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Lessness Heath Primary School

Newsletter

Respect Belonging Co-operation Honesty Perseverance Responsibility

Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Those of you who have children in Years 1, 2 and 6 will know that this time of year your children will be sitting various assessments. It can be a time when children feel pressure and this can have an effect on their wellbeing.

At school we have worked hard to reassure our children that they have all worked hard throughout the year and are well prepared for the coming weeks.

In the spirit of a good partnership between school and home, here are a few tips to ensure you as parents are also supporting your child.

- *Plenty of rest and a good breakfast certainly help - perhaps adding a sliced banana, strawberries or blueberries to the mix wouldn't go a miss.*
- *Good breakfast combinations might be wholegrains, seeded breads with jam or eggs, porridge or low sugar cereals with low fat milk. Anything containing white flour or fats takes extra time and energy to digest and can lead to sugar highs and lows.*
- *Supporting your child with home learning in the lead up to the week through ensuring your child has somewhere to concentrate is always helpful.*
- *Hearing from you also that they can "only do their best" may reassure the children.*
- *During the week of the tests themselves, try to have as "normal" a week as possible!*
- *Make plans to celebrate hard work – it doesn't need to cost the earth, but by simply asking your child what they would like to do to celebrate the end of assessments and hard work, you are giving them ownership of their learning. Plan a celebratory picnic, trip to their favourite park or a family outing. It's an important early life lesson for our children to understand that getting through a slightly more challenging or strange-feeling period is a success in itself.*

Many thanks for all your support and co-operation.

Kate O'Connor
Head teacher

Celebrating birthdays at Lessness Heath

We have had some really positive feedback from parents about the changes to how we celebrate our birthdays in school this week. One email from a parent reads:

Dear Mrs O'Connor,

Following your newsletter issued on Friday and the birthday letter issued today I would like to say thank you to yourself and the senior team. As a parent who complained via the suggestion box about birthday treats, I fully support your new policy.

The seemingly constant stream of sweets and cupcakes for birthdays was something that caused me a great deal of frustration as my son would then want to eat these on the way home. As a parent who regulates sugar/sweet intake this then caused a disagreement the whole way home as I would not allow him to consume the treats until after dinner or later in the week. My son's birthday is in August and during the summer I will be encouraging him to choose a book to donate to the school when he returns in September.

A great example of parents working in partnership with the school!

Junior Leadership Team

This week, we have been exploring the new outside learning environment in Nursery. We took a visit there earlier this week to find out about the new learning area and how it has created better learning opportunities for our Nursery children. Whilst looking around the area, we noticed a new nature area – for digging, growing and looking for bugs. A construction area was also being developed to engage the children. Miss Bennett (EYFS Leader) told us that since the outside area has re-opened, it has helped to improve the children's social and communication skills as well as raise engagement (particularly with the boys)! We are sure that the Nursery children will love this new area and continue to benefit greatly from these changes. Take a look at our pictures below!

Written by the Year 6 Communication Leaders



Weekly attendance

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

Registration Group	Percentage Attendance
Miss Clarke AM	87.4
Miss Clark PM	91.8
Miss Baker	97.3
Miss Ransom	92.8
Miss Bennett	95.2
Miss Hunt	96.0
Mrs Adelaja	98.7
Mr. Liddiard	99.3
Miss Thorpe	95.0
Mrs. Tongue	98.6
Mr. Butler	92.0
Miss Watt	95.6
Miss Jayne	100.0
Miss Fredua	89.3
Mr Brett	93.1
Mrs. Sadler	93.8
Mrs. Adedoyin	99.3
Mr. Martin-Pitt	100.0
Mr. Jackson	96.4
Miss Kanu	95.9
Miss Steele	94.6
Mrs. Handley	97.8
Miss Butler	90.4

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 Class.