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# Lessness Heath Primary School Newsletter

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Headteacher

Mrs K O'Connor

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, I am going to write about kindness.

Did you know Kindness is a superpower? Any act of kindness could be just what someone needs - how many acts of kindness have you given out this week? It could simply be a smile!

We have adopted the idea of acts of kindness at school. Children often give each other compliments and staff use our wellbeing board in the staffroom to celebrate kindness.

With your own families, talk about kindness and spread that feeling around!

KINDNESS IS FREE  
SPRINKLE  
THAT STUFF  
EVERYWHERE

Kate O'Connor

Head teacher

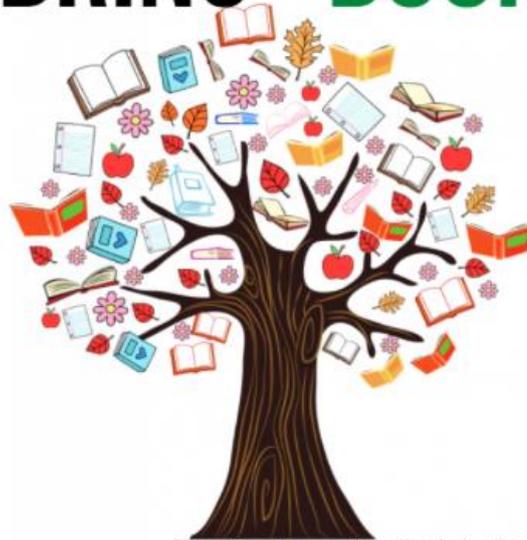
## Our wellbeing promotional video

Last Thursday there was a professional film crew in school who spent the whole day with us capturing the wellbeing culture we have created at Lessness Heath. They interviewed many people including parents, children, staff and governors and took many shots of various scenes around the school.

We hope the film can be used to promote the great work that goes on at Lessness Heath and will be used on a variety of platforms. We look forward to sharing the video with you as soon as it has been edited and completed.

LSFA proudly presents

# BRING a BOOK



**FRIDAY 23RD**  
**NOVEMBER**

Please bring all new and used book donations to the playground on this day only. These will be sold at All Saints Church Christmas Fayre, with any remaining used for future book swaps at school. All proceeds will be used to buy new books for the school.

**Thank you!**

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## Immersing ourselves in our learning

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Year 5 had the opportunity to participate in a whole day of creative activities as part of their study of the JK Rowling book: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. The day started with a word game activity where the children were asked to make as many words as possible from the words: Quidditch Drama Experience Day.

Following that, the children learned the Harry Potter Hogwarts song, which they performed in the afternoon. Additionally, the children made a magical polyjuice potion and explored how they could make it as sticky as possible! In the hall, the children practised and rehearsed a scene from Harry Potter. They also took part in a creative activity where they designed and made broomsticks and flags. In the afternoon, the whole of year 5 performed their song and plays to each other. It was a wonderfully creative day and all of the children had a fabulous experience.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for supporting the day.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Leach, Miss Watt and Miss Peters

Tom C (Swallow)

'I learnt how to make poly juice, and I was proud because I made progress as I was able to make it quite quickly.'

Luca (Swallow)

"I enjoyed making a broom stick with my friends because we used team work, whilst having fun.'

Riya (Swallow)

'I enjoyed making poly juice as we had to investigate how much of the ingredients to mix together to create perfect consistency of poly juice, which was messy fun.'

Jojo (Raven)

I thought it was an amazing day because we got to make magical props and polyjuice potions. It made everyone feel happy and joyous



### Gardening at Lessness Heath



On Wednesday, Parrot class worked with Project Learning Garden to create a growing garden for KS1. The children learnt how to plant broad beans and onion bulbs, participated in a scavenger hunt and learnt how seeds grow by completing a yoga routine. They had a fantastic afternoon and are now learning how to look after the plants they have planted

### Welcome to Andrew Moorhouse – CEO of the Primary First Trust

As you know, The Primary First Trust have appointed a new CEO who has now been in post for a month. Mr Moorhouse has been getting to know all the schools in the Trust and he visited us last week for the day. He thoroughly enjoyed his day and was able to experience the wonderful teaching and learning that goes on in our school. Mr Moorhouse was impressed with our well-mannered children and the quality of the learning he saw in lessons.

We look forward to more visits this term.

### Y5 girls visit a local secondary school

30 Y5 girls had the opportunity to travel to Townley Grammar this week to work alongside the teachers in their P.E department and experience some new sports and physical exercise. The children were able to participate in a Zumba class with discos lights and music as well as indoor rowing and



### Football news

Last Friday Lessness Heath competed in the Digger Dane trophy at home against St Joseph's School. It was a well fought out match and unfortunately, St Joseph's came away with the result. There were some superb link up play through Harry and Tyrone but unfortunately the ball just did not go into the back of the net.

The boys are having a tough time and not getting the results, but that is football. Now the boys are showing Mr Farrell great resilience, determination and the correct attitudes. We have another tournament in the New Year and he is planning to organise fixtures with local schools for other boys to be given the opportunity to represent their school in sport.

### Open Days for new Reception Children

It was great to see so many parents at our open days this week. There is one more opportunity to visit the school on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.**



## Lessness Heath Primary School

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### 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 12<sup>th</sup> Nov at 10am**  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov at 10am**  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am**

Please call the school office on 01322 433 290 or email [admin@lessnessheath.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lessnessheath.bexley.sch.uk) to book your viewing.

### Competition Time! – There is still time to enter!

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: 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018

All competition entries to be given in to the school office.

This week in assemblies we had a visit from Georgie Giddens, the captain of Millwall Lionesses. She spoke to the children about the competition the club are running (see above) but more importantly, why the club are running the competition. The competition runs alongside the Kick It Out campaign, which supports anti – racism and inclusion in football. There are some great prizes and it would be great if we had someone from Lessness Heath as a winner!



### Uniform exchange

The first Pop Up Uniform Shop will be here on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm**. The Uniform Exchange will be a series of 'pop-up shops' held after school in the hall offering good quality, clean, pre-owned school uniform. If you need extra uniform please come along.



## Weekly attendance

Our whole school attendance this week was 95.5%. Each week we aim for an overall school attendance of 96%.

Congratulations to Ducklings 1 in EYFS, Pelican in KS1, and Dove in KS2 for getting the highest attendance this week.



Registration Group	Percentage Attendance
Miss Ransom Duckling 1	95.9
Miss Ransom Duckling 2	86.7
Miss Gardner	94.7
Miss Bennett	94.1
Miss Jayne	89.7
Mrs Mensah	92.2
Mrs Jones	88.6
Mr Skinner	97.3
Miss Steele	97.3
Mr Chalkley	97.9
Miss Vankirk	97.2
Mrs Brown/Miss Begum	96.7
Miss Smith	99.3
Miss Bell	96.9
Mr James	96.3
Miss Thorpe	100.0
Miss Harmer	96.2
Miss Peters	94.8

Miss Watt	93.4
Mrs Leach	97.0
Miss Bolton/Miss Matthias	93.3
Miss Long	98.3
Mr Jackson	95.3