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### Term 4 2021 Week 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy fortnight and we have had a lot going on as you will see from the reports in this newsletter. It has been so lovely to have our volunteers back in supporting classes and hearing children read. We look forward to seeing those who can make it this afternoon to catch up on what classes have been doing during STEM week.

#### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Underwater class for their attendance of **97.5%** last week and to Bugs class for their attendance of **98.6%** this week.

#### REWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who have received their next Pupil Point certificates.

300 Points	<b>Underwater:</b> Samuel P, Samuel H <b>High Peaks:</b> Sophie <b>Jungle:</b> Henry W
500 Points	<b>Bugs:</b> Bonnie, Kitty, Riley, Isla, Ethan
600 Points	<b>Bugs:</b> Bea
700 Points	<b>Underwater:</b> Martha
1600 Points	<b>Jungle:</b> Ava

#### THRIVE PARENT FORUM AND PRESENTATION

The new date for our Parent Thrive Forum and presentation is on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm**. This will be held in the school hall and all parents and carers are welcome to attend.

#### TEA AND CHAT- INCLUSION SUPPORT FORUM

We would like to invite you to an informal meeting with Sophie Levey (SENDCO) and Vicki Brown (Head of School and Thrive practitioner) on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm**.

We are an inclusive school but we know that we can always do better. We welcome your thoughts and ideas as important members of our school community in understanding how we can develop inclusion across all areas of our school community.

We hope that you will be able to help us shape inclusion at our school by joining us for a cup of tea (or coffee!) to discuss your experiences and to explore ways we can be more inclusive, as well as finding support and advice. We hope to make this a regular event.

If you are interested in joining us on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm, please let the School Office know. If you have any ideas of things that would be useful to include in these sessions, then please do share these with Mrs Levey or Mrs Brown- these can be shared by email via the school office. Many thanks.

#### CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Flossy, Rose and Arlo who reached the Cross County Finals. What an amazing achievement, the whole school are very proud of you!

#### Diary

##### March

**15<sup>th</sup>** Yr 5 Swimming  
**16<sup>th</sup>** YI Forest school  
**16<sup>th</sup>** High Peaks bake sale  
**16<sup>th</sup>** LSA Second-hand uniform sale  
**17<sup>th</sup>** Tea & Chat – Inclusion support forum  
**18<sup>th</sup>** Red Nose Day  
**22<sup>nd</sup>** Library sessions  
**22<sup>nd</sup>** Yr 5 Swimming  
**23<sup>rd</sup>** YI Forest school  
**24<sup>th</sup>** LSA Mother's day shop  
**24<sup>th</sup>** Underwater class learning share  
**25<sup>th</sup>** LSA Mother's day shop  
**25<sup>th</sup>** Friendship disco  
**30<sup>th</sup>** YI Forest school  
**30<sup>th</sup>** Thrive parent forum and presentation  
**31<sup>st</sup>** EYFS & KSI Trip

##### April

**1<sup>st</sup>** **Last day of term**  
**1<sup>st</sup>** LSA Easter fun and home clothes day  
**19<sup>th</sup>** **Children return to school**

## STEM WEEK

This week was STEM week and the children enjoyed a range of different activities within their classes, including designing and building scarecrows! Thank you to our volunteers who helped us, and we look forward to sharing photos and more information with you all in our next newsletter.

## UNDERWATER CLASS LEARNING SHARE

Underwater parents are invited to our class learning share on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** from **2.30pm**

## SCHOOL DISCO

Our friendship Disco is on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. It really is a lovely event and the children will have so much fun. However, to ensure it can go ahead we will require a number of adults to support it. If you can volunteer to help, please let the office know or speak to a member of the LSA on the playground. Thank you.



## RED NOSE DAY

Next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March is Red Nose Day. The School Council have come up with some fantastic ideas for the whole school to participate in which are as follows:

Bring in a donation of at least £1 to wear red on the day and this can include face paint. They will run an obstacle course competition at lunchtime which children can enter for 50p

The School Council will be selling headbands at £2.50 and Red Noses at £1.25 from

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March** before school and at morning play.

They are also planning on running a cake sale with a red nose day theme and a tombola after school on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March**, which we will need donations for (more information to follow).

## AFTER SCHOOL REMINDERS

We are pleased that the weather is starting to warm up, with evenings getting lighter and that children are staying to play after school, making use of the playground and field space. However, we have had a number of reports of children disturbing the after-school football club, making it hard for both pupils taking part and the coach. If children are staying after school, could we please ask you to keep them away from the after-school clubs for the duration and also keep dogs on leads during this time.

