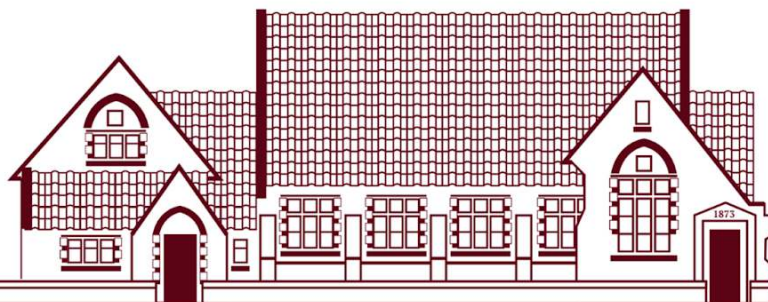


Leamore Primary School

'An aspiring journey to a bright future.'

Newsletter



Dear Parents / Carers

7th July 2023

As you will know, last week saw Leamore Primary school celebrating its 150 year anniversary. What a proud moment for our school! I hope your children were able to tell you about the activities that took place last week and hopefully they will remember the week as one of fun and excitement.

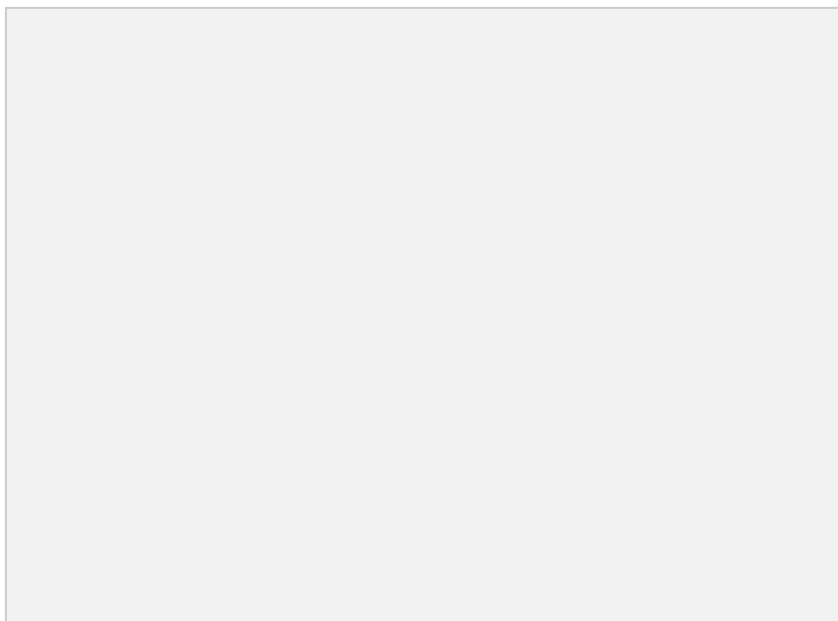
As Chair of Governors I was delighted to be able to see first hand the variety of events which took place. Monday saw the children taking part in a variety of games including a tug o' war and hoops and sticks in the playground as well as a Punch and Judy show in the hall, where the puppeteer demonstrated the traditional antics of the infamous pair.



On Tuesday afternoon the hall was transformed to provide an afternoon tea for past pupils, past staff and invited guests. I myself was a pupil of Leamore leaving in 1969 so it was lovely to catch up with some old school friends who I haven't seen for a very long time. The guests were treated to a guided tour of school by some of the children who pointed out the original parts of the building as well as the new additions. It was also an opportunity to uncover the air raid shelter below the school playground, which is now used annually as a teaching resource for wartime topics. The children were very knowledgeable and did school proud!



On Wednesday, the children were able to experience school life in Victorian times as we were visited by a Victorian school teacher. Mr Stern, dressed in appropriate attire, created the perfect atmosphere when recognising the many 'shameful' choices staff and pupils displayed. He also reiterated the importance of the three Rs and put staff to the test in repeating their alphabet....backwards. The class took delight in seeing their teachers put through the mill as they learned how strict school was in the past. Some staff were unfortunately beyond saving and were indeed 'caned' for their behaviour!



On Thursday, we were lucky to be visited by an ex-pupil Professor Lloyd Peck who is a Marine Biologist working for the British Antarctic Survey. Professor Peck delivered a special assembly all about Antarctica and Mr Ellison kindly volunteered to wear the 6 layers of clothing that you have to wear to survive the cold there. It can get as cold as -90 degrees centigrade! I can't imagine how cold that would feel.

Professor Peck also unveiled a special commemorative plaque which is displayed next to the old door of our building.



Interspersed throughout the day we also had dancing through the decades, with pupils learning dances such as the Swing and the Charleston. We ended the day with a fashion parade to show off all of the amazing outfits that children had arrived wearing. It was quite a packed day!



Finally on Friday we were lucky to be visited by the Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of the West Midlands. He met with the school councillors for a tour of the school and then planted our first tree in celebration of 150 years. This will form part of a natural boundary between the school and Leamore Park behind, with more planting to follow! He was very impressed with the maturity shown by our school councillors and how well they carry out the role that they have been elected for.



During the afternoon, the whole school came together to form an enormous 150 on the playground. A drone captured some fantastic aerial images and clips of this, giving us a lovely keepsake to commemorate our 150th birthday! Pupils were very excited to see the drone and the final images. It was an amazing experience for them.

video



And then, as many of you will know, we had a school fete opened by the Walsall Mayor.



What a week it was! I will certainly remember the week as one full of exciting activities aimed at celebrating our long history and showcasing our brilliant school. Our children were fantastic throughout the week and showed themselves to be great ambassadors of the school. Thank you for taking the time to support our activities, especially dressing the children for the fashion through the decades. They looked fabulous!

Leamore has always had a special place in my heart because I absolutely loved my time here. Let's hope our children today will look back with fond memories of their time here too.

Cath Thompson (Chair of Governors)

Please scan this QR code to be taken to the newspaper article written by the Express & Star.



Express & Star