Leigh on Mendip School Nurturing Curious Minds



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Next week we have our annual Arts Week and as always this has been generously supported by FOLS. This year our theme is 'colour' and we have a range of Arts; visual to performing.

We have representatives from the Egg Theatre in Bath and Bristol Old Vic providing workshops for Reception to Year 6, as well as Jamma de Samba giving the whole school an opportunity to play djembe together. We have our weekly singing with Naomi MacLeod-Jones and Pete Francis from the wonderful STOMP getting us active. For visual arts we have Jen Mullier offering her time to create colourful tile sculptures and Mary Cross a local willow artist. In addition to all these wonderful activities class teachers are also providing visual art activities in class and we have our visit from the GB athlete on Thursday!

We will provide lots of photos throughout the week on Seesaw but would also like to invite all parents into the school hall for an exhibition showcasing all the wonderful work created in the week on Tuesday 4th July and Wednesday 5th July from 3pm. You can come and look before the end of school, or with your children when they come out of class.

Our annual Sports Day is due to take place on Tuesday 11th July. Following feedback from parents and staff last year, we are proposing to make a few changes to the structure of the day. We will all be heading up to the recreation ground at the beginning of the day, where you will be very welcome to join us. The children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities and races throughout the morning. We will then head back to school for a picnic lunch on the field. Again, if you would like to join us you are more than welcome. Please note however, that there will be no access to toilets on site due to safeguarding reasons. Parents/carers will then be asked to leave by 1:00pm and the children will take part in further activities on the school site during the afternoon. We will aim to start the morning session at 9:30am. Children can book a hot lunch as usual and carry this outside to eat, or alternatively can bring a packed lunch.

You should have received a Google Form yesterday regarding after-school provision for next academic year. We have been approached by many parents who would like provision that is guaranteed on set days and extends longer into the evening. Therefore we are asking for responses while we investigate the best way to do this - other schools address this in a variety of ways and we need to explore which is best for us here at Leigh. We would please ask that you complete the form even if you are not needing any extra provision, so that we have a complete picture.

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to the team from our school who are down working at Glastonbury Festival this week and weekend. The shifts are very tiring and we are extremely appreciative of the time they give up, to help raise more funds for the school.

Mrs Phillips Mr Turull

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Diary Dates

<u>June</u>

Monday 26th Mon 26th - Fri 30th Thursday 29th RAGS 2 RICHES collection Arts Week GB athlete to visit school

<u>July</u>

Thursday 6th Transfer afternoon Friday 7th Starlings and Goldfinches trip to Wells Cathedral Tuesday 11th Sports Day Goldfinch play evening performance at 6pm Wednesday 12th Goldfinch play afternoon performance at 2pm Friday 14th Swallow Class play performance at 6pm Tuesday 18th Reserve Sports Day Celebration Assembly at 11am Memorial hall for our Year 6 leavers with a violin Friday 21st July performance by Goldfinch Class.

News from the Classrooms



We've continued with our 'Under the Sea' topic this week and have had a lot of fun playing with water and making sea creatures out of junk!



This week we have learned about Hong Kong and created our own Hong Kong Harbour 3D pictures.

We wrote letters to Mrs Ball to express our feelings about changing classes in September.



Today in art we had a go at making felt. We used one quarter of our map to school to make a felt picture. Look out for what we do with the other quarters!



Today Goldfinch class started an exciting new science topic 'Animals including Humans' and we looked at some key vocabulary. In this topic we will look at functions of the digestive system, a variety of food chains and predators and prey.



Swallows have worked exceptionally hard this week. We ended the week by writing a fun, creative story inspired by a picture which certainly allowed us all to use our incredible imaginations!









