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# Lessness Heath Primary School Newsletter

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Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Our new Reading Café

Exciting news.....our new Reading Café is underway in the refurbished ICT suite space along the KS1 corridor. Ideas are being shared amongst staff, plans are being written and the excitement is building.



We now need your help! We are looking for people who can offer their expertise to help transform our space to make a beautiful reading space for our children. Do you know about indoor plants? Can you help us decorate our space with plants or know of someone who can help us? Are there any parents/carers out there who can help us build a cafe counter and a den space for the children to read in?

If there is anyone who can offer their help and expertise we would love to hear from you. Can you please talk to the school office or email [admin@lessnessheath.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lessnessheath.bexley.sch.uk)

We thank you very much in advance for your support. Without you projects like this would not be complete and our children would not have a new and breathtaking reading space.

Kate O'Connor

Head teacher

## INSET days

All of our INSET days have now been confirmed and are on the school website.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July. The school will be closed to children on these days.

## Parent Open Mornings coming this term

This term we have organised some brilliant opportunities for all parents to come into school and experience and get involved in their children's learning.

The dates and the learning focus for the events are:

Date	Year group	Learning focus
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	1	Phonics
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	3	Maths investigation and problem solving
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	2	Phonics, spelling and grammar
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	4	Wider curriculum – natural disasters
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	6	Reading strategies VIPERS
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	5	Reading skills
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception	Stay and Play
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery	Stay and Play *Please note the Nursery timings are different to accommodate morning and afternoon children. 8.55-10.55am and 1.25-3.25pm

All open mornings will start at 9am and run for about 30-45 minutes. We look forward to inviting as many parents as possible into school.

## Our learning

In maths, Year 1 explored subtraction using maths stories.

Daniel said, 'Subtraction is when you take things away.'

Myles said, 'If there are 6 cars in a car park, and three drive away, there are three cars left.'





### Woodville Halls event

30 children from across our school performed at Woodville Halls on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October and what a performance it was! The theme of the event was Love and Communication and children from across all our schools took part. We sang some beautiful songs and performed an interpretive dance using the song Earth Song by Michael Jackson.



Thank you!

Wow! We raised £571 from our non school uniform day and cake sale at the end of term. Thank you to all the parents who donated cakes and also to our wonderful LSFA, who helped run the cake sale.

It's Cool to be Kind Week – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

We are encouraging all of our wonderful children to carry out a random act of kindness at home or in your local community as part of It's Cool to be Kind Week. We would then like to capture all of these wonderful acts of kindness in a drawing, taking a photo or writing and sending them into school. Please explain what your act of kindness was, how it felt to take part in this and be kind to someone else.



Science Week

During science week in Year 6, we were looking at the circulatory system. We made our own version of it on the playground with us being the blood cells transporting the oxygen. We also dissected hearts to really understand what they looked like.



In science week with explored the properties of different materials. We built house out of different materials to investigate the sturdiest materials for house building. We created a fair test to test the strength of the wolf's puff. We then became building experts and gave advice to the 'Three Little Pigs'.





### Weekly attendance

Our whole school attendance this week was 94.1%. Each week we aim for an overall school attendance of 96%.

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

# EVERYday counts

attendance matters

Registration Group	Percentage Attendance
Mrs Beattie Duckling 1	92.2
Miss Waite Duckling 2	71.9
Miss Gardner	97.2
Miss Ransom	98.3
Mrs Jayne	86.0
Mr Chalkley	95.9
Mrs Walizada	97.2
Mr Skinner	89.3
Miss Thopre	91.8
Mrs Mensah	92.3
Miss Vankirk	93.6
Mrs Brown/Mrs Folan	98.2
Miss Smith	95.0
Miss Long	92.1
Mrs Jones	93.1
Miss Watt	97.6
Miss Harmer	98.6
Miss Peters	92.8
Miss Bell	96.3
Mrs Leach	97.2
Miss Matthias/Mr Jackson	96.6
Miss Butler	93.8

Mr James	94.0
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