



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy end to the year and have certainly kept the children (and you guys) busy! We saw the return of our Music Evening which was a huge success. It was lovely to see the children perform their instruments in front of an audience. Well done to everyone involved and thank you to Miss Dickson for organising! The children loved Sports Day, which was very well organised by Mr Crowden and saw the children competing in a range of sporting activities. It was nice to have the parents back and we hope you enjoyed the day too!

It is also time for us to say goodbye to our Year 6 children. Despite a few years of disrupted learning, they have ended the year on a high with a residential trip in June, Sports Day and a very very funny Leaver's Performance. In addition, we are very proud of their achievements in this year's Key Stage 2 SATs. Their results were fantastic and a real testament to their hard work and continued efforts, even during lockdown! Well done Year 6!

Year 6 KS2 Assessments		
	Expected Standard + (national)	Greater Depth
Reading	87% (74%)	39%
Writing	83% (69%)	9%
Maths	87% (71%)	48%
GPS	91% (72%)	44%
RWM	83% (59%)	9%

We wish them the very best of luck as they move onto the next stage of their education. We will miss you all and hope you have very fond memories of your time at Leighfield.

Whilst we say goodbye to our Year 6 children, we also welcome some new staff to our team. Miss Villette and Mrs DeBar will be joining our team as Learning Support Assistants.

Miss Haley leaves us today. After joining us in January, she has provided fantastic care and learning support in Year 5. We wish her the best of luck travelling around Europe!

As always, thank you to our families for your continued support throughout the year. We are very lucky to have such hardworking staff across our school, who regularly go over and above for our children. Wishing our children, families and staff a lovely summer break. We look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Best wishes
Mrs S Eaton

Dates for your Diaries

Thursday 1st September – School Reopens

W/C 5th September – Meet and Greet(Y1-Y6)

Friday 16th September – ASHA Day

Thursday 6th October – National Poetry Day

Friday 7th October – World Mental Health Day

Monday 10th October & Wednesday 12th October – Virtual Parents Evening

Friday 14th October – Harvest Assembly (KS2) & Collection for Food Banks
School Closes

Water Fun

As you know, we endured some incredibly high temperatures in school this week and the only answer to keep everyone cool was... water! EYFS splashed in paddling pools and Year 1 and Year 2 had a very enjoyable water fight.

Other classes across the school, took their shoes and socks off to work with their feet in trays filled with water. A nice novelty for the children whilst keeping them cool.



Summer Fete

Our Summer Fete was back and what a wonderful afternoon it was. The sun was shining for us and everyone from our School Community came out on Saturday to support our school. Thank you so much – your efforts raised an amazing £2769! As a result, we have now hit our target for our new Multi Purpose Classroom which has been designed to meet the needs of our children. It will be similar to the one pictured below and will repurpose our ICT suite which is used less frequently due to the number of devices that we now have in school. I will share updates and photos with you all!

[Leighfield Primary School in Uppingham host school fair \(stamfordmercury.co.uk\)](http://stamfordmercury.co.uk)



Notices

Rainbow Day for Florence #BeMoreFab

For our last day before the summer holidays, Leighfield planned a non-uniform day to fundraise on behalf of a very brave 5-year old girl called Florence Bark, who is very poorly with Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

It was lovely to end the final day of the year in an array of rainbow colours. We have raised £303.50 to help this family get Florence the treatment that she needs. Thank you!

To read more about this amazing little girl, you can view the Just Giving page here <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bemorefab>



Muga Court Update

Our muga court that we fundraised for is still coming but... we have had to negotiate some minor hurdles that we were not anticipating. Planning permission has taken some time and Sport England have had some queries that we have had to resolve. We are very grateful for the support that we have had in this process and hope that the Muga will be with us soon for Mr Crowden and the children to enjoy!



Little Princess Trust

Zane in Year 4 was inspired by his sister donating her hair to The Little Princess Trust and decided to grow his own to do the same thing. After many months, he finally had the chop (just in time for the hot weather) and not only did he donate his hair but raised an amazing £750. Well done Zane!

