



Leigh on Mendip School

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October 16th
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Mining Statue

Last Friday, we had a visit from the Somerset District Miners' Welfare Trust who presented the school with a metal silhouette sculpture of a miner. This is to give everyone in the school a daily reminder of the coal-mining history of the local area. We will be keeping this statue by the tree inside the front gate. Thank you to them for this kind donation.

Cleaning

Sadly, our cleaner Emma Gardner-Holmes has decided to move on from her role at the school. She has been with us for several years and has always kept our school spotless! We are now on the lookout for a new cleaner so please contact Mrs Payne in the office if you are interested. Many thanks to Emma for all her excellent work.

Friday assembly

Having moved our celebration assembly to the morning on Fridays this term, we have listened to feedback from many parents who have said it is much harder for them to attend. We also spoke to our children who said they preferred the assembly in the afternoon. Therefore from Term, 2 we will be reverting back to 2:45pm and hope this works better for everyone!

Mr Turull

MSN Netball Tournament

On Monday, our Netball team competing in the MSN Small Schools Bee Netball Tournament - the first netball event our school has ever entered.

Full of determination right from the starting whistle, the team played fantastic matches against St Vigor & St John and Shoscombe, taking well-deserved wins in both games and securing a spot in the A Final.

Our players kept their cool, showed amazing teamwork and delivered brilliant performances against Welton and St Nicholas to win the final and take home the overall tournament title!

Next stop: the County Finals in April!

The girls are so excited to be going forward to represent our area against the best Netball teams from small schools across Bristol, Bath and beyond!

A huge thank you to the School Sports Partnership for delivering a wonderful event, and to all our parents for supporting the team on the day.



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Diary Dates

October

- 21st Halloween non uniform day - FOLS
- 22nd Inset Day
- 23rd Inset Day

End of Term One

November

- 2nd **Start of Term Two**
- 4th - 9th **School Book Fair**
- 8th Village Remembrance Day
- 9th Parents Evening
- 10th MSN Girls Football ESFA Qualifier
- 11th School Photos
- 13th Children in Need Day - Children to wear spots or Pjs
- 17th MSN Schools Football ESFA Qualifier
- 18th Open Morning - 9.30 - 11.30am
- 23rd MSN Y4 & 5 Cross Country - Downside
- 25th Inset Day
- 26th Zoo Lab Workshop

December

- 1st MSN Swimming Gala
- 5th Christmas Tree Sale & Fair
- 10th Starling Class Christmas Production
- 11th Whole School Pantomime Trip
- 16th Goldfinches & Swallow Class Carol Service at St Giles' Church
- 17th Kingfishers Christmas Production
- 17th FOLS Christmas Movie Afternoon
- 18th **End of Term Two**



Notices

Open Mornings

Our next open day will be Wednesday 18th November from 9.30 - 11.30am.

If you, or someone you know may be looking for a preschool or school place, please share the word.

Swallow Class Swimming

As we head towards the end of Term 1, please ensure to confirm via Arbor that your child will continue swimming in term 2.

Term Dates 2027 - 2028

The finalised term dates are now live on the website. Please refer to these when booking holidays.

PGL Residential

For children going on the 2027 residential trip, please pay the initial deposit on Arbor by 9th November 2026

Celebrations

We always love to cheer on our students in all areas of their lives. If your child has achieved something special at home, such as earning a new belt in martial arts, performing in a show or helping out in the local area, please let us know!

We would love to feature them in our weekly Friday Celebration assembly.

Poppy Appeal

Please support the Royal British Legion! You are now able to purchase your poppies in the School Reception. Thank you

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
POPPY APPEAL



This Week's Stars



Amelia P

Bruno

Adele

Amelia GH

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News from the Classrooms



Tip: Click the class bird to visit the class page!



Robins

We have been celebrating Halloween in Robins. We have had fun dressing up as witches and skeletons and playing in our haunted house. We have also been making magic potions in our mud kitchen outside.



Kingfishers

This week, Kingfishers class dived into the fascinating life of Mary Anning! We've been exploring how the past connects to the present and future, discovering how clues like fossils and ancient ruins help us unlock history's mysteries.



Starlings

This week we have completed our Art unit for the term. After looking at the artwork of Gillian Ayres we have completed our very own piece of abstract art. We realised that we can all see different things in these artworks and whilst some of us could see fruit, others could see rivers and waterslides. We look forward to displaying them for everyone to enjoy!



Goldfinches

This week, Goldfinch class had a very exciting visit from vicar Keith. He came in to talk to us about our RE topic "what kind of world did Jesus want." The children had lots of interesting questions to ask about stories we've looked at in the bible, what an evangelist is and what he does in his role as a vicar.



Swallows

We have been creating Propaganda Posters for our History topic on World War 2. The children had the choice of designing their poster around the theme of either rationing, the Land Army or the Home Guard. The children got creative with their use of slogans and phrases to make sure the British population were inspired to keep their morale up amid all the hardships of war.





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SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL

Join us for a guided tour of our village primary school & preschool to find out why our children love to learn.

For all Reception 2027 Admissions and in-year moves

OPEN MORNINGS

Friday 9th October 2026
9.30am - 11.30am

Wednesday 18th November 2026
9.30am - 11.30am

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Please call 01373 812592 or email office@leighonmendip.mnsp.org.uk
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Nurturing
Curious
Minds

F.O.L.S NON-UNIFORM & HALLOWEEN DRESS UP DAY

Please note: no weapons or masks!
Face paint IS allowed!

Wednesday 21st October



Dress
Up.



Have
fun.



Make a
difference.

£1
Donation

Every donation helps support our school
charity.



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Free Creative Workshop For all girls in Years 3-6 Saturday 14 November

Come and spend an exciting morning creating and making at one of our hands-on workshops.

Food Technology: Little Leiths

Get creative in the kitchen as you make a delicious Leiths strawberry shortcake.

Design & Technology Workshop

Design and create your very own iPad holder or cookbook stand to use at home.

Scan here to book your place



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