



Dear Parents,

After the return from the half term holidays, we yet again find ourselves in a National Lockdown. This time our community is really feeling the impact of this global pandemic. Since half term, due to a very small number of positive cases and following the guidance of Public Health England, we have been forced to send home four classes. The children in these bubbles are following our remote learning plan and teachers are in regular contact. School continues to manage this efficiently and make the necessary adjustments to ensure that the learning continues. Although this has also affected our staffing, we continue to provide a safe and rich learning environment for the children who remain at school, ensuring that they continue to receive a rich and balanced education. I am sure you will understand that we are having to make adjustments to timetables and thank you for your ongoing support and patience during these challenging circumstances.

No matter what the situation, at Leasowes our values of **respect, courage, collaboration, aspiration, enjoyment** and **love** are at the core of all that we do. This week and throughout the pandemic, it is even more important that we continue to stay true to these. Therefore, on the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour, the children of Leasowes paid their respect and took time to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. This was a lovely moment in school where we listened to Mrs Wood play the 'Last Post', followed by a one-minute silence before listening to the 'Reveille'. All of the children in school took part in this and it was a very special moment.

In addition to this, last week we held our outdoor classroom day that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A huge thank you to Miss Ross who organised the event and has put together a small montage overleaf. I know that it is only November, but some of you will be wondering what Christmas will look like this year at Leasowes. It is still going ahead, albeit a little different! The Senior Leaders have already met to think hard about how this can be managed. We will be providing you with information in the coming weeks. For children who do not have permission for videos on the website, we will be sending out letters to see if you would like your child to be involved in some of the Christmas activities that will be placed onto the website.

As you are aware, Mrs Davies our Special Educational Needs Leader, now works across SESAT with our partner school Barnfields. She continues to do a superb job and this has secured consistency across the MAT. As a result, we are thrilled to announce that Miss Reeves has been successful in becoming our upper key stage 2 phase leader. She is extremely excited about this role and we look forward to seeing her impact on the phase. Congratulations Miss Reeves!

Additionally, 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

Together we learn. Together we grow.

Outdoor Classroom Day: Leasowes Under the Microscope

Wow, what an incredible day! From the moment the children walked into Leasowes wearing their winter gear and wellies to seeing them return home, now slightly muddy and rosy cheeked, there was an immense feeling of enjoyment and collaboration echoing around the school. Every single child had access to a great amount of innovative learning activities which promoted curiosity, positive learning conversations and lasting memories. Thank you so much for your support with this day and please read on to find out more - Miss Ross.

Reception

The children in Reception really enjoyed their day learning outdoors. They made great use of their new playground area including the mud kitchen and music area! Children collaborated to create a bonfire out of sticks which they collected from the Forest School Area alongside some fireworks art.



Year 1

What great learning in Year 1! Children practised some phonics on the playground using chalks, went on a maths hunt matching number representations, before finishing the day with some Bonfire art which they gathered from the Forest School Area. The children had so much fun with so many activities!

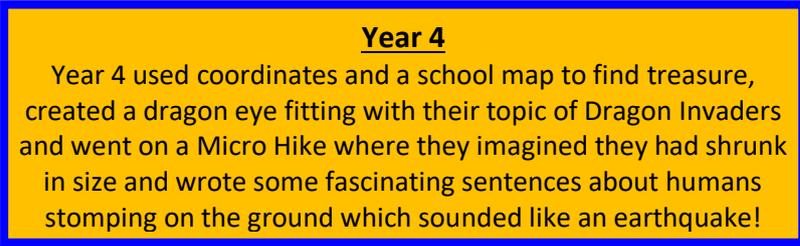
Year 2

Year 2 had such an inquisitive day where they found different texts on the playground and retrieved the information to answer questions, created Autumnal leaf rubbings and a journey stick, represented fractions of objects on the field and collected fieldwork data to find out more about Leasowes.



Year 3

Year 3 hunted for insects linked to a story, created nature-themed computer animations, created a fraction wall out of natural resources and celebrated different families before representing their own (including pets) using natural materials.



Year 4

Year 4 used coordinates and a school map to find treasure, created a dragon eye fitting with their topic of Dragon Invaders and went on a Micro Hike where they imagined they had shrunk in size and wrote some fascinating sentences about humans stomping on the ground which sounded like an earthquake!



Year 5

Year 5 showed so much enjoyment on their creative day. They completed a running RIC Reading task where texts were found amongst the trees which were used to answer questions, created some amazing fraction walls to show equivalent parts and learnt about the trees at Leasowes through leaf rubbings.



Year 6

Year 6 had a tremendous day, creating outdoor memories through representing different triangles, listening to some music inside and outside then comparing its dimensions and an Autumnal acrostic poem inspired by the Leasowes Forest School Area. Lots of meaningful learning took place today.

