

Lakeside News

'If you dream it, you can do it!'

Dear families,

Despite being faced with the challenges of Covid, I am incredibly proud of all of the Lakeside children who marked Armistice Day on Wednesday so respectfully. There was a whole school virtual assembly led by each bubble, followed by a two minutes silence. Each year group had prepared some work to share and talk about with the rest of the school.

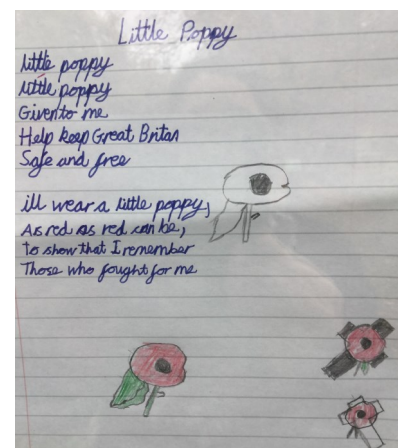
On Thursday 5th November, as part of our curriculum driver 'The Great Outdoors', we took part in the national Outdoor Classroom day. The children love learning outdoors so this day appealed to most. There are more details about this event later on in the newsletter. Thank you to Mrs Bell for organising this for everyone.

This coming week sees us celebrating Anti-Bullying week. Although we don't tolerate bullying at any point in the year, this week helps to raise its profile. We use the acronym of STOP—Several Times On Purpose— as a way of reminding us what bullying is. The children will participate in a number of activities as part of the week alongside their usual PSHE lessons to build healthy and positive relationships. We will end the week wearing our odd socks to remind ourselves to be ourselves and that it is ok to be different.

Finally, I am very aware that this year is forcing some of us to face some difficult times both financially and emotionally. If you are a family who is struggling in anyway, please do speak to me about it. This will of course be confidential. We have support in our Kite Family Hub who might be able to signpost you or help in some way, links with local food banks to help provide food as well as other contacts in the community who might be able to give other types of support. Please don't suffer in silence.

Best wishes,

Miss Armstrong and the Lakeside Team





Remembrance Art



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

LAKESIDE CHILDREN CELEBRATE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

Outdoor Classroom Day is a global movement (starting in the UK in 2012). It aims to make outdoor play and learning part of every child's day as the organisers say it is critical to children's health, wellbeing and happiness. Even at this time of year, it is important to spend time outside. As the old saying goes, 'There is no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong clothing!'

Carley Sefton, CEO of Learning through Landscapes which leads the campaign in the UK and ROI, said: "Research included in our Muddy Hands report shows that children who spend time outdoors have better mental health, are more physically active and are more resilient."



The activities in Reception and KS1 included: gardening and learning how to dig up carrots (talking about the roots and leaves and how plants are different), making bird feeders, creating bug hotels and hedgehog homes, going on a 'tree-sure' hunt to identify the trees in the playground and creating 'owl' art in the woodlands – inspired by the class story 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' – using natural materials.





In KS2 the children took part in investigating ways to measure the weather and creating rain gauges for the playground, exploring the main events of the Ancient Egyptian era and placing them in the correct order on a timeline, finding out how papyrus was made and discovering suitable materials to make it with, solving clues written in Viking runes and making up secret messages using sticks to make the runes, comparing the Viking timeline to events taking place in the rest of the world, measuring trees without the use of a ladder, drama and investigating light - using mirrors to see around corners.

The children were all fully engaged and locked on their learning, making it a very successful day. They also recognised other skills that they were developing, while working outside:

'I think the organisers decided to place the day in November to make us more resilient to the weather,'
commented a girl in year 6

'It was fun to collaborate with different groups, throughout the day, and I definitely had to be tolerant of people who work differently to me.'

From a girl in year 5

'One of the other groups came over and helped us, when we were struggling to measure our tree, and after they had explained how they did it we got it right. So, I think we learned to be helpful and collaborative.'

From a boy in year 5

Drop Off and Collection Times

I would like to say a very big thank you to all of you who are helping our community remain a little safer by wearing a mask and staying socially distanced from each other while dropping off and collecting the children. Anxieties are running high for many people so these changes you are making are really helping to manage these.

As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, I have contacted the Highways department at the council regarding the layby, especially at collection times. Although on some days it appears that there are less cars using it and the congestion on the road is minimised, there are other days where it is extremely high and it is dangerous to the pedestrians trying to cross. From next Monday, we are going to trial closing the bay at collection times. We ask that all parents park and stride to collect their children only arriving at school in their allocated collection time.

