



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had an excellent start to the school year and the children are really enjoying less restrictions and more opportunities to move and socialise around the school.

So far this year, our children have had lots of exciting learning opportunities including Harry Potter Day in Year 4, Forest School, school trips, Science assemblies, visits to Uppingham School lab, Problem Solving workshops and extra-curricular clubs. Our ASHA day was also a great success. We raised an incredible £200 for the charity. Thank you for your support!

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend Parents' Evening. It was great for parents and teachers to be able to discuss how the children have settled in. Hopefully we will be seeing more of you all over the year.

Whole school assemblies are back and I for one am delighted to be stood in front of the whole school again. We ended the half term with a lovely Harvest assembly. Have a lovely half term!

Best wishes
Mrs Eaton
Headteacher

Dates for your Diaries

(all dependent on COVID-19)

Monday 1st November

School reopens

Wednesday 3rd November

Open Day

W/C 15th November

Antibullying Week

Tuesday 23rd November

School Discos

Friday 3rd December

Non-uniform for Christmas Fete

Thursday 9th December

EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance

Friday 10th December

Christmas Fete

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Decorations Day

Friday 17th December

Class Christmas Parties



Notices

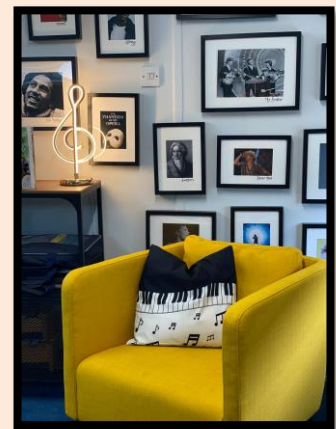
Lost Property

Our lost property is already overflowing. We regularly go through the lost property bin to try and return clothing to children but 90% of it is unnamed. Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled so that we can return uniform to their owners.



Music Room Makeover

We have spent a lot of time turning a derelict, neglected and fairly unpleasant space into a warm, engaging and inspiring music room. All peripatetic music lessons and extra-curricular music will be taking place here so that the children and their teachers have a nice space to enjoy music that is valued. This year will see the return of our Proms in the Playground, where we will get to see all of our talented musicians perform.



COVID-19

Thank you so much for your continued support adhering to the guidance as we continue to negotiate our way through this pandemic. I know it must be frustrating and disruptive to have PCR requests but it is necessary to ensure the children can all continue learning with the knowledge that it's just the usual colds and flus that fly around during this time of year.

Leighfield Primary School



OPEN DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

Wednesday 3rd November - 9.30am and 1.30pm



Please book your place

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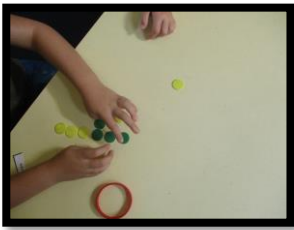
EYFS

Wow! We can't believe we've reached the end of our first half term in school! The children in EYFS have adjusted to school life exceptionally well and feel comfortable and secure in their new environment. So much learning has already taken place. We've learnt our first thirteen sounds and six tricky words so we're beginning to read real words in real books! We've studied numbers to 3 and explored counting, number bonds and used the vocabulary 'more' and 'less'. The children have also enjoyed their PE sessions with Mr Crowden and Forest School sessions with Jo and Mrs Ind.



Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic first term and they have all settled into their new routine really well. This term we have been learning all about the past so we have learnt a lot of history- looking at old toys and how they are very different to what we have now! We have also done lots of practical maths this term while looking at place value! Next term we will be moving onto 'Zoom to the Moon' and starting to learn the nativity!



Year 2

Year 2 have settled into the new year really well. We have learnt lots and had lots of fun at the same time. We have done lots of practical maths, including ordering and comparing numbers. In our Geography unit, we have been learning all about Uppingham and were fascinated by the OS Map. In Science we have been learning about uses of everyday materials and how different materials are more suitable to a particular purpose.



HelloYellow Day

YOUNG MINDS

The voice for young people's mental health and wellbeing



We are committed to supporting the emotional wellbeing of our children and one way of doing this was to support Young Minds on world mental health day by joining in on HelloYellow Day. Resilient Rutland also funded a day of Problem Solving activities to get the children active, outdoors and working as a team. The children had a fantastic day!

Special thanks to Mrs Donnalioia and Mrs Craven for organising the day!

