



# Lessness Heath Primary School Newsletter

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**Respect Belonging Co-operation Honesty Perseverance Responsibility**

## Learning experiences outside of school

Our children have been involved in so many rich and meaningful learning experiences outside of school in recent weeks.

Hummingbird class visited The Reach Rock Climbing Centre as part of their topic on Rocks. The children challenged themselves to scale sheer rock faces and even complete "a leap of faith". This trip enabled the children to practice some of our school values such as co-operation and perseverance. It was a real pleasure to see the children cheering and encouraging members of their team- helping them to reach their goal. We even had a special visitor who accompanied us on our trip and who demonstrated to the children that you can still be a rock climber even if you are 5 months old!



On Tuesday 18th June 2019, Year 5 had the opportunity to visit the Maritime Museum at Greenwich as part of their curriculum topic: How can we protect the Earth?

It was a brilliant opportunity for the children to explore the world around us in the museum. The children were able to drive a ship simulator and experience how it would be to captain a ship. The children also had the opportunity to learn about a variety of artefacts from World War I and the Royal Navy. After visiting the gallery, the children were able to explore Greenwich Park, playing detectives and looking for clues about human and physical features of geography.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for supporting the day and for the parents and carers who volunteered their time by coming on the trip.



### Science Week

As part of science week, Year 5 explored the life cycle of a flowering plant. As an introduction to the topic of life cycles of plants, the children watched a variety of short film clips about the life cycle of a flowering plant. This helped the children to understand the process of how a flower grows and the stages it takes to grow from a seed into a flower. Furthermore, the children used their observation skills to carry out an investigation to explore the different parts of a flower. The children worked in teams to dissect a lily and observe the different parts of the flower. Ultimately, the children were able to draw their own annotated diagram of the parts of a flower.



This week Year 1 investigated floating and sinking. We started the week testing the clay boats we had made on Pirate Day – unfortunately a lot of them did not float! We then discovered that an orange will float on water - but if you peel it, it will sink! In our last investigation we talked about density ( a great science word) and poured water, honey and oil into a cup which created layers. We dropped different objects in to see what would happen – the metal screw sank to the bottom, a grape floated on the honey and a sponge floated on the oil.



Can you speak round corners?



Book Fair July 2019

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to school in the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019. As with other book fairs, Mr Jackson and his team will be selling high quality books in the playground all week. We all know how important reading is with your children so please make sure you take a visit to the book fair in July.

INSET days this term

A letter has been sent out today regarding changes to the planned INSET days for the Summer Term. The school will now be closed to children on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 and the last day of term will be Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. This is a change to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Please change your calendars!

Sports Day 2019

The week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> June, the children of Lessness Heath took part in their School Games Sport's Day.

The sun shone down on the children as they took part in the annual Sports Day. They had a wonderful time participating in all the races, and their teachers and all the supporting staff were very proud of their achievements. We were especially pleased and grateful to see pupils from Townley Grammar School attending to support year 5&6 who came to help the children on the day.

I would like to thank especially Mrs Spiller, Mrs Ashley and the Sports Leaders who worked consistently over the days. Also to all the parents, family & friends who came to support all the children. The children showed all of the school values, which are heavily linked to sport and it was amazing to see.

We can also confirm that the winners of the 2019 Lessness Heath School Games Sports Day were...

**TEAM BOLT!**

BOLT	4672
FARAH	4478
ENNIS-HILL	4251

### Enterprise Week 2019

It has been a tradition at Lessness to run an enterprise week in Year 6 so they can raise money for the end of year leaver's party. This year has been no different and this year the children in year 6 have certainly upped the anti! The innovation and entrepreneurialism has been second to none and we are sure that the next Alan Sugar is amongst them!



### Dinner Money

Make sure all school dinners are paid for in advance at the beginning of each week via SIMs Agora.

### Weekly attendance

Our whole school attendance this week was 95.7%. Each week we aim for an overall school attendance of 96%.

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

# EVERYday counts

attendance matters

Registration Group	Percentage Attendance
Miss Ransom Duckling 1	96.9
Miss Ransom Duckling 2	84.0
Miss Gardner	97.2
Miss Bennett	96.0
Miss Jayne	93.8
Mrs Mensah	96.2
Mrs Jones	93.3
Mr Skinner	98.3
Miss Thopre	97.2
Mr Chalkley	96.2
Miss Vankirk	91.0
Mrs Brown/Mrs Folan	95.2
Miss Smith	95.3
Miss Bell	95.0
Mr James	95.5
Miss Sangar	96.3
Miss Harmer	95.7
Miss Peters	96.7
Miss Watt	99.7
Mrs Leach	97.0
Miss Bolton/Miss Matthias	96.0
Miss Long	95.0
Mr Jackson	98.3