For those parents who are collecting younger children before collecting an older sibling, please keep your child with you to avoid compromising other bubbles or families.

We appreciate your support in this matter.

Use of the School Car Park

Please can we ask that unless you have been given specific permissions to do so, you don't use the car park for drop off and collection. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

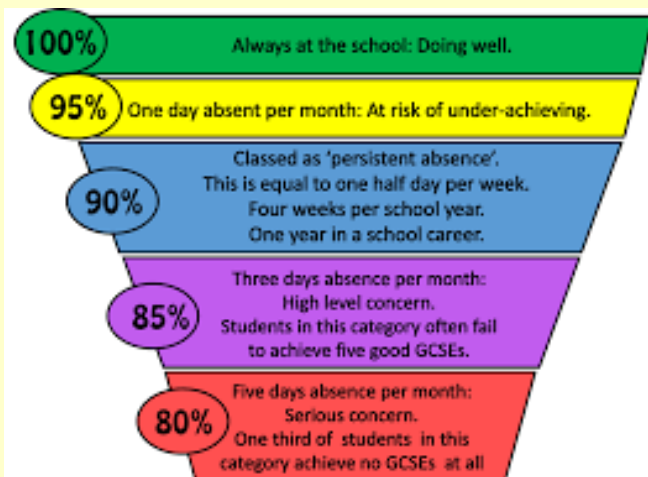
Attendance Champions

Well done to the following classes who have the highest attendance percentages for the last fortnight:

Hawks– 98.68%

Emperors– 98.36%

Pelicans – 98.35%



We do understand that a number of children are having to isolate due to other family members having Covid symptoms. Please make sure that if your child is off for anything related to Covid that they are accessing the work set by the teachers on Seesaw or Tapestry (See the attached Contingency Plan). Please see our Contingency Plan in place. If you don't have a login for this, please speak to the class teacher.

Key Dates for Your Diary!

Friday 20th November– Odd Socks Day

Friday 11th December– Christmas Jumper Day

Parent Rep Plea!

We are doing a shout out for any potential parents out there who might like to become a little bit more involved with the school and their child's class. I know that teachers have been asking for someone to represent their class, but so far we have only managed to find four people who are willing to help which is great, but we have a lot more classes than that in the school! If you think you might have some spare time and would be willing to put yourself forward, please either contact the school office of your child's class teacher. We would absolutely love to hear from you!



Academy Council

We currently have two Parent Governor vacancies available on our Academy Council. Please see the separate letter regarding these positions and do contact our Chair of Governors, Mrs Krystle Hewitson if you would like further information. The closing date for these applications to be submitted is approaching rapidly. Please make sure they are in by Friday 20th November.



After School Club

In January, Lakeside will be managing our own after school club. There will be more details to follow so please keep your eyes peeled for further information.

Gates and Times for Collection and Drop Off

To avoid unnecessary congestion at gates where there is more than one year group, please only arrive in the times allocated to you. Each year group has a ten minute window to arrive in to ease the number of people all arriving at the same time.

Monday to Thursday (And Friday for those working families who have requested a place for Friday afternoon)

Year Group	Gate	Arrival Time	Collection Time
Reception	Computer Suite	8.50– 9.00	3.00-3.10
Year 1	Computer Suite	8.40- 8.50	3.10- 3.20
Year 2	Pedestrian Back Gate (New one which we have used this year due to building works)	8.50- 9.00	3.10- 3.20
Year 3	Vehicular Back Gate	8.50- 9.00	3.20- 3.30
Year 4	Vehicular Back Gate	8.40- 8.50	3.10-3.20
Year 5	Year 6	8.50- 9.00	3.10- 3.20
Year 6	Year 6	8.40- 8.50	3.20- 3.25
Siblings	Year 6	9.00-9.10	3.25- 3.30

Pease only arrive in the time slot allocated to your child's class and once you have collected your children, please leave the areas surrounding the school.

Friday Collection Times (Arrival times don't change)

Year Group	Gate	Collection Time
Reception	Computer Suite	12.30– 12.40
Year 1	Computer Suite	12.40-12.50
Year 2	Pedestrian Back Gate (New one which we have used this year due to building works)	12.50-1.00
Year 3	Vehicular Back Gate	1.00-1.10
Year 4	Vehicular Back Gate	12.50-1.00
Year 5	Year 6	12.50-1.00
Year 6	Year 6	1.00-1.05
Siblings	Year 6	1.05-1.10