Leighfield Lions

Leighfield Lion's continues to be a great extension to our school day in providing a safe, fun and caring environment for our children. As new management, Miss Dalia has implemented some positive changes to the setting and as a result, was nominated by Leighfield for a Discovery School's Trust Award in the category 'Excellence'. We are delighted to announce that she won! We are very proud and feel that it is very well deserved for all of her hard work, with her team, making Lion's such an enjoyable place to be for our children.



Volunteers

Do you have any spare time and enjoy working with children? Subject to DBS checks, we are always looking for volunteers to help support our children and strengthen our team. If you are interested in any of the below, and fancy working with children, then please contact Mrs. Eaton.

- Listening to children read
- Supporting with school trips, sports events, swimming and/or Uppingham Science Lab visits.
- Supporting learning within the classroom
- Providing an after-school workshop utilising a specialist skill/talent ie Mrs Darlington's art clubs
- Gardening – maintaining our school garden, EYFS garden and/or conservation area (with or without children).

EYFS

Our EYFS children have had a fabulous first year at school - lots of learning, amazing experiences and oodles of fun! They finished the year with a super trip into Uppingham to visit Goldmark Gallery. The children were all mesmerised by the Sid Burnard sculpture exhibition and looked at all of the exhibits really closely, observing all the little details. Burnard's creations are all made from objects he finds on the beach, which the children found fascinating. They loved discussing their favourite sculptures, giving the creatures names and spotting the objects that had been used to create them. The bird in the straw hat was a firm favourite! The class received lots of lovely comments on their behaviour from the gallery staff and members of the public, the gallery have even invited them back next year! The teachers were extremely proud of them! Below are some thoughts from the children.



'I loved it at the gallery, my favourite sculpture was the dog!'
'It was an exciting trip, I liked taking photos and my favourite sculpture was the boat.'
'There were lots and lots of colourful paintings! I loved it!'
'I liked the birdie sculptures, they made me smile.'
'It was a good trip, I liked the sculptures. My favourite was a turtle!'



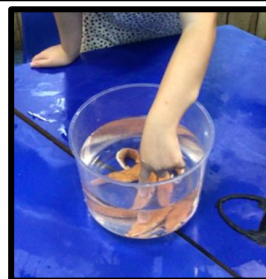
Year 1

Year 1, you have been amazing. What a year! We have had a wonderful final term together and made lots of fun memories. Year 1 had a great time at West Lodge Farm and Multi Skills and their behavior was exceptional at both events. Yet again, they have worked hard all term and really impressed me with their resilience to learning and beginning to get Year 2 ready. Have a wonderful Summer Year 1, I will miss you next year!



Year 2

We have had a super end to Year 2. Children worked hard and showed great sportsmanship at Sports Day. In Maths, we have been learning about measurement and we tried to put ourselves in height order. In English this half term, we have produced some beautiful book reviews of our class story and we are very proud of our published outcomes. We have been very excited about our trip to Hunstanton, and we all had a fantastic day on the beach and at the Sea Life Centre, especially when we were invited to touch the starfish!



Year 3

This half term has been brilliant and busy in Year 3! The children have worked hard with their end of year assessments, went on a fantastic afternoon out to Uppingham School for Science and have learnt all about Ancient Greek History. We have been learning about shadows and light in science and have spent a lot of time learning our times tables in preparation for next year- it has become quite the competition! I hope that you all have a happy and safe summer ready to return in September. You have all shown resilience and positivity throughout this entire year and I am delighted to be moving up with them to Year 4 😊



Year 4

We have reached the end of Year 4 after a wonderful year full of learning and laughter all round. It seems a long time since the children were making their potions books or lining up in full costume for Harry Potter Day back in the Autumn term. Looking back, I feel very proud of the progress each one of them has made this year and I hope you do too.

We have finished the year with our musical topic Soundtrack to Summer, which has had the children learning about music from around the world. The children have researched The Recycled Orchestra of Cateura and written newsletter articles about the struggles and successes of the talented group. In science, we learned about sound vibrations and how our ears work. We even had the pleasure of tuning up our brand-new ukuleles for the first time and beginning to learn how to play some simple chords as part of our weekly music sessions.

