principal's Award this half term—



Phoebe Lloyd (2S) for an excellent attitude to school

Libby Cornes (3S) for her maturity & sensible attitude

Tyler Oliver (1S) for super manners & attitude

Harrison Dunn (4N) for consistent hardwork & sensible attitude

Connor Bradley-Bannister (2G) for improved attitude to school

Phoebe Rushbrooke (RB) for an excellent attitude to everything!

Freddie Tomkinson (3B) for an excellent attitude to everything!

Ky Bratherton (1S) for super improvement on his literacy

Kenny Phillips (5H) for his excellent attitude

Pupil Achievements

We are excited to be able to share some of the exciting achievements some of our pupils have made outside of school. It's been lovely to read how hard they are all working even outside of the classroom

Dylan Abbey

Dylan will begin his 7th year at Crewe Alex FC Academy in September. He began with Crewe age 5, after being spotted at a community session held at the school. He has enjoyed many highlights and has even played at Real Madrid, Atletico Madrid, FC Schalke, and Bayer Leverkusen. His focus over the years in training, and determination to beat recent illness are particularly admirable. Well done Dylan!



Harry Berry-Smith

Harry took part in a 7 mile sponsored walk on Sun 10th May on the Sandstone trail. In total he raised £350 for Alder Hay Children's hospital which have played a big part in Harry's families life for the last few years. Well done Harry!

Kayne Brassington

Kayne has completed his swimming course and can swim confidently at only 5yrs old! Great effort Kayne!

Kyle Condrey, Aiden Hodkinson and Miles Summers

Three of our year 1 student's Aiden, Kyle and Miles have had a very exciting adventure with their Beaver colony (17th South West Cheshire). On Saturday the 2nd of May they experienced their first camping sleepover at Milldale Scoup Camp.

There was a Disney/Pixar theme to the camp and it included surfing, rope swinging and fun games. They had a campfire, watched a show and had a fancy dress party. It was also a special time for the Beaver colony as they received a 10 year achievement award making them the longest running Colony in Cheshire. Beavers is a fun filled activity for boys AND girls to make new friends, learn new skills and experience great adventures as well as having loads of fun!

Kayla Gomes

Kayla passed her Grade 1 Tap Dance Exam with Merit. Fantastic achievement, well done Kayla



Joshua Leah

Joshua completed a sponsored 5k this week (running half and walking half) and he raised over £200 for St Lukes Hospice. Fantastic Joshua, how lovely to have raised so much for a good cause.

Brandon Lindop

Brandon has recently achieved 2 belts in Muay Thai boxing, 'WKA English Junior Title' and 'WKA British Open Champion'. He's off to Thailand in August to represent Great Britain! He's even been in the local news recently!! He trains at Team Chongi Academy in Crewe. Fantastic achievement, well done Brandon!



Pupil Achievements Continued....

Kyle Patrick

Kyle has been scouted and is undergoing trials with Man utd, Everton, West Brom, Stoke and Port Vale! A very busy few weeks for Kyle, and whilst sitting his Sats! Some great opportunities for Kyle. Good Luck!!

Josh Pemberton

Josh has been offered a fulltime place at Moorland Football Elite Academy. He has had a successful trial by Charlie Jackson, who is the Manchester City youth coach. Josh attends weekly training sessions at the Manchester City Development Academy. After some trials, if he accepts his place, he will go into the Manchester City Academy. Well done Josh! Exciting times ahead



Ruby Pemberton

Ruby has had a successful audition for a place with the English Youth Ballet for their production of Swan Lake, which is to be performed at the Regent Theatre in Hanley. An amazing opportunity to have gained a place with a professional Ballet Company. Well done Ruby, proof that hard work pays off!

William Perry

William has been offered a football contract with Crewe Alexandra Football Club, in the under 9's for 2015/2016 season. Well done William!!



Harry Preece

Harry has only recently started Karate and last week had his first young persons three monthly competition. He was ranked 8th for technique improvement and class excellence! He is now aiming for his red belt on his next assessment! Well done Harry! Keep up the good work.

Hollie Roberts

Hollie completed a 5k Race for Life recently raising money for Cancer Research! Excellent Hollie, well done!



Archie Stubbs

Has worked hard to achieve his Red belt in Judo this term! Well done Archie!



This half term we have been investigating:

- Growth: growing beans and cress seeds, visiting the chicks in main school and observing our own robin's nest in nursery.
- Microscopes
- Weight



Outdoor Area

As you may have noticed, we have been making good use of our funding from school to improve our outdoor area. Improvements to date include:

- Lots of interesting new resources to support our children's learning.
- Smart new fencing around Conor's Corner and around the mud kitchen area.
- Additional paving around the building to provide more room for children to ride their trikes and bikes.
- A large planter for growing activities (thank you Mrs. Hall!)
- Portable fencing to define our large construction area, home corner and mark making area.



Nursery Continued—

Calling all gardeners

If any green-fingered parents would like to help us to develop a herb garden or grow some veggies we would be very grateful. We need volunteers to help us to put up bird tables and nesting boxes too. Please call into nursery or email Mrs. Warriner: warrinert@leighton.cheshire.sch.uk if you are able to help us.

