



Leamore News

(Summer 2019)



INSET DAYS- SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 2nd September
Tuesday 3rd September

SUMMER BREAK DATES

Saturday 20th July 2019 -
Tuesday 3rd September 2019

BACK TO SCHOOL

Wednesday 3th September 2019
First Day Back – Normal Time

We are thrilled with our improved results this year.

Year 2 SATS				
	2018		2019	
	Expected National Standard and Above	Greater Depth (Above the Expected National Standard)	Expected National Standard and Above	Greater Depth (Above the Expected National Standard)
Reading	50%	10%	70%	23%
Writing	23%	3%	63%	17%
Maths	63%	16%	73%	23%

Year 6 SATS				
	2018		2019	
	Expected National Standard and Above	Greater Depth (Above the Expected National Standard)	Expected National Standard and Above	Greater Depth (Above the Expected National Standard)
Reading	52%	3%	70%	20%
Writing	48%	3%	73%	18%
Maths	38%	0%	70%	10%
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	48%	0%	67%	13%
Combined	31%	0%	57%	6%

Attendance News

Half-Term Attendance Winners

The class with the highest attendance in Summer One was:

Y6 – 97.5%

**Y5 – 95.9%, R – 95.9%, Y1 – 94.8%,
Y3 – 92.8%, Y2 – 91.7%,
Y4 – 89.6%**

The class with the highest attendance in Summer Two was:

Y2 – 97%

**Y1 – 96.7%, Y5 – 96.7%, Y4 – 96.7%
Y6 – 96.3%, Y3 – 95.2%, R – 94.2%,**

Every School Day Counts

There are 171 Non School Days a Year (weekends, holidays, bank holidays and inset days)- That is 171 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs or other appointments.

194 DAYS FOR YOUR CHILDS EDUCATION EACH YEAR	8 DAYS ABSENCE	16 DAYS ABSENCE	20 DAYS ABSENCE. A TERM MISSED.	30 DAYS ABSENCE. A TERM MISSED	59 DAYS ABSENCE
	186 DAYS OF EDUCATION	178 DAYS OF EDUCATION	174 DAYS OF EDUCATION	164 DAYS OF EDUCATION	135 DAYS OF EDUCATION
100%	95.9%	92%	90%	80%	70%
Good- Best chance of success for your child. They are off to a flying start.	Worrying- Less chance of success for your child. It makes it harder for them to make progress.		Serious concern- This is not fair on your child. Court Action will be taken if no improvement is made.		

PTA Update

The PTA meet monthly and have worked tirelessly to improve our outdoor area with the upkeep of our plants and flowers. They also volunteer to prepare the toast, which is extremely popular and wouldn't be available without them.

PTA Disco was a huge success, and an enjoyable way to end the year.

WE NEED YOU – If you have any availability please contact Miss Francis as we are always looking for new PTA members.

Ofsted & Local Authority Visit

As you know Ofsted came into school recently to undertake a monitoring inspection visit. Please use this link to see the full report.

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/104157>

We are thrilled with this and feel that it truly reflects the position the school is now in after all the hard work over the past 11 months

As this was a monitoring visit under section 8 (as opposed to a full visit under section 5) the overall rating is unchanged. However, we are confident that when we have our next section 5 full inspection we will be rated as a **Good** school. Hopefully that visit will be within the next 6 – 8 months.

Teachers and staff at Leamore are giving Leamore children a good education that will set them up for life.

This Ofsted visit was followed up by an article published in the Birmingham mail. Please use this link to see the full article.

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/black-country/ofsted-hails-walsall-schools-rapid-16525822>

The local authority also visited us this term and supported Ofsted's views.

Trips and Visits

Y6 Residential

Year 6 got to go on a fantastic residential where children played team games, built rafts, crossed water bridges and climbed rock walls. They even did some abseiling. They had such a great time and conquered a few fears and were very supportive and encouraging of each other when other members felt scared. Well done year 6. We are very proud of the young people you have turned out to be :-).



Black Country Dance Festival

Our afterschool dance club performed at Forest Arts as part of the Black Country Dance Festival
Well Done Girls, you were amazing.



International Dance Day

Each year Group participated in a work-shop ran by Premier Dance company as part of international dance day.



Y4 Violin

Over the past 9 weeks, Year 4 have been learning how to play the violin. They have worked hard to label the different components such as the scroll and fingerboard. From this they recognised the order of the strings and began to pluck a sequence of notes! Once they were confident with this, Year 4 started to use the bow. Towards the end of this half term, they have been working extremely hard to learn the rhythm and notes in order to play 'hold my hand' by Jess Glynn!

Year 4 were also given the opportunity to play their music to members of a live orchestra! They were able to be taught by them and gain very useful advice! So much so, Year 4 begin their journey of musical note readings! What a wonderful 9 weeks it has been!



End of Year Picnic

The children used the Arboretum grounds to take part in team games and had a lot of fun on the climbing frames and play equipment. It was lovely seeing them working together, taking turns and helping each other to complete physical tasks. Year 5 supported the younger children and were excellent role models. Children enjoyed their picnic and were even joined by an inquisitive squirrel that wanted to share the sandwiches! The children were excellent ambassadors for the school with members of the public commenting on their kind behaviour towards other children and impeccable manners, it was a pleasure to take them out. Everyone had a lovely day!



Workshops

Transition

Thank you to all the parents that attended our Transition Session for Parents. We hope the meeting was informative and you enjoyed meeting your children's new teacher.

