



Lessness Heath Primary School

Newsletter

Respect Belonging Co-operation Honesty Perseverance Responsibility

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Dear Parent and Carers,

'What's next?'

People who continuously ask this are the most successful. These are the people who have ideas and ask questions about how we can improve. It may be a small improvement for one person or a huge change for society but still equally valuable.

In today and tomorrow's society, employers are going to be looking for people who show the value of perseverance and can think for themselves. These people will be people who are creating the future.

Sounds great doesn't it? I know we all have aspirations for our children to be these people. That is why we are holding an Innovation Week from 20th March when all children will be engaged in designing and making innovative projects to help solve some of the issues we have in our lives. They will be learning how to problem solve and work as a team and to learn how to think for themselves.

We need all of you to get involved by donating as much recycling as you can; cardboard boxes, plastic lids, plastic bottles, newspapers, old clothing and fabric. This will help support your child's innovation project and we thank you in advance for your support.

I look forward to this week in school. Look out for the photos in the newsletter in the coming weeks.

School Dinner Money

It is no longer the responsibility of the Local Education Authority to deal with dinner money debt: the responsibility now falls to the school in following up on non- payments. (This is not because the schools are now academies – this is for all schools)

The Primary First Trust has adopted a NO DEBT policy relating to the provision of school meals.

The School Meals Service (Pabulum) is no different to any other business and meals have to be paid by someone. Parents/carers would not take their child to a restaurant and expect a meal free of charge. However, a minority of parents/carers do expect the school to provide a meal for their children without paying for it.

The Free School Meal (FSM) system is available for parents who cannot afford school meals. If you think you may qualify for FSM entitlement, please contact the school office for further details. This allowance is a statutory right and it is important you use it if you qualify. Your child will then have a right to a meal each day.

The school believes that a "zero tolerance" approach is the fairest system. We are sure parents will support the school and ensure all the school budget is spent for the benefit of our pupils. Please do not be offended if you receive a telephone call from the office requesting this money or receiving the message that your child will have to have a packed lunch if no payment is made.

If you do not have access to the Internet or are struggling with the online payment system please see the office who will be happy to help. Similarly, if you are struggling with payment please see the office who may be able to set up a payment plan.

Bexleyheath Citizenship Event

Last week, Year 6 were invited to attend the Bexleyheath Citizenship Event.' We have learnt many life-saving skills, including TfL (tube and bus safety; what to do in a robbery (from the Metropolitan Police), how to help someone if they are injured (from the London Ambulance service); safety around dogs (from Battersea Dog's Home) and how to keep safe on the roads on bikes. We have enjoyed this opportunity very much!



Even better to be Blue

A couple of weeks ago you all received the updated behaviour policy and you would have read about one of our rewards systems at Lessness 'Better to be Blue'.

Children are nominated for a blue badge and their names to be written in a special blue book. The children must be using our school values and have gone beyond the expected standard (which we know is already high!)

Miss Bolton has made a fantastic display in the entrance hall with all the children this term who have achieved a blue badge and been recognised for their efforts.



On 2nd March 2017, a group of our Year 5 and 6 boys played in a football match against Hook Lane Primary School. The game started at approximately 4.20pm with Perazim (Year 5) tackling the opposition like his life depended on it! Carter (Year 5) then leapt into the air to save a goal just before Perazim scored our first goal. Rueben (Year 6) then went on to score a fantastic hat trick for Lessness Heath. Great defending from Billy and Alex (both Year 6), followed this. Finally, the score finished at 4-1 to Lessness Heath. I would like to say a huge well done to all the boys, who demonstrated our school value of co-operation and worked brilliantly as a team. Mr Butler and Mrs Ashley also deserve a big thank you for organising and coaching the team to their victory. Well done all!

Written by Darcy Parkes, a Year 6 Communication Leader



Balloons in Nursery

There was great excitement in the Nursery this week. As they arrive, the children have been encouraged to track their attendance on the Winnie the Pooh display in the Nursery garden. Those children who attended for 5 days each received a balloon to take home with them. Congratulations to the 18 children in the morning Nursery who completed a full week. Good attendance in Nursery will establish good routines and habits for the rest of their school career. Balloons will be delivered next Friday to all those children who attend Nursery for 5 days.



Nursery Open Morning

We had a fantastic turn out last week at our first Nursery Open morning. Many people were complimentary about our provision and are excited to apply for a place for September. Remember we do have another open morning coming up on **Wednesday 22nd March at 10am and 2pm** so please spread the word! The deadline for applying for a nursery place is **Thursday 6th April**, please come and pick up a booklet at the office.

We are pleased to announce that we will be changing the session times in nursery from September 2017. Instead of running morning and afternoon sessions to cover each child's 15 hour entitlement, we will instead be running 2 and a half days full time places. We have decided to do this to support working parents manage childcare and to also help prepare the children for full time school in reception.

Parent Workshops

A huge thank you to all of the parents who came along to the Assessment workshop on Thursday, over the two meetings we had over forty parents, which is fantastic! If you were unable to attend, we will be putting the PowerPoint presentation of the meeting onto the website in the letters section. Thank you for the feedback we received on the evaluation, we will use that to plan future meetings. Some of the feedback we received included:

"I gained a clearer understanding of what the expectations are for my son going forward."

"It's pleasing to know that children who have met or exceeded expectations are encouraged to continue making progress."

"A great insight into how the children are assessed in time for parents' evening!"

Weekly attendance

Congratulations to Sparrow in KS1 and Kingfisher in KS2 for getting the highest attendance this week.

Registration Group	Percentage Attendance
Miss Clarke AM	87.6
Miss Clark PM	84.7
Miss Baker	96.7
Miss Ransom	94.8
Miss Bennett	95.1
Miss Hunt	97.3
Miss Koonkoon	98.0
Mr. Liddiard	94.7
Miss Nkwo	93.1

Mrs. Tongue	97.3
Mr. Butler	87.3
Mrs. Jensen	95.6
Miss Thorpe	99.6
Miss Fredua	97.0
Miss Watt	96.6
Mrs. Sadler	93.7
Mrs. Adedoyin	97.2
Mr. Martin-Pitt	98.7
Mrs. Adepetun	96.4
Miss Kanu	96.9
Miss Steele	98.5
Mrs. Handley	97.8
Miss Butler	98.5

The class who gets the best attendance in Nursery or Reception each week will be rewarded by having the teddy in their class.

Congratulations to Miss Baker in Gosling.