

25/07/2023

Dates for your diary

Training Days - Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September

Children return to school - Wednesday 6th September



A message from Miss Francis.....

Dear Parents & Children,

As we approach the Summer break, I always find it a bitter-sweet time because I am so proud of all we have achieved together and of the amazing, hard-working children we are sending off to secondary school. However, I am also sad to see them go! This is especially the case this year as this year's leavers were the final class that I personally taught before becoming headteacher of Leamore. As such, they will always hold a special place within my heart.



I absolutely love my job and I'm proud that the school is going from strength to strength. This year, through hard work, determination and an amazing attitude towards learning, our children have achieved incredible results. This doesn't happen by coincidence - it is a testament to all that have pulled together over the years to help them become the amazing youngsters they are. So, with that in mind, I wanted to say Thank You;

To the teachers and support staff who, regardless of the difficulties, changes to plans, the weather or other unforeseen circumstances, manage to provide amazing experiences and learning opportunities to help our children progress.

To the office staff who manage to organise the finances and permissions whilst also keeping our registration data and policies and still finding time to sort lunches and parents' queries.

To the grounds team and cleaning staff who manage to keep our school looking beautiful and clean.

To the other Leaders who help to ensure that school runs smoothly and the curriculum is continually reviewed so learning is meaningful for our children.

To the Safeguarding and Nurture team who ensure our children are safe, well and get the support they need to be able to enjoy school.

To our Governors who continually support us and work tirelessly to ensure we are providing the best for our children and families.

And, ultimately, to the families and children for helping us to be the caring, committed community that we are. Without you there would be no Leamore and I feel privileged that we all get to work together as one big Leamore family.

In this special 150th year I feel that Leamore is in one of the strongest positions it has been in for decades and I cannot wait to see what the future holds for our school!

I hope that you all have a wonderful break and well-earned rest and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs L. Francis

Home Visits

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new children and their families into our community. Miss Cox & Miss Francis really enjoyed meeting all of our new to school children, ready for them to start Reception in September.
We welcome you all to our Leamore Family.

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TO OUR
family

Year Six Walsall Arboretum Trip



Most of the Year Six children chose a trip to Walsall Arboretum as their treat for a great showing in their SATs. We may have ducked a few showers and been soaked at the end, but we had a great day playing around.

Year Six Woodlands Trip

Year Six has been to Woodlands Activity Centre, near Aldridge. We had such a wonderful time while we were there. We did zip-lining, axe throwing, archery and raft-building. It was a great experience that brought those who went that little closer together before they leave for their secondary places. They were fantastic ambassadors for Leamore.

The children wanted to share a massive thank you to the school for funding the amazing day and the staff and school also wanted to give thanks to the parents that drove the class there and back - we couldn't have had such a good time without the time you spared for us. Thank you!



Year Six Leavers

We are all sad, but proud, to say goodbye to our Year Six children this week. They have worked extremely hard in class to improve themselves and get great grades in their SAT tests. We would like to thank parents for your support and we wish the children the very best of luck in their new schools.

The staff and children would also like to add special thanks to the prom organisers who put on a fantastic show last Thursday. The children had so much fun. Thank you.



Year Six Swimming

Most of the children in Year Six have been swimming this half-term at Bloxwich Leisure Centre. We have worked extremely hard to improve our swimming techniques and skills. We are very proud of how they have done this, especially the children who don't regularly go swimming. Well done!

PE Storage

We always aim to keep our school grounds neat, tidy and presentable, we hope you agree that our news sheds for PE storage make a great addition to the playground.



School Council 2023

Last week, children in Years 1-5 wrote a speech that expressed why they felt they would be a strong advocate for the School Council. They then presented these to their year groups; allowing them to vote for who they wanted to represent their class. This week, the new School Council members voted for their Chair and Vice Chair. These are our new members for the upcoming year:

Chair
Harry



Vice Chair
Eden Cassell



Councillors

Verity-Rae Ebbans



Georgi Green



Anthony Nwoye



Rosey Cannon



Kavish Sharma



Fatiha Khatun



Suryaveer Singh



Eesa Khan



Charlotte Whinyates



Carnival is Colour

On Friday 14th July, Year 3 performed at the Walsall Art Gallery. Over the last term Year 3 have been working their socks off to learn two dance routines that represent Jamaican culture. They took part in the Carnival in Colour performance alongside ACE dance company and other schools in our local area. We are all so proud of the children and it was an amazing experience that we will never forget! Well done Year 3!



Music Performance

Children in KS2 have been learning a new musical instrument over the last year. They have been having lessons with Ruth Crowson from the Forest Arts centre every Monday. On Monday 17th July, they had the opportunity to perform in assembly pieces that they have learnt. We were all blown away by how well they played and how much they have improved since beginning their music lessons. A big well done to you all!



Sports Day

A huge well done to all the children for taking part in this year's Sports Days! The children across the school enjoyed taking part in a variety of races this year, which included races such as the sprint, egg and spoon race and the relay! Thank you for your continued support, coming to cheer your children on and even taking part in some races yourselves!



The children in Nursery with their certificates and medals!



Year 4 Enjoying Cheering On Their House Team and Competing.

Discovery Time

Dance

Miss Cox had so much fun working with your fabulous children during discovery time this half term. Thank you for allowing them to stay.

They picked up the moves quickly & despite some nerves they were confident enough to perform their short but sweet routine at the 150th celebration fete.

To bring our sessions to an end they had the honour of working with a 'expert' last week. Chloe danced from a young age at Premier Dance Company before going on to train professionally at Performers College in Essex.

