Leigh on Mendip School Nurturing Curious Minds

Newsletter 23 – March 10th 2023



An unexpected snowfall caused a little havoc this week on Wednesday morning, with most schools in our MAT - including ourselves - having to close for the day. We hope your children managed a balance of completing the work set by their teachers and some time outside enjoying the snow!

We had had a number of cases of Conjunctivitis in the last week or so. This is a highly contagious condition and is passed on very quickly when children touch their eyes. The condition often gets better on its own but treatment is also available. Although we have been extra vigilant and have encouraged children to wash hands more frequently to avoid it spreading, we would be very grateful if you would help by visiting a pharmacy for drops as soon as your child exhibits any of the following symptoms;

- Red eyes
- Burning or eyes feeling gritty
- Eyes producing pus that sticks to the lashes
- Itching
- Eyes watering

Mrs Farmer - one of our parents and Governors - has offered to start her 'meet the Governor' sessions again in a couple of weeks. During the spring and summer term, Mrs Farmer spoke to many parents on the playground at the beginning of the day and took on board a variety of opinions on the school. As a result, we were able to make changes, which parents subsequently spoke positively to Mrs Farmer about. We will let you know next week when the first session will take place.

On Friday 24th March, we are going to start inviting in parents of children who have been awarded the 'Star of the Week' certificate to assembly. Initially we will contact you the lunchtime before to let you know which is what many other schools do. We will trial this for a few weeks and then take feedback, before making any adjustments. We are really looking forward to being able to share Friday assembly time with many of you.

Mr Turull and Mrs Phillips

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day takes place on Friday 17th March and at Leigh we are organising a number of events to fundraise for this.

- Children can come to school dressed in red as well as expressing themselves in some way (think fun hair, face paint, funky socks!). Please consider a donation of £1 for this dress up day.
- We will have a bake off competition with winners announced during the celebration assembly on Friday. Cakes will be judged on appearance, skill and, of course, taste! If your child(ren) would like to enter the competition, please submit your cake/cakes to the office on Friday morning along with your child(ren)'s name(s) and class(es). Cakes will then be sold after school with all money raised going to Comic Relief.
- There will also be a 'Guess the Teddy's Name' competition which will be open from Monday 10th March until the morning of Friday 17th March. Entry costs £1 per name and the winner, who will get to take home the teddy, will be revealed in celebration assembly.

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Diary Dates

<u>March</u>

Wednesday 15th Friday 17th Wednesday 29th

Friday 31st

Life Education workshops Red Nose Day Starling Class trip to SS Great Britain Height and Weight checks (Reception and Year 6) FOLS Easter Egg Hunt and Cake Sale Term 4 ends

News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins we carried on with our space theme and enjoyed dressing up as aliens and reading Aliens love underpants!



This week the Kingfishers started to write and illustrate their own books. The reception children took inspiration from the Dear Zoo book and the Year 1 are illustrating a traditional poem.

We continued to explore our topic of Weather and started to build a graph to record the weather during the month of March.



This week during our computing lessons we went on a mini beast hunt around the classroom. We made a tally chart from the hidden mini beasts that we found and used these to create pictograms on the chromebooks.



Goldfinch class have been working very hard this week to make beautiful resources to put up on our eco display board for the whole school to enjoy.



Swallows have worked incredibly hard this week showing off their learning as well as enjoying some time at Wren Woods testing out new equipment and investigating reversible changes in Science.











