



Dear Parents,

As we enter our final half term of this academic year, the children and staff continue to work hard and drive learning. This week myself and Mr Coombs, along with Mrs Darlington from Barnfields, have had the pleasure of visiting classes to observe learning and talk to the children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3. It is always such a privilege to watch our talented teachers in action, facilitating learning and empowering children to embrace every opportunity, enabling all to build on previous knowledge and skills. One of our focus areas is Design and Technology (DT). DT brings learning to life and enables children to acquire and apply knowledge and understanding of materials and components, mechanisms and control systems, structures, food technology and learning to make quality products for a particular purpose. It allows children to think critically, work collaboratively, design, make, test and evaluate their products. After rich professional development for teaching staff at the start of this academic year and under the guidance of Mrs Gee, our DT leader, Design and Technology is exciting and innovative. This week we have witnessed raft building in Nursery, fruit kebab designs and creations in Reception, food tasting in Year 1, sandwich making in Year 2 and the creation of catapults in Year 3. It has been just brilliant to see all of the children immersed in learning and building a thirst to find out more. I know that many of the children will go on to apply these skills to make a positive impact in years to come.

As you are aware, we are a Rights Respecting School and we work hard to ensure that children know their rights and understand that they are universal and unconditional. Led by Miss Leonard and JLT, much work has been carried out across school. The 42 children's rights are driven through all of school life. This further embeds and enhances our own school values, culture, ethos and supports the personal development of all children to become citizens of the future. Last week, as a school, we underwent accreditation for the Silver Award for Rights Respecting Schools. This was a very thorough process where a portfolio of whole school evidence was produced and sent for external scrutiny. This was followed up with a half day of interviews with myself, Miss Leonard (as the RRS leader), teachers and children. After a collective approach, I have the great pleasure of announcing that we were successful and have been awarded the Silver award for Rights Respecting Schools. This is a fantastic whole school effort but a special mention must go out to Miss Leonard and JLT for their passion and commitment in our journey. Well done all, this is an amazing achievement.

Now that the summer months are here, please can I remind all of the expectations of school uniform. You can find the summer uniform on the website under 'About Us' and by clicking the 'Uniform' tab or by clicking the following hyperlink: [Uniform](#). In addition to this, please make sure that water bottles (no single use plastics) and labelled sun hats/caps come into school each day and that sun cream is applied at home before school. We must do all we can to stay safe in the sun.

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

Together we learn. Together we grow.

PTFA Summer Fayre

After the recent announcements from Mr Johnson, our Prime Minister, with regards to the extension of Covid restrictions, it is with much regret that myself and the PTFA have had to make the decision to cancel this year's summer fayre. This is a real shame but the safety of our children and community must always be prioritised. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTFA who have been busy planning behind the scenes and preparing just in case it could go ahead. We really value their commitment to Leasowes and cannot wait to be able to enjoy the well-planned functions that we all love.

Thank you PTFA!

Covid-19 Restrictions

Since returning to school after the lockdown period, all year groups have managed to stay safe and attended school throughout. It would be such a shame if this did not continue until the end of the school year. With restrictions slightly changing on Monday, please remind the children of the need to wash hands regularly and socially distance wherever possible when they are out and about so that we all continue to remain safe.

Leasowes Extra

We have just completed refurbishing the KS2 Leasowes Extra area. Take a look at the amazing transformation in the 'Before and After' photos!

RIGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT



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WHY? TO RECOGNISE WORLD
REFUGEE DAY ON SUNDAY 20TH
JUNE