Performers College is an Higher and Further Education College. Their creative space not only nurtures talent; it also enables future generations to find their place within the Performing Arts industry. The underlying principles of Performers College is for students of various ability and race to have an equal opportunity to fulfil their ambition of a career in dance and/or musical theatre. Chloe worked with the children

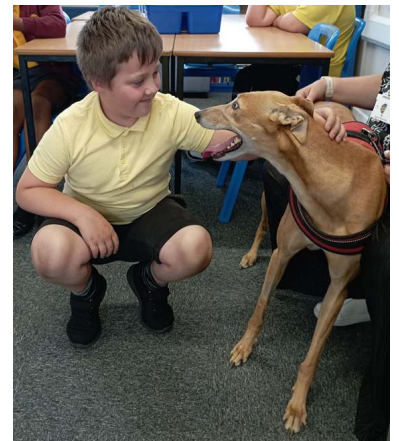
throughout the session & answered any questions they had.
I hope it inspired their minds & opened up the world of dance & musical theatre to them.



Animal Welfare

The children that took part in the Animal Welfare group were an absolute delight to work with! They looked at newly hatched chickens and handled these with care. They were then able to visit the following week to see how much they had grown. We also had the opportunity to look at tortoises and discuss the needs of reptiles and how certain animals can need a lot of specialist equipment if we want to keep these as pets at home.

Children also had a visit from a retired, rescued greyhound (which they loved) and found out a lot about different animal charities that support unwanted or abandoned animals. Children found out about the rights of animals and how to be a responsible pet owner.



I was so impressed at the maturity of the children and how much thought and care they showed towards the animals. Many have said that they would like to work with animals in the future so I am sure that we have some Vets in the making!

First Aid

Miss Baker and Miss Bird have enjoyed working with your children this half term, each week they have shown such enthusiasm and maturity and have become excellent experts in dealing with emergencies. the recovery position. CPR, bandages and how to help a casualty that is choking.

The children who took part all commented how important these life skills are as you never know when you are faced with an emergency situation.

Thank you for allowing your children to stay and take part. It has been a very valuable learning experience for them.



Recycling Art

Miss Holford thoroughly enjoyed working with children from all year groups when creating art using recycled materials. They were able to use a range of different mediums to help them with their final pieces. We completed some research to allow us to develop our understanding of endangered animals. We created elephants using newspaper and cardboard.



As well as this, we had an 'expert' come in to speak to the club about what they could do with their artistic understanding. We were able to see how art could be developed and how we could have aspirations for our future.



Basketball Club

Mr Dwyer was blown away by the maturity and engagement of the basketballers this cycle. They learned the skills, developed their understanding of tactics and learned the importance of working as a team if they wanted to be successful.



Gardening Club

Mrs Heydon and Mrs Roberts have been blown away by the enthusiasm of the pupils participating in Gardening Club. They have been very busy preparing the school planters by digging, weeding, adding compost and fertiliser (coffee grounds) and turning the soil over in readiness for planting. They have carefully removed flowers to go into pots in the playground and have seen progress with the growth of their radishes and potatoes from earlier sessions. Carrot seeds have also been sown at school and the children have planted their own radishes and carrot seeds in pots using the skills they have learnt and will nurture these at home over the summer break.



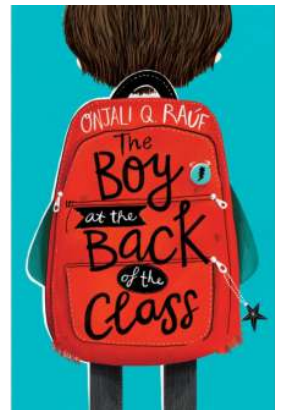
Girls Science

This half term we have looked at empowering women who are in leading STEM roles across the country. We have done binary code, coding, made hovercrafts and robotic arms. Our expert was a blood analyst from Stoke Hospital who gave the girls an insightful talk about how she got to where she is and what science everyday can look like for girls.



Book Club

Mrs Cripps has been blown away by her book club group this half-term. What an amazing group of fantastic readers! We took on the challenge of reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' and each week we have read, discussed and discovered what happened in each character. We've made predictions and completed extra creative tasks about the book. Each and every child has shown brilliant reading skills, understanding and respect for each other when sharing their views and ideas on the text. We discovered what it takes to be an author in our last week and heard from authors on their inspirations and tips on how to be a good writer... The most important tip was to be a keen reader! The children have all had a copy of the text to take home and keep and I hope they enjoy the ending as much as I did!



Beach Trip





Brownies



2nd Bloxwich Brownies are looking for girls from the age of 7 to 10 years old, to join them on a Thursday evening. **Being a Brownie is adventurous.** We make new friends, and have lots of fun doing craft activities, play games, going on trips, working towards badges and going away on Brownie camp for weekends.

We meet at the Blakenall United Reform Church, Blakenall Lane. From 6:15 to 7:45pm. **Are you interested? If so Please ask your parents to go online**

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Email.... bloxwich2brownies@btinternet.com.... and register you and we will be in contact..... We are all looking forward to meetin you very soon.



Tri-it Walsall

Why not give it a go!

Inspired by the legacy of Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, 'Tri-It' events offer the chance for residents to have a go at different fun activities at our parks in Walsall.

Activities include inflatables and funfair rides, local community sport and activity groups.

Activities are suitable for all ages and abilities. Local groups will also attend to promote their services for the community.

Wednesday 2 August 2023 1.30pm to 4.30pm

King George V Playing Fields, Bloxwich, Walsall, WS3 3NJ

Wednesday 9 August 2023 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Pleck Park, Pleck, Walsall, WS2 9DE

Wednesday 16 August 2023 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Holland Park, Brownhills, Walsall, WS8 7JB

Wednesday 23 August 2023 from 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Kings Hill Park, Darlaston, Walsall, WS10 7TP

Activities on offer subject to change. *Charges apply to go on some rides.

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No need to book
– just turn up



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