Science at Leighfield

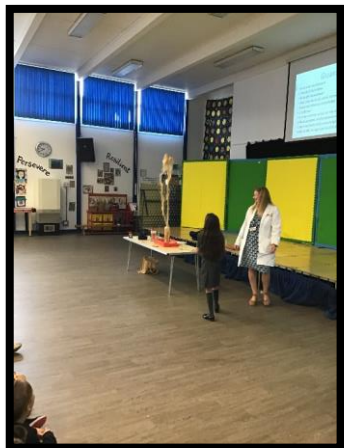
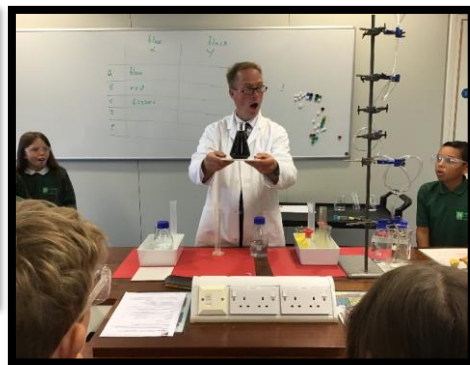
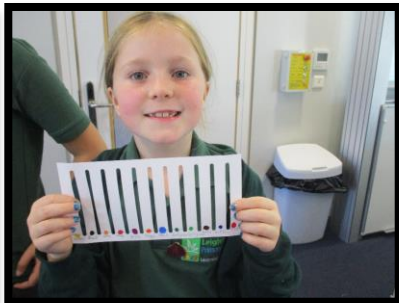
We have had an exciting term of science already!

We were treated to an assembly by 'Super Scientists', who wowed us with whizzes, fizzes and standing on eggs! This was ahead of our after-school science club, which starts in November. The club was full within 24 hours, but don't worry if you missed out this time as we plan to run another one in the Spring term.

We have also been fortunate enough to form a link with Uppingham School, which has enabled us to visit their science labs for some fantastic practical science!

Year 6 had a super lesson on chemical reactions.

Also, for the rest of this term, Year 3 and 4 will be visiting the Uppingham school science labs on alternate weeks to explore practical science linked to their learning in school. We hope to offer the same regular opportunity to Year 5 and 6 after Christmas.



Year 3

The children have had a fabulous start to Year 3. We have dived into our Stone Age to Iron Age topic, linking to our Art, Writing, Reading and History, plus enjoyed our day out at Flag Fen. I have been incredibly impressed with how well the children have settled into a new Key Stage and shown how hardworking and resilient they are. Some of the highlights of this half term are making our own Stone Age pottery and necklaces, as well as learning all about how people lived in Prehistoric times. Next half term we will be learning about Volcano's! I hope you all have a safe and happy half term 😊.



Year 4

Year Four have made a fantastic start to the year, making the very most of their 'Perfect Potions' topic. They have spent the last few weeks learning all about the spooky story of Macbeth and writing excellent crime reports to solve the mystery of who killed Macbeth. Every child has thrown themselves into the play with imaginative and infectious enthusiasm! In the last week of term, we celebrated Harry Potter Day by making lots of different potions, casting patronus charms, drinking butterbeer and playing Quidditch. It was a magical end to the topic, and I am very excited to introduce our next topic 'Swords and Sandals' to the class after half term.



Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed their first topic, finding out about the Ancient Egyptians. We have created our own maps of Egypt, found out about their everyday lives and the stages of mummification. We had lots of fun mummifying our own tomatoes!

In English, we have written our own diaries and composed our own version of the poem 'The Dreadful Menace'.

In Science, we have been learning about the properties of materials. We enjoyed investigating which materials were the most absorbent and which materials dissolved in liquid.

We are also loving our weekly swimming sessions at Uppingham Pool!



Year 6- Wise Words from The Warning Zone

On the 29th September, the Year 6 class paid a visit to The Warning Zone, in Leicester for an informative day. Combining vital messages and memorable experiences, the visit helped our Year 6 class to prepare for their increased independence and transition into adolescence. In the e-safety zone, the children participated in five activities; in the morning, we visited eight mock scenarios where we experienced everything from house fires to the dangers of railways. A great day was had by all!





Sporting Achievements



On Friday the 24th of September, thirty children from across years four, five and six took part in the Rutland cross country championship at Sykes Lane. All runners showed tremendous resilience and will power to complete a tricky and uneven course on a very hot day. As a school we had a successful day with four out of six of our teams finishing in the top three which also included a winning team in the year five girls. As a result of this success fifteen of our thirty runners will go on to represent Rutland at the Leicestershire cross country championships. Well done to all runners who took part in the race, you all made Leighfield proud.



One of our first events of the year was the year five and six Table Tennis competition. Four boys and three girls took part in the competition which focused not only winning a Table Tennis match but developing their skills and knowledge too. The children played fairly and worked well within in their respective teams all morning. The boys finished a close second and the girls also finished in an impressive third place.

It has been a great start back to sport at Leighfield, being able to take part in events and competitions again has been fantastic for the children. We are looking forward to next term where we are going to be competing in a wide range of sports including Sports hall athletics, basketball, football and cross country as well as continuing with our sporting development in PE and extra-curricular clubs.



Have a lovely half-term break everyone!