## WOMENS HISTORY MONTH

International Women's Day takes place each year on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. This week, the children thought carefully about gender equality as well as considering what still needs to be done in the world to make sure opportunities are equal.

International Women's Day falls in Women's History Month which we are celebrating this year with a competition running across the Federation! We are asking as many children as possible to create a fact page on a significant female figure through history. The pages will be bound together and made into a book to present in the school library. The focus for this competition is discovering, documenting and celebrating women's lives and achievements. Please find the details for this on the poster attached.

The children have already shared some fabulous ideas for who they might choose and I look forward to seeing all of their entries.

Irma Partono

## UKRAINIAN AID

Mason's Dad (High Peaks) is planning to take a Luton van to Poland in April to provide help and deliver much needed supplies for Ukrainian people who are crossing the Polish Border to escape.

They have set up a Facebook page as well as a Go Fund Me page <https://gofund.me/4351583c> to raise money to pay for the costs of things like fuel, ferry crossing and any supplies that aren't donated.

The items most in need are basic hygiene products like toothbrushes and toothpaste, nappies, wipes and sanitary items. Other items are of course welcome, however, please note that clothes cannot be accepted.

In school we are being very careful when answering children's questions and referring to what is happening in Ukraine. Staff have been sent links to guidance in how to talk to and reassure the children of their own safety Please see attached link to a helpful article that may support you at home <https://metro.co.uk/2022/02/24/how-to-talk-to-children-about-whats-happening-in-ukraine-16163133/>

## POSTAGE STAMP COMPETITION

CONGRATULATIONS to Bugs class who became part of history after achieving the GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title for the largest postage stamp design competition in May 2021. Bugs class participated in this competition, where a total of 606,049 entries were received.

## ART

Across the Oak Tree Federation, we are keen to grow our cultural links related to art and want to give opportunities to celebrate talents, share skills, build resilience and learn collaboratively, creatively and responsibly. We want children to love art and for their ambitions to have no limits.

To support this, we would like to make contact with local artists, galleries, and museums in order to set up projects. Please do get in touch if you have any recommendations or if you would like to volunteer to come into school and do something creative with the children, sharing your skills and talents.

## WORLD BOOK DAY



It was lovely to see all the children dressed up as different characters and sharing their books last Thursday. They did a number of activities in class to promote reading and each child was given a book token to spend. Keep an eye out in the Argus today where our class photos should be published.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thank you to everybody who supported our pancake breakfast it was lovely to see the return of this traditional event. Thank you to Nicky (Dizzy's mum), the LSA and to our volunteers who helped make and serve some delicious pancakes and toppings. We hope you all enjoyed the breakfast as much as we did!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who helped in any way to make the Pancake Breakfast run so smoothly last week. I really couldn't do it without everyone's support. I would also like to thank all who came along and supported us by having pancakes and made it a lovely and successful event.

As many of you may know, this was probably my last Pancake Breakfast so I would like to thank everyone for their continuing support over the years. I know this event will go from strength to strength!

Thank you!

Nicky (Dizzy's mum – Year 6)

## 150<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

We have a committee working on ideas and events to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> birthday and the School Council are supporting with collecting ideas from the children in school.

More details will follow in due course, but for now, please see the dates below for your diary.

- 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Quiz night at the Roebuck
- 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Heritage Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022 School Fete

## EYFS & KSI TRIP

As mentioned in our last newsletter, EYFS and KSI have an exciting opportunity to visit the Herstmonceux Science Centre on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. Please can you ensure you return the permission forms to the school office by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March** so the kitchen know how many packed lunches will need to be ordered for the trip. Thank you.

## ECO GROUP

Three years ago Laughton School was lucky enough to be awarded the Eco Schools Green Flag Award, the most prestigious School Eco award. Since then we have continued to make gigantic strides in engaging pupils in becoming more Eco friendly. As we approach our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a school it is also time to renew our Green Flag status and thus the Eco Warriors spent the last meeting carrying out an environmental review of the school which is part of the application process.

It is amazing how far we have come over the last few years as I recall only too well how many boxes we did not tick when we first carried this out! We will be continuing this review into our next meeting and then coming up with an action plan of areas where we could improve so watch this space as will announce these in our newsletter Eco updates!

We are also hoping to announce an exciting Eco friendly project within the next few weeks which is fantastic so watch out for announcements!

This week Eco Ernie is awarded to Underwater for great recycling! Well done!

### CRISP PACKETS

Unfortunately, we can no longer collect crisp packets for recycling due to a change in the organisers' terms. However you can take them to Tesco's in Lewes, Uckfield and Hailsham. If you go on to the Walkers website they can let you know where your nearest recycling point is.

