



Together we learn. Together we grow.

Dear Parents,

We are now in the midst of a very busy term and school is a hive of activity. I like to keep you all informed with any training that has taken place. Safeguarding is at the heart of all we do and Mr Coombs and I have just updated our level 3 training, with a particular focus on mental health and wellbeing. Wellbeing is a firm focus at Leasowes and Mrs Wood, our Wellbeing Champion, is working hard to ensure that we all learn how to look after ourselves and support each other. This is important for all stakeholders. Last week we welcomed Mr Whitney, father to Beau and Ollie, to our staff meeting. Mr Whitney gave us tips on exercise for children and postural and mindfulness exercises for staff. Encompassing the latter part of our school motto - 'Together We Grow' - if we are teaching children about wellbeing, it is important that we look after ourselves too.

Continuing from this, on Thursday we held our first whole school 'Time to Talk' session. This was well received by both staff and children and continues to open up the lines of communication about wellbeing and mental health. Mrs Wood has now added a 'Wellbeing Wonder' to our biweekly newsletter. These are little challenges for you to try to complete each week, supporting our wellbeing.

Over the last two weeks, as part of our Learning Conference, SLT have spent time in Early Years and Lower KS2. It is always a pleasure to see the children working hard and learning together. The Leasowes staff are absolutely amazing and are so committed to providing the best possible education. One of our School Improvement Priorities this academic year is developing the teaching of Science through instilling a sense of curiosity. Science is becoming a real strength across the school and children are thinking more and more like scientists. The planning and implementation of Science lessons builds that 'love of learning' and stimulates the curiosity to find out more. To quote Nicole from Year 3, who during a Science lesson spontaneously shouted out, 'Best teacher ever!' summarises the excitement that is created.

As always, it is really important that we communicate effectively with you about your children. Therefore, if you have a query about your child, the best person to initially contact is the class teacher. If you feel you need to speak to someone more senior, please contact the phase leaders. The phase leaders know their departments well and share information at Senior Leadership Meetings with Mr Coombs and myself.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Bettany  
Headteacher

### Safeguarding

In a continued effort to safeguard children, please remember that we aim to be a **NUT FREE School**.

We do have children in school with severe nut allergies, therefore please be extra vigilant with snacks and lunch boxes provided from home.



### Cake Sale

Well done to Amelia, Qi Qi, Abigail and Erin for raising a whopping £164.80 for Cancer Research. Our values in action!



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### Second-hand Uniform

Please contact the PTFA if you are interested in purchasing second-hand uniform.

[leasowes2ndhanduniform@gmail.com](mailto:leasowes2ndhanduniform@gmail.com)



### Curiosity Corner

8.2.19  
WHAT IF...  
THERE WAS NO  
GRAVITY?

### wellbeing wonder

Cook a meal from scratch and get all the family involved.

### Mud Kitchen!

Thank you to our extremely talented Caretaker, Mr Follows. Nursery now have their very own mud kitchen to play with.

### Art Exhibition

A huge thank you to Miss Thelwell for organising our very first Art Exhibition.

### Non-Uniform Day

Following the tragic news we received in the week regarding the fire at Highfields, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February. All donations welcome. Funds raised will support a family greatly in need in our wider community.



### New Governors

The role of Governor in school is extremely important and rewarding. Governors have a strategic overview of the school and have three core purposes.

1. Setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

As you are aware, we have been looking to recruit Parent Governors. We have received three nominations in total, which means that we do not need to move to a vote. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Niccy Bhageerutty and Mrs Jenny Brooks who have already completed a four year cycle of governance and have been nominated for another four years. Additionally, I would like to give a warm welcome to Mr Nicholas Riley, father of Ben and William, who joins us as a new Governor. We look forward to continuing our journey to provide the very best education for the children at Leasowes.