



Lessness Heath Primary School Newsletter

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Headteacher

Mrs K O'Connor

Deputy Head

Mrs L Shields

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the families who donated this year to our Food bank collection at the end of last term. All our children listened to an assembly led by a representative from the local foodbank and learnt what the foodbank is and how it helps people in crisis.

The Bexley foodbank is part of The Trussell Trust's network of 428 foodbanks, working to tackle food poverty and hunger in our local communities, as well as across the UK.

The Foodbank Network was founded in 2004 after four years of developing the original foodbank based in Salisbury. Since then The Trussell Trust has helped communities work together to launch foodbanks nationwide in a wide range of towns and cities.

In 2017/18, The Trussell Trust's Foodbank Network provided 1,332,952 three-day emergency food supplies and support to UK people in crisis. Of these, 484,026 went to children.

As a network, we want to see more people helped out of crisis and fewer people needing foodbanks in the future.



Kate O'Connor

Head teacher

Plea for donations

In order to boost the technology that is available to children in school, we were wondering if parents would be willing to donate any working iPods, cameras, tablets and kindles that they no longer need or use, along with their chargers. All items must be in good working order and be wiped clean before they are donated. If all donations could be brought to the office that would be greatly appreciated.

Immersing ourselves in our learning



On Wednesday - Halloween - Year 2 went on a trip to The Tower of London for our WOW moment to start our topic, 'Castles'. It was very exciting as it was some of our first time into central London!

First we walked by many big landmarks including The Shard, Tower Bridge and London Bridge. What enormous buildings!

When we arrived to The Tower of London, we got special passes and went over the drawbridge and started to explore the castle. We walked along the Battlements (the top of the castle), met the Beefeaters and explored the central White Tower. There were 204 stairs to the top! Some of us were lucky enough to see the Crown Jewels!

We had a fantastic day exploring new, different features at the start of our topic. We recommend you go and explore some of Britain's medieval history!

Top Dog Training at Lessness Heath

Inete and her team will soon be offering weekly classes here at Lessness Heath. They will be running a 5 week course on Monday evenings from 6.30 – 7.15pm, running from 12th November until 17th December.

In addition to this they will be holding a drop in session on Monday 5th November from 4.30 – 5.30 pm. You will have a chance to meet the Top Dog team and ask any questions or queries you may have about your puppies or dogs. (Please note that this session is for owners only – it is Fireworks night and the dogs should therefore stay at home)

There will be a discount available for our parents and staff so please contact Top Dogs on 07766563143 / www.topdogtrainingschool.net or via Top Dog Facebook page if you are interested.



Top dog Training school is a family run dog training school with lifelong passion, love and experience. Our training classes are based on needs of pet dogs with a relaxed and fun environment. Come and join Top dog training school, so you can enjoy training.

Attendance

“Regular attendance is crucial to raising and maintaining high attainment. If pupils do not come to school, they cannot learn what is taught in the lesson, practise what has been taught or improve on their performance. There is a clear statistical correlation. Pupils who attend regularly achieve more highly.” Ofsted Framework Section 4.3

Children who are persistently late or absent soon fall behind with their learning. Children who are absent from school frequently develop large gaps in their learning, which will impact on their progress and their ability to meet age related learning expectations. Children with attendance below 90% are classed as **persistent absentees**.

What does the Attendance percentage mean?

Only achieving 90% attendance every school year is equivalent to missing half a day every week. The impact of attendance in one school year is as follows:

96% = one week of school missed
95% = two weeks of school missed
90% = 4 weeks of school missed
85% = 5 ½ weeks of school missed
80% = 7 ½ weeks of school missed

Attendance over 5 years is as follows:

96% = 5 ½ weeks (nearly ½ a term)
95% = 9 ½ weeks (nearly a whole term)
90% = 19 weeks (½ a school year)
85% = 28 ½ weeks (¾ of a school year)
80% = 38 weeks (a whole school year)

Anaphylaxis Campaign

Anaphylaxis Campaign have a parents support group meeting – supporting people at risk of severe allergies.

Places are free but limited and prior notice of attendance is essential.

Sunday 11th November 2018

12pm – 1.45pm

The Hollies Countryside Club, 34 Acacia Way, Sidcup, DA15 8WW

Website is www.anaphylaxis.org.uk



Open Days for new Reception Children



**Lessness Heath
Primary School**
Erith Road, Belvedere, DA17 6HB



Reception Open Morning Events

The application period for entry to reception in September 2019 is now open.

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 you can apply now. The deadline for applications is 15 January 2019.

Lessness Heath Primary School will be holding open morning events on:
Monday 12th Nov at 10am
Friday 16th Nov at 10am
Monday 26th Nov 10am

Please call the school office on 01322 433 290 or email admin@lessnessheath.bexley.sch.uk to book your viewing.

Competition Time!

On the 12th December Millwall Lionesses will be playing against Arsenal Ladies at Princes Park Stadium - Dartford Football Club. To celebrate Kick It Out's 25th anniversary they will be using this fixture to promote the campaign and to support the values of anti-discrimination and inclusivity in football.

The Lionesses will be running several initiatives leading up to the game and one of which is a competition for local schools to enter. There will be a chance to win tickets to the Millwall Lionesses v Arsenal Ladies game as well as season tickets for the remainder of the season and signed merchandise. Winning entries will be given the opportunity to meet the players and have photos taken as well as participate in a half time penalty shoot-out v Bolina, our mascot.

The competition entry will include any one of the following:

1. Draw a poster that best represents the key messages of Kick It Out
2. Write a poem / story to tell the campaigns message of anti-discrimination and inclusivity for all in football
3. Design a match day programme cover that you think demonstrates equality within football

Don't forget to write Name, Class, School Year and School on the entry.

Competition Deadline: 26th November 2018

All competition entries to be given in to the school office. Mr Farrell will be talking to the children about this fabulous competition in school next week.

Uniform exchange

You all received a letter this week about an exciting new enterprise adventure called the Unifrom Exchange. There is a meeting on Wednesday 14th November for nay parent interested in supporting

this wonderful idea. We really look forward to seeing you at the meeting to start to get this idea up and running.



Early years stay and play

What a fabulous time had by parents/carers and their children in Early years this week. Quality time learning together is so important.



Weekly attendance

Our whole school attendance this week was 96.2%. Each week we aim for an overall school attendance of 96%.

Congratulations to Gosling in EYFS, Puffin in KS1, and Heron in KS2 for getting the highest attendance this week.



Registration Group	Percentage Attendance
Miss Ransom Duckling 1	90.3
Miss Ransom Duckling 2	90.5
Miss Gardner	96.8
Miss Bennett	96.6
Miss Jayne	96.9
Mrs Mensah	96.4
Mrs Jones	94.2
Mr Skinner	94.7
Miss Steele	98.5
Mr Chalkley	96.1
Miss Vankirk	96.4
Mrs Brown/Miss Begum	97.8
Miss Smith	97.6
Miss Bell	97.6
Mr James	99.5
Miss Thorpe	97.3
Miss Harmer	93.4
Miss Peters	95.8

Miss Watt	95.5
Mrs Leach	95.8
Miss Bolton/Miss Matthias	95.8
Miss Long	94.5
Mr Jackson	96.2