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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,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! Here at Lessness, we cannot believe we are in the final term of the academic year.

This term is a busy term as we move through into the end of term into a new academic year in September. There may be many children in school who find this time of year tricky when they take tests and prepare for a change of teacher.

Here are a few tips to help all children at this time of year or anytime they are feeling a little 'out of character':

- Model positivity

Remember that you are part of a team all year round, and that most certainly includes Sats week. Your body language, mental health and wellbeing radiate. Children, like sponges, will soak this up!

- Provide opportunities to share feelings

The more that you can create a "team" feeling, the less children will have the opportunity to feel alone in their feelings. Also in doing this you are creating systems that will allow children the opportunity to self-regulate some emotions through simply talking through their thoughts and feelings to another.

- Maintain a sense of normality

Keeping a sense of normality will allow children to feel the comfort of boundaries.

- Timetable some chill-out time

Having a chat, listening to music or getting out in the fresh air will all help to relax a child when they are feeling anxious.

Kate O'Connor  
Head teacher

### Beach Day in Y1

To set the ball rolling for our new topic the children watched a Punch & Judy show and then made some puppets of their own before heading outside to the 'beach'. They spent their time building boats as well as sandcastles and spotted lots of creatures in our rock pool. There were plenty of seaside games to play with bats, balls and hoops plus lots of bubbles to blow and books to read!

"My favourite part was the bucket and spades. I wish I could do it again" - Sophia, Sparrow Class

"I was amazed at all the activities. There was a puppet show and then I went and built a boat. I had the best day ever" - Zara, Sparrow class

"The Punch and Judy was so much fun" Freddie – Robin Class

"I could hear the pebbles crunching under my feet" Samanta – Robin Class



### Discovery Centre Stratford – Y3

This week Year 3 visited the Stratford Discover Centre where they took part in a story-building workshop. The children were immersed in a world inside a book, and explored a physical representation of some of Julia Donaldson's most popular storybooks. They thoroughly enjoyed their day, Dexter said, "My favourite part was when the bookshelf opened up into a secret passageway." Thia mentioned that going in the secret world helped her to think of her own story world. The children behaved impeccably on the trip, and we are very proud of them.



### Year 5 Visit to Greenwich Observatory



On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018, Year 5 went to Greenwich Observatory. This was due to the fact Year 5's topic this term is "Earth Matters". Year 5 spent the day learning all about the Earth and its surrounding planets; the Meridian Line and Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Our favourite part was going to the Planetarium to learn all about the other planets in the Universe. It was very engaging and it gave us lots of information. If you read books then you would not get all the information you need. We liked looking up and seeing the different planets. It was like being in the cinema. We liked learning about rocky planets and gas planets.

Josephine, Paige, Grace M, Chloe, Semih and Ronnie.

We also engaged in learning about the different constellations. Constellations are different groups of stars in the sky. When the lights went off in the Planetarium and they put the stars on the screen, it was like lying outside and gazing up at the stars. We liked going to the Planetarium and learning all about the other planets in our Solar System. We also enjoyed looking at the humungous telescope. When we were walking to the Observatory, we liked looking at the ship in a bottle. Additionally, we went up the spiral staircase to look at one of the world's largest telescopes.

Riley, Harry, Millie, Scarlet, Cain and Michael.

### Football News

North League Winners!

On Monday 23rd March Mr Farrell took the school football team to Goals in Bexleyheath to take part in the Bexley League Semi Finals. Our team were put into a semi final versus Holy Trinity School.

It was a close match, but Lessness Heath just edged it. With some cracking saves from Carter Sullivan

in goal and Max Rogers' breath-taking free kick, the boys managed to walk away 2-1 winners. They are now once again in another final against Danson School.

"This will not be a easy fixture as Danson have a lot of history winning trophies. We are going to go and be the best that we can be, that is all that matters. The boys have already exceeded my expectations and I am just unbelievably proud of them all, they're such a decent bunch! We found out on Monday that the boys are going to be presented with The North League shield in a presentation after the game regardless of the result. The worst scenario is they walk away with a runners up medal and still Northern League champions!"

The boys are making Lessness Heath history and they should be immensely proud.

Carter Sullivan  
Seun Konu  
Dan Chigbu  
Max Rogers  
Riley Willis  
Jamie Pawsey  
Harry Vass  
Sam Hearn  
George Stiles  
Perazim Sofela

#### Basketball

Here at Lessness Heath we have been offered a very small quantity of tickets at a huge discounted rate to attend the Basketball Play-off finals at the O2. Please keep your eyes peeled for an email about this, as it will be first come first served!

#### Uniform expectations

We have noticed some children are coming to school in the incorrect uniform. This includes trainers, different colours jumpers, jogging bottoms and multi coloured hairbands. Please be aware, if your child comes to school in the incorrect uniform, a letter will be send home. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Weekly attendance

Our whole school attendance this week was 96.4%. Each week we aim for an overall school attendance of 96%.

Congratulations to Owlet in EYFS, Wren in KS1, and Nightingale in KS2 for getting the highest attendance this week.

Registration Group	Percentage Attendance
Miss Clarke Duckling 1	91.7
Miss Clarke Duckling 2	94.2
Miss Ransom	95.7
Miss Folan/Mrs Brown	96.1
Miss Bennett	91.4
Miss Bolton	96.2
Mrs Jones	95.2
Mrs Mensah	100.0
Miss Thorpe	98.2
Mrs Vankirk	94.5
Mrs Cross/Mrs Claire Clifford	96.9
Mr James	96.6
Mr Chalkely	94.3
Miss Jayne	91.4
Mr Jackson	98.0
Mr Liddiard	97.6
Miss Harmer	100.0
Mr Martin-Pitt	99.0
Miss Watt	98.6
Mrs Leach	98.7
Miss Steele	96.0
Mrs Handley	96.4
Miss Long	96.0