A current reception parent who attended Year One's transition has said "the meeting was brill, she covered everything that needed to be covered and we got all the information we needed"

A Reception parent who is new to Leamore said "All information was on hand and was very useful"

A current Year 4 parent said "It was lovely to meet the teacher and see the classroom where our kids will be"

A current Year 2 parent said "Mr Price seems like a lovely man, I'm really pleased Tommy will be in his class, also the meeting went smoothly as always"

Phonics Screening

Thank you to our Year One parents that attended the Phonics Workshop Meeting. We are pleased to publish this year's results.

A very big Well-Done Year One for working so hard.

Phonics Screening 2019

Year 1 80% (24/30)

Year 2 97% (29/30)

Special Congratulations



Young Writers

Congratulations to our Year 4 Pupils who entered the Young Writers' poetry competition. This competition involved primary schools all over the UK. There were over 12,000 entries and from these 27/30 of our Year 4 entries will be published in a book showcasing Young Writers' work called 'Once upon a dream'.

Poems were selected based on imagination, creativity and use of language.

Express and Star 'Design an Ad' Competition

Leamore took part in this year's Express and Star 'Design an Ad' Competition for budding designers!

We are delighted to announce that Gabrielle Bainbridge was our winner for the competition. She attended a special presentation with her parents and Miss Thomas where she received a prize and certificate. The school have also been awarded £50.

<https://www.expressandstar.com/news/local-hubs/wolverhampton/2019/07/11/design-an-ad-children-wow-judges-at-express-star-competition/>

Special Days / Charity Events

Sports Day - We were overwhelmed with the support from our families for Sports Day this year. Years 5 and 6, for the first time, attended Wolverhampton University to compete in sports day. It was a hugely successful day and selected children from this event were recognised for their sporting ability and have been invited to attend Birchfield Harriers Academy, the UK's Premier Athletics Club. Birchfield Harriers have many Olympic Athletes, Denise Lewis and Mark Lewis- Francis to name a few. All remaining Year Groups took part in a variety of events. Even staff had a go!!!

Sports for Champions - We were extremely lucky to have Olympian Shot-Put Athlete Eden Francis in school to run sponsored workshops with our children. As a school we raised a magnificent £973.10. After administration costs the school received 60% of the funds and Eden received 40%.



My Money Week – Children now have experience of how maths, money and everyday life are interlinked. Year Five children are now all aware what a bank statement looks like and how this works; allowing them to track their spending easily. They understand what a budget is and how difficult it is to run a household, managing a budget that is tight. They problem solved considering luxuries and necessities making difficult decisions when needed. A child reportedly said “I didn’t know my mom had to pay for all of these things! I won’t keep asking for toys now” Some children even thought electricity, gas and water was free. Good real-life experiences.



Year 6 Drama Workshop- Year 6 were lucky enough to take part in a drama workshop with West End star Cameron Sharp. It was an amazing opportunity for the children to be taught by a West End professional. As part of their experience they learned a high impact routine based on the hit musical School of Rock - which they performed as part of their end of year performance. Well done year 6 – You Rock!



Summer in Early Years- Reception have had a magical summer term. They have watched in amazement as their tiny caterpillars transformed into cocoons then finally into beautiful butterfly's. Even more growing took place as the children eagerly waited 21 days for their eggs to hatch into chicks. 'Cheep' was a wonderful additional to our classroom.



A Message from Our Chair
(Cath Thompson)

What an amazing end to a fantastic year at Leamore! It has been a privilege for me as Chair of Governors to play a role in supporting our incredibly hard-working team of staff who have driven forward school improvement this year. Our Ofsted visit on 5th June 2019 highlighted a number of really positive things including our “positive ethos where high expectations of both staff and pupils have created a culture of ambition and aspiration.” Behaviour was described as “impeccable” and one pupil told the Ofsted Inspector that “school is magical”. Wow! What a change from last year. I look forward to seeing what next year brings for us all. But in the meantime, I want to add my thanks to all staff, parents and carers for making Leamore the great community it is.

A Message from Our Interim Headteacher
(Miss Francis)

As we move towards the close of another school year, my first full year as interim Head Teacher at Leamore Primary School, I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your continued support. It has been wonderful to receive so many positive comments from parents, carers and the local and wider community that reflects the growing confidence in our school.

Staff have also been reflecting together on our successes and celebrations as a school and we would like to use this final newsletter to share and celebrate our school's achievements with you too. This month we received our KS2 SATs results and we are delighted - achieving the best results we've had in 5 years!

We are extremely proud of the achievements of our Year 6 children and know that we send them on to their new secondary schools having had some wonderful, memorable learning experiences and with all of the strong, basic skills they will need to flourish.

In addition to our measurable academic achievements, we value many things here at Leamore – some of which are unmeasurable; sporting, music, linguistic and citizenship skills are all embedded in our curriculum and get celebrated too, as you will see in this newsletter and on Twitter.

I started my teaching career at Leamore exactly 20 years ago and I would just like to say – I have never been as proud of Leamore as I am today. Thank you once again for working with us to ensure our pupils are safe and happy and encouraged to 'dream, believe and achieve' as they work towards their goals and ambitions. It really does show that, together, we will achieve greatness. Have a lovely Summer.

Dates for your diary

World First Aid Day- September 14th 2019

Roald Dahl Day-Friday 13th September 2019

Jeans for Genes Day- Friday 20th September 2019

Leamore Street Market – 4th October 2019

Black History Month – October 2019

Harvest Festival - 26th September 2019 (Donations of tinned and dried food)

Other dates for academic year 2019/2020 to be sent out September

Coming Soon

Parent Pay

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