Thank you

A huge thank you to the PTA who have kindly donated money to fund equipment for our new mud kitchen. Thanks also go to our generous parents who have helped us raise another £154 for Marie Curie Cancer Care. That's a magnificent £250.54 in total!

Coming Up

Sports Day

Should the weather hold out for us the new date for Nursery Sports Day will be Wednesday 3rd June.

Graduation Photos

Academy Photography will be in nursery on Monday 1st June to take photographs of our nursery leavers as a memento of their time with us.

Two Year Olds

We are getting ready to take a small number of 2 year olds who qualify for the Two Year Old Funding from September. Eligible children can claim their place the term **after** their second birthday. Each child will have their own key person with one member of staff for every four children.

Children will have their own small group room with a cosy corner to rest and retreat to, a nappy changing area and messy play area as well as being able to access all areas of provision. Younger children will also have their own secure play area within the nursery grounds.

If you would like more information about our 2 year old offer, please speak to a member of staff. You can find out whether your child would be eligible for two year old funding by contacting Cheshire East Family Information Service on 0300 123 5033 or visit: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/FEEE

Mrs M Jenkins

Nursery Manager

Swimming Reminder for Next Half Term—Year 2

2S are swimming on Monday 1st and Monday 8th June 2015

2G are swimming on Wednesday 3rd and Wednesday 10th June 2015

Please remember to send in your child's kit with them.





LPTFA News

Once again we would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to everybody that has supported our recent Slush and ice cream sales. We have raised more than £300 so far, every penny of which is spent on projects at the school. Please continue to support these events so that we can raise even more money over the coming weeks.

The money raised so far this academic year has paid for:

£1000 to the School Council for new outdoor play equipment

A Christmas disco event for all pupils along with gifts and sweet bombs

£300 towards a mud kitchen for Nursery

There are many upcoming projects which will be heavily supported by the LPTFA – keep a look out for more details in your children's book bag.

Date for your diary

Our annual Summer Fayre will be held on **Saturday 4th July 12pm-3pm** and will be American themed to mark Independence Day. If you would like to help either in advance or on the day or if you would like to book a private stall at the event then please contact us. More details will follow soon.

Thanks again – your support is what ensures our success



School photos will be conducted on

Monday 1st June 2015

At this session we will be photographing

Y6

Sports Groups
(Please bring P.E. / Sports Kits)

Leavers Individuals

Parents will receive free proofs of every image and the option to make a purchase.

Looking for the perfect gift for any occasion?

Book your FREE family portrait sitting at a venue near you.

See www.academyphotos.co.uk or call 01782 566100 for details.

America Day

On Thursday, 30 April, students in years 3 and 4 participated in America Day to celebrate the homeland of the four American student teachers who've been in their classrooms these past two months.

The students took part in four different lessons each taught by one of the teachers. In year three, Miss Tavares taught the students about the geography of the United States which ended with a game of United States Bingo. Also in year three, Miss Carmichael taught about America's pastime, baseball. The students learnt about the history of baseball, the rules of the game, and Boston's home team, the Red Sox. Over in year four, Miss Gundlach taught the students about an author who is a Massachusetts native, Dr. Seuss. The students were read the story, Bartholomew and the Oobleck with the lesson ending with the students making their own Oobleck. In the other year four room, Miss Donovan taught the students about the many different foods America is known for; the students even roasted their own marshmallows to make s'mores.

The day commenced with all four classes playing baseball out on the back fields. The day was filled with much fun and laughter. The four American teachers and all year three and year four students enjoyed themselves.

Design and Technology News



Our VIP Guests

April saw the school welcome some new residents in the form of Maggie and Belle, our 6 month old hens. Their arrival sparked lots of interest from children and parents alike and the hens have certainly seemed to enjoy the fuss and attention.

During the first couple of weeks the hens spent their time in the coop getting used to their new home. Now that they have settled in, they are able to come out of the coop to play on the grass or market garden during quieter periods of the day.

The first eggs from the hens were raffled off after the V.E. Day celebrations and 2 lucky children each won a box. I have been informed by one of the winners that the eggs were delicious and some of them had double yolks!

As more eggs are collected over the coming weeks, some classes will be lucky enough to use them as part of their food technology lessons.

Hollywood comes to Leighton!

This half term's Saturday School gave some Year 6 pupils the opportunity to combine their acting skills and the school's new green screen technology to create a short film about the events that led up to the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215.

The children and staff had lots of fun recreating Medieval Britain and the results (along with a few customary bloopers) will be shared with the rest of the school later in the year.



Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution 2015

Last year was the first time that Leighton Academy took part in Food Revolution Day and it proved very successful with all Year 6 pupils learning about the importance of low cost, healthy food, cooked from scratch.

This year we decided to do it all again, so that more of our pupils could join the 250,000 children from across 120 countries taking part in this event.

So, armed with our mobile oven and two tables crammed with fresh and healthy ingredients, we set about making more than 60 pizzas. Some of the children were a little reluctant at first about using wholemeal bread to create their pizza bases and trying some of the vegetables and cheeses available to them, but the smell of the food soon won them around with most of their creations eaten straight from the oven!

Well done Year 6!