



Dear Parents,

It has been another busy half term of learning at Leasowes, jam-packed with exciting opportunities. As I mentioned on the last newsletter, Year 5 took part in 'Star Gazing' as part of their 'Infinity and Beyond' topic. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank the huge amount of parents that took the time to email or personally thank the staff. The recognition of the 'above and beyond' attitude of the Leasowes staff is much appreciated. The year 5 children have sent thank you messages and the buzz about the activity has just been fantastic.

As you are aware, we are now a hub of excellence for PE and this involves hosting and delivering on PE courses. This ranges from PE updates, health & safety, cheerleading, floor and apparatus skills. We are very fortunate to have the expertise of Mrs Moores and Mr Williams, our PE Teaching Assistant, who deliver on several of the courses. In addition, for the first time, we have run a two day PE course for PGCE students from Staffordshire University. For the majority of these courses our children take part and demonstrate excellence in PE. The children always behave impeccably and enjoy demonstrating their skills. Mrs Moores is always gushing with pride after any event and the comments we receive from other teachers, from other schools are just amazing. The children grow in confidence and even get the opportunity to enthuse and shape future teachers choosing to come into education. We will be adding a page to our website in the very near future for you to see our achievements around PE.

Whilst thinking about sport, Staffordshire University have been running a football after school club for Year 5 & 6 over several weeks, ending with a tournament. On Friday 9th February, two Leasowes teams were entered into the competition, held on Stafford Town pitches, against five other primary schools. In spite of the weather, which was extremely cold, there were many exciting, well contested matches. Both teams played with great enthusiasm and skill. After a tough tournament, Leasowes 'A' team were the overall winners and awarded the trophy on goal difference. This is a wonderful achievement and we congratulate all players that took part. A big thank you to Freya and Scott, from Staffs Uni, and Mr Stanley and Mr Williams for accompanying the children.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you back refreshed after the holiday.

As always, if you have a query about your child, the best person to initially contact is the class teacher or the phase leader. If you feel you need to speak to myself or Mr Coombs, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your on-going support,
Mrs Bettany
Headteacher

Access on Porlock Avenue

Last Wednesday afternoon a 999 call was made from a house near school. Taking the quickest route, the fire engine responded but could not gain access via Porlock Avenue due to parental parking. The fire services are asking to work with school to stop this happening again as the implications are unthinkable. Please park responsibly.

Together we learn. Together we grow.

Collaboration

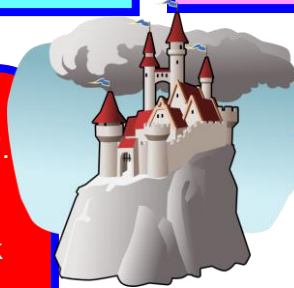
Our value of collaboration has been embraced in Year 6. At revision-club this week, my mathematicians showed great collaboration supporting each other with long division. The children were a real credit to the school and our values
Miss Reeves

Collaboration

1W have been collaborating with our writing this week. We worked in pairs to create an information page about a woodland animal and present it to the class. We have put all the pages together to create a book for classroom visitors to see.

World Book Day!

Thursday 1st March is 'World Book Day'. The theme for this year is 'Bonkers Bedtime Books'. You can come dressed as a story book character (traditional tale or fairytale if possible) or come in your bedtime attire: pyjamas, onesies, dressing gowns, slippers, teddies etc.



This week is the last swimming session for Year 3



Year 1 Family Learning

On Tuesday, Year 1 had a fantastic, snowy afternoon creating outdoor art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. The quality of the artwork created exceeded everyone's expectations and we are sure Andy himself would have been impressed. Many thanks to all who supported the event. Brilliant Collaboration!
The Year 1 Team



Original Andy Goldsworthy



Year 4 Family Learning

Year 4 had a wonderful afternoon on Wednesday completing their Family Learning activity linked to the Tudors. Thank you to all of the family members who attended. The children had been really excited about this and it was lovely to see such a great turn out. The children were asked to design a Family Crest based on the Tudor Crests. They had to choose their colours and animals based on what they felt represented them as an individual. The children will have the opportunity to share these with the rest of the school during the first assembly back after Half Term.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Dodd, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Davies.