### HOCKEY COUNTY CUP FINALS

Hannah and Ava represented Lewes Hockey Club in the under 10 girls at the In2Hockey County Cup Finals on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Despite losing their first game 0-2, to local rivals East Grinstead, the team went on to beat Burgess Hill 2-0, Eastbourne 2-0, Horsham 3-0 and Brighton 1-0. The team played brilliantly, Hannah made many great tackles in defence and Ava saved some amazing goals to keep a clean sheet in four games. Lewes were runners up, winning silver medals and are now through to the regional finals in April. Well played girls and good luck in the regionals!



### COVID UPDATE

We now have air purifiers in our classrooms and whilst we are continuing to ventilate them it is not to the extreme that we were doing before. All classes have a CO2 monitor and this is regularly checked by staff to ensure there is good airflow.

In line with the living with Covid guidance which came out at the end of February we are no longer sending out warn and inform letters if we get a positive case in school. However we will send them out if we get an outbreak. Please continue to self-isolate for 5 days and test negative on a LFD before returning to school. Children can still come to school if another member of their family is positive but please be careful and check daily if this is the case.

### UNIFORM

We would like to re promote our school uniform as after being able to wear additional items for cold weather we are now returning to the expectation that all children wear the correct uniform. This is:

Girls	Boys
Green or white polo or white shirt (tie optional) School sweatshirt/ fleece Green cardigan/ V neck jumper Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers/shorts/culottes White or grey socks Grey or green tights Green and white checked summer dress Black shoes/ boots (no sandals please)	Green or white polo or white shirt (tie optional) School sweatshirt/ fleece Green V neck jumper Grey trousers or shorts White or grey socks Black shoes (no trainers or sandals please)

Please remember that children need to wear their house team colour t- shirt for PE.

We will be reintroducing our uniform draws where children's names go in to a hat if they have the correct uniform on and those that are picked out will receive a £3 WH Smith voucher.

If you have any difficulties with the expense in being able to provide a uniform for your child then please speak to the school office as we are more than happy to help. Thank you.

### SPORTS COOL BRIGHTON

What a fantastic morning at Loughton Community Primary School last week! Steve from SportsCool Brighton thoroughly enjoyed working with the children from Reception to Year 6. From Year 2 upwards the children played Ultimate Frisbee, improving their throwing technique and earning points for their team. It had a space theme, so the children were motivated to land their 'flying saucer' on the 'Milky Way'!

For the Underwater class, Steve introduced the children to a game of 'Foxes and Chickens' which involved lots of different fundamental movements as well as dribbling a ball with their hands and feet!

SportsCool Brighton runs a multi sports After School Club on Tuesdays which include playing sports like Ultimate Frisbee, basketball, tag rugby and many more! There's still spaces for parents to register their children - any questions, please email [steve.s@sportscool.org](mailto:steve.s@sportscool.org) or call 07710506598.

The booking link is [sportscoolbrighton.schoolipal.co.uk](https://sportscoolbrighton.schoolipal.co.uk)

We love our new partnership with Laughton Community Primary School and look forward to offering many more clubs as the year progresses.

## **FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON SCHOOL NEWS**

'Thank you to everyone who supported the Pancake Breakfast last week by helping, serving, eating and tidying away. It was so lovely to see this event have such a successful return and we managed to raise a massive £217!

On **Wednesday 16th March** we are having a combined uniform and bake sale. It is High Peak's turn to benefit directly from the bake sale and Mrs Everest has asked that money be raised for chair organisers so please bake if you can and let one of us know if you are available at any time from 2.30 to 3.30 on the day to help set up, sell and pack away.

On **Friday 25th March** it will be the much anticipated Friendship Disco. This event will take place from 3.30 to 5p.m, if you are able to help set up/supervise/clear away (or all three!) please let us know.'

## **FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON MOTHER'S DAY SHOP**

**Shop opening days:** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (in school hours)

**Cost:** each gift will cost £2 (please send your children in with the correct money)

**Gifts:** we will make sure that every child has the opportunity to buy at least one gift for their mother or carer.

**Donations:** if you would like to donate gifts, please buy a minimum of 5 identical gifts and hand them in to the school office or give them to Gemma Collins by the 21<sup>st</sup> March. Gifts should be bought for about £1 but should not exceed £1.50.

**Questions:** please contact Gemma Collins (Hannah's mother) by emailing: [laughtonoffice@oaktreefederation.co.uk](mailto:laughtonoffice@oaktreefederation.co.uk) - your email will be forwarded to Gemma.

Kind Regards

Rachel West, Vicki Brown