



Mini London Marathon

What an incredible feat from all of our children on Tuesday as they ran, jogged and walked a grand total of 152.75 miles. That is over five London Marathons! An impressive distance with some fantastic effort from all. The link below will continue to be live over the Bank Holiday weekend for anyone who would like to give a final donation. We set ourselves a target of £500 and have currently made it to £825 - let's see if we can reach £1000!

https://www.justgiving.com/page/leigh-on-mendip-school-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

On Thursday, the children in Kingfisher and Starling classes travelled down to Yeovil for a special Key Stage 1 Schools' concert from the BSO.

The children were able to learn about the different families of the orchestra. Seeing the violins, brass and woodwinds helped them understand how different sounds combine to create a masterpiece.

A huge thank you to the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra for hosting the event, and to our parent volunteers for making the trip possible.



School Attendance

We have had a visit from our Education Welfare Officer today who digs down into the attendance of our pupils. Our overall attendance is currently at 96% which we are happy with, but we have a few pupils whose attendance is much lower than this. The EWO challenges us on the reasons for their absence and then focuses on those children who have many sporadic absences throughout the year with no specific medical reason why. As a result some families may receive a letter regarding this which we are very happy to follow-up with you about. This is also a good time to remind you that schools are not allowed to authorise holidays in term-time without very exceptional circumstances.

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Diary Dates

May

Monday 4th

Monday 11th

Saturday 16th

Monday 18th

Monday 18th

Wednesday 20th

Friday 22nd

Early May Bank Holiday

Year 6 SATS Week

FOLs Plant Sale - 10am - 12 noon. Leigh On Mendip Memorial Hall

Reception Class Height & Weight Checks

School Photos - Year 6 & Classes

Reception Class Vision Screening

End of Term 5

June

Monday 1st

Monday 1st

Tuesday 2nd

Friday 5th

Tuesday 9th

Tuesday 16th

Monday 22nd

Tuesday 23rd

Start of Term 6

Writhlington Transition Visit - Parents welcome afterschool

New Parents Information Afternoon - 2pm

Kingfisher Stay & Play - 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Sports Day

Somerset Children's Pupil Voice Competition

Arts Week

Sports Day - Back up date in case of bad weather

July

Thursday 2nd

Thursday 16th

Friday 17th

Monday 20th

Tuesday 21st

Shuffle Up Day

Starling Class Final Swimming Lesson

End of Term 6

Inset Day

Inset Day

Stars of the Week

Kingfishers - Marli

Starlings - Jaime

Goldfinches - Isla

Swallows - Ava C

FOLs
Plant Sale

GARDEN
VEGETABLE
HOUSE PLANTS
HERBS
RAFFLE
REFRESHMENTS

Leigh on Mendip Memorial Hall
SATURDAY 16TH MAY
10AM - 12PM

Leigh on Mendip School

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths

Kingfishers - Willow & Oriana

Starlings - Dylan & Xanthe

Goldfinches - Adele & Ivy

Swallows - Kye & Evan

Top Doodlers - Goldfinches

Doodle Tables

Year 3 - Daisy F

Year 4 - Adele

Year 5 - Caitlin

Year 6 - Arya

Notices

Bank Holiday Monday

Don't forget, it is a bank holiday on Monday. See you on Tuesday!

Starling Class Swimming - Starling Class will continue with their weekly swimming lessons on Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that they bring their swimming kit.

Morning Drop Off - Please be reminded that if you arrive early, children should remain on the playground accompanied by parents. Children are able to go into class from 8.35am.

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News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins, we have been learning about planting and growing. We have planted runner bean and sunflower seeds and also made grass heads. We have also had fun planting, buying and selling plants in our role play garden centre.



This week, Kingfisher class successfully wrapped up their *Plants and Minibeasts* topic. We also enjoyed an incredible musical experience singing along with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, followed by an adventurous Friday exploring Wren Woods.



Over the past week, Starlings have been looking at Biographies in their English lessons. They have had a look at Biographies and the features that they include before pairing up and researching their chosen individual to create their own. There has been some great collaborative work and lots of interesting facts found about some very interesting people, both past and present!



Goldfinch Class had a wonderful time at Forest School this week, having fun exploring in the sunshine. The children enjoyed discovering different wildlife and spent time observing nature up close, while also learning the Forest School rules and how to stay safe outside.



This week, the Year 6s in Swallows were exploring our solar system and the planets inside it. We did some research on all the planets and found out that a day on Venus is longer than its year! The children made a pocket solar system to show them the relative distances between the planets, which showed that the first four planets (terrestrial planets) are quite close to each other but the furthest four planets (giant planets) are much more spread out. Interesting stuff!



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