Both the Science Day and RE Day this term were a huge success, with Benedict's boat taking the most weight in the class contest.

I hope the children enjoy their last few days in Year 4, and I wish them all the luck in the world as they move up to Year 5 in September.



Year 5

Year 5 have had a very exciting term. We have researched Dinseyland and created our own persuasive leaflets. We have designed and built our own Rollercoasters where everyone showed a lot of resilience when not everything worked straight away. We have had the Science Fayre, Sports day and a fabulous trip to Twinlakes where everyone had a really lovely time. In our science lessons we have been learning all about Forces – including air resistance, gravity and friction.

The children enjoyed exploring their learning through lots of practical investigations.

We also enjoyed more visits to the Uppingham Science Labs this term. A particular highlight was dissecting owl pellets and extracting the bones to determine what creatures they had been feasting on!

What a wonderful way to end Year 5. We wish everyone all the best for next year.



Year 6

This term, Year 6 have been practicing their leavers' concert, ready to perform to parents and siblings on the evening of Wednesday 13th July. It has been great fun to do as the play looks back on many of the first things we do in primary school and how these experiences can often go wrong!

However, we have also been busy finishing off our learning in our Ancient Mayan topic, our geometry learning, our individual Target Spelling lists as well as squeezing in an orienteering festival and rounders' tournament (in which our two Year 6 teams came 2nd and 5th).

Good luck to all our wonderful Year 6 leavers as you continue onto secondary school and to parents whose children will finish this year, we hope to see you around Uppingham and at the school fete. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching the Year 6 class this year. Have a lovely summer!





Sporting Achievements



This year has been filled with sports right from the start and has carried on all the way to the end of this final term. Over the past year we have been attending and competing in competitions ran by Chris Thomas and the Rutland School Sports Partnership. These events help us accumulate points to add to an overall medal table for everyone who attends these competitions, thanks to all the effort of every child in the school we managed to finish third overall. Among all the events that we have done this term, we have had our sports days. The children practiced incredibly hard for the day and they put on a fantastic event, thank you to all the parents that attended and well done to all the children that won on the day.

The very first tournaments of the term were the year 3/4 and 5/6 tennis tournaments. The children were put into teams where they played timed tennis matches against other schools to accumulate points for their team. The children played within the services boxes of the tennis courts and did incredibly well to control the ball in such tight spaces. The year 3/4 team finished 2nd overall and the two year 5/6 teams finished 4th and 5th.



In the same week children from year 4/5 took part in a cricket tournament at Uppingham town cricket club. We took a team of mixed boys and girls and a girls' team. The children were playing cricket all day and played some very nice cricket. The mixed team finished 2nd overall, only losing one game throughout the whole day. The girls team finished 5th overall, after improving throughout the day and many not playing cricket outside of PE before.

Twenty-four children from years 3,4,5 and 6 took part in an athletics competition called quad kids, where they all have to do a middle distance, sprint, throw and jump. Once they complete their events, the children will get scored compared to the other children they compete against and get an overall score for their team. The children finished 2nd overall out of 16 schools taking part.



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The big event of the term was the Corby athletics event. We took twenty-eight children to this event where they were picked for individual events as well as team relay races. We once again finished 2nd overall, only losing by one gold medal. We did win the most medals in the event as a whole, winning 21 gold, silver and bronzes with the next nearest school winning 16 medals overall. The children were impressive all day and put on some brilliant individual performances after practicing so hard through the last two terms.



The whole of Year 1 had an afternoon at Oakham School athletics track taking part in commonwealth activities ran by sports ambassadors from different schools. The year 1 children were very excited and enjoyed their day. Our year 6 sport ambassadors ran their event very well and shone on the day.



Our final event of the term was the rounder's tournament which we took all the year 6s to. The class showed impressive tactical awareness on the day and a great understanding of the rules. We had two teams on the day, and both won a lot of games and altogether only lost three. One of our teams finished 2nd overall and the other finished 5th.



Have A Lovely Summer Break!