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Lessness Heath Primary School

Newsletter

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Headteacher

Mrs K O'Connor

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Mrs L Shields

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children can achieve well at school when their family and friends take an interest in their school and schoolwork. Getting involved in your child's education, even in the simplest way, shows that you care about their school life. Often, the more supported a child feels at home, the more effectively she or he will learn at school. Whatever your lifestyle, or family situation, it is never too soon (or too late) to start helping a child develop a positive attitude towards learning.

Many of our parents here at Lessness Heath, have been partaking in the Family Matters Program, developing self-reflection skills and helpful strategies to promote positive emotional wellbeing within their families. The feedback we have received has been exceptional. After much demand, we are delighted to be rolling this program out again in the next academic year.

Here are some useful websites to start getting you thinking about how you will spend your time with your child/ren in the summer holiday:

Danson Watersports – Watersports@bexley.gov.uk – 0208 303 2828

Beat – Free leisure activities for families – www.intothebeat.co.uk
Nows the Time (based in Thamesmead) -

Lessness Abbey Lodge (activities at Lessness Abbey) tom.smith@bexley.gov.uk

Walking for Health Scheme in Bexley www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/walkfinder

Nordic Walking - leisure.services@bexley.gov.uk – 0203 045 4881

Holiday Tennis Clubs – coaching@nbtennis.co.uk – 07341 841831

Family Fitness and Martial Arts – info@fit2fight.co.uk

Free Family Cycling Courses – Stephanie.Turner@peabody.org.uk

Family Table Tennis – info@fit2fight.co.uk



Tips for a great summer

- Check to see if your local council swimming pool offers free or reduced-fee entrance in the school holidays.
- Museums and galleries often have new exhibitions and events running in the summer. Many art galleries put on special events for children and families - this could be just the thing to stimulate your child's artistic streak.
- Check out your local leisure centres and youth clubs for free activities.

Thank you to Mrs Hannaghan for supplying the information for the newsletter this week. We will be adding some more useful suggestions about the summer holidays in next week's newsletter.

Kate O'Connor
Head teacher

Mrs Smith is retiring

The rumour is true! Mrs Smith is retiring this term for a long overdue rest from teaching at Lessness Heath Primary School. Mrs Smith is one of the longest, if not the longest, serving member of staff at our school and has taught many children over the years. We know she will be missed next year but we also know that she deserves to be congratulated and thanked for all the hard work she has contributed to the school. Mrs Smith has made a difference to lots of children and families and we wish her the very best in her retirement.

Non-uniform day

Thank you to all the parents and families for the donations to our Summer Fair yesterday – what a wonderful turn out. The LSFA are very thankful for all the contributions and cannot wait for the Summer Fair next week.



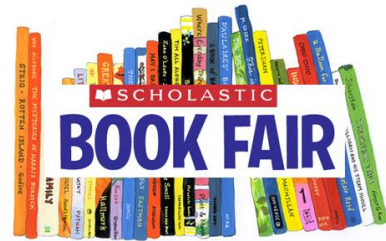
Visit from musicians in Years 3 and 4

On Monday 3rd July, children in year 3 and 4 were visited by musicians from Bird College. Children were shown musical instruments from the woodwind, percussion, brass, and string families. They were able to hear the different tones and pitches produced by the different instruments. The children shared their existing knowledge about the instruments and asked some great questions! During a session of rhythm clapping one of the presenters commented on just how musical our children are! The children are excited to embrace a new music curriculum in September.



Book Fair coming to Lessness Heath Primary School

From **Monday 10th - Friday 14th July**, Lessness will be holding a wonderful Scholastic book fair. The fair will be running every day after school from 15.15 - 16.00 on the playground, under the shaded area and will feature an amazing array of new books that are available to buy. There will be something for children of all ages and every pound that we manage to generate through the fair will result in a donation of new books from Scholastic, which will be used in school to aid the teaching of reading. Your child will be coming home today with a brochure, detailing all of the amazing books that they can buy as part of the fair. They will also be given an opportunity to preview what is available in the book fair over the coming week. We hope to see you there!



Junior Leadership Team

On Monday 3rd July, Year 2 had a special visit from the 'Zoo Lab' as part of their topic on the rainforest. The aim of the session was to see what types of animals live in the rainforest. Throughout the session, the children learnt many amazing facts like: a cockroach can live up to ten days without a head, an African snail can grow up to the size of a football, scorpions can play dead and a snake's skin can be lethal! Kansola told us, "At first I thought the two-brained cockroach was slimy and putrid but actually it turned out to be friendly!" Jayden also explained, "The Zoo Lab really helped me to get over my fear of snakes – they weren't actually that bad after all!" As a result of this fantastic encounter, Year 2 are now writing non-chronological reports on their Zoo Lab experience to share the learning and knowledge they have gained.

Written by Finn Purcell and Louis White (Year 6 Communication Leaders)



Weekly attendance

Congratulations to Robin in KS1 and Heron in KS2 for getting the highest attendance this week.

Registration Group	Percentage Attendance
Miss Clarke AM	87.8
Miss Clarke PM	72.9
Miss Baker	94.5
Miss Ransom	94.6
Miss Bennett	90.4
Miss Hunt	97.5
Mrs Adelaja	94.0
Mr. Liddiard	96.0
Miss Thorpe	93.0
Mrs Cross	91.0
Mr. Butler	96.3
Miss Watt	95.4
Miss Jayne	94.1
Miss Fredua	98.1
Mr Brett	91.4
Mrs. Sadler	92.4
Mrs. Adedoyin	98.6
Mr. Martin-Pitt	95.3
Mr. Jackson	91.4
Miss Kanu	94.2
Miss Steele	97.7
Mrs. Handley	95.4
Miss Butler	94.8

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 Ransom in Cygnet Class.