

Leamore News

(Easter 2019)

INSET DAYS- SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 22nd July 2019

Attendance News

Half-Term Attendance Winners

The class with the highest attendance for Spring 1:

Year Five

The class with the highest attendance for Spring 2:

Year Six

Spring 1 & 2 Competition Winners:

R - Lily-Mae / Katrina-Vee

Y1 - Alfie / Frankie

Y2 - Oliver / Liam

Y3 - Maisie / Alfie

Y4 - Holly / Ryder

Y5 - Sophie / Lewis

Y6 - Jacob/ Shannon

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 EDUCATIO N 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

A raffle promoted by the PTA took place following the parade, congratulations to all the winners of the chocolate easter eggs.

We are pleased to inform you that, after the Easter break, your children will be able to ride to school as we will be fitting bike racks to securely lock up children's bikes within the school grounds (PTA funded).

PTA will arrange a sponsored sports event in the Summer - details to follow once they are known.

School Council

The school council members were lucky enough to go to London and visit the Houses of Parliament in Westminster! They met our Local MP Mr Eddie Hughes who gave them certificates to commemorate our visit to Parliament, as well as seeing Big Ben, 10 Downing Street, the River Thames and Westminster Abbey. When we went inside the Houses of Parliament, we were lucky enough to sit in the gallery of both the House of Commons and House of Lords, we even watched a debate which was being aired live on television.



Workshops

A local author: Simon Taylor

To celebrate World Book Day 2019, A local children's author - Simon Taylor - attended Leamore to promote a love of reading and share his new book, 'Imogen and the children from Undurbedd.'

Simon read the first chapter from his book and included the children and staff in interactive activities alongside it to make the reading come alive.

Finally, Simon chose children who had impressed him throughout the day to receive a signed, first-edition copy of his book.



British Science Week

To celebrate British Science Week the whole school took part in a variety of investigations regarding 'Journeys'.

The children took part in different experiments to find out about these journeys.



Children said "I learnt that there is stomach acid", "I learnt that metamorphic rock is made by heat and rocks clumping together over decades. I had a great time", "I learnt that we have 2 intestines not 1", "We learnt that that force makes objects move"

E-Safety workshop

We would like to say a massive thank you to the parents who attended our E-safety workshops this half-term. The internet is such a prevalent part of our children's life and it is essential that we teach and help them to stay safe online.

If you couldn't make the workshop then we would like to share the following main messages to help keep your family safe:

- Make sure your child only accesses age appropriate information and apps eg Fortnite is a PEGI 12+ game.
- If children have access to apps with in-app purchases, make sure you lock the areas you do not wish them to access.
- Supervise children where possible online and make sure they only play with their 'real-life' friends.

Reception Writing Workshop

Thank you to those parents that attended our IMPACT session.

We hope you found it useful and we look forward to seeing the children's writing that they do at home.

School Nurse

Parents attended a really informative afternoon where they were introduced to Tryphine, our school nurse.

If you were unable to attend this session, I would encourage you to contact the number below as various workshops are available. Such as understanding your child's behaviour, living healthy lifestyles and toileting. Gemma Perry attended this event and said, 'I found the workshop really useful and informative and a benefit to family life.'

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Boosters

Year 6 and Year 2 have taken part in SATs boosters this term and they have been very successful.

Parents and children from Year 2 said, they have really enjoyed the boosters and they have been really helpful.

Children in Year 6 have said that they are improving even more at Maths and SPaG from the boosters.

One parent said "The girls are really finding it helpful. They are doing the homework that is sent after the booster and I can help them as I understand it better too."

Year 6 booster will continue for two weeks after the Easter holiday in the run up to SATs.

Parent/Teacher meetings

Thank you for attending our Parent /Teacher meetings. Almost every parent came along to meet with class teachers and have a look at the children's work. We hope you found the sessions helpful, we certainly did.

We are sure that you were all impressed by the work the children have done and by the progress that the children have made. There were also some delightful comments shared by parents and carers following the meetings, a big thank you for those.

Special Days / Charity Events

Red Nose day - Thank you for all your donations towards Comic relief
- we raised £187.87



Fairtrade - The whole school took part in Fairtrade Fortnight.

We looked at what Fairtrade is, how it helps and the products produced.



Shakespeare Week - Each class took part in celebrating Shakespeare Week, looking at all he had achieved and how he has influenced the literature today. Take a look at the class blog to see all of the fun activities.



World Poetry Day - To celebrate World Poetry Day (21.03.19) the children all learnt and shared an age appropriate poem. Year 6 recorded their reimagination the Shakespeare 'Witches chant' from Macbeth into a rap and posted it on the class blog for all to see.

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Easter Bonnet - Thank you to all for your hard work on the amazing bonnets this year. All the children put on an incredible show and well done to the winners.

EYFS - Christian Whinyates & Elodie Witton

Y1 - Georgi Green & Luke Turner

Y2 - Cayden Frew & Amelia Adkins

KS2 - Ava Goldie, Hollie Edwards, Lewis Frew & Wyatt Hammonds

KS2 Easter Show - KS2 presented an amazing show at St John's Church to show how we can celebrate Easter. All of KS2 took part in singing a song and each year group presented celebrating Easter in a different way, such as poems and drama. Thank you to all for attending.



Down Syndrome Awareness –

To help raise awareness of Down Syndrome, we asked the children to wear odd socks to school. Thank you to all those children who took part in this worldwide 'lots of socks' campaign.

Deaf Awareness Week - Leamore were lucky enough to get a visit from Fletch, a Sign Song performer. She works by translating the words of a song and performing in sign language to give the deaf community access to music. It was an honour to welcome her into school to teach Year 5, it was an emotional and powerful, visual experience. Y5 filmed their own signed song- please see our class blog.

Trips and Visits

The Tiger who came to tea!

Reception went to Birmingham Town Hall this term to see the stage show of the Tiger who came to tea.

At the show, the children watched with amazement as the tiger ate all of the food in Sophie's Kitchen.

We even took part in Tiger aerobics.



Year 3's visit from Bescot Football team

Year 3 were lucky enough to be visited by two Walsall Football Club players. Zeli Ismail and Morgan Ferrier came and carried out a football workshop, where the children learnt passing, team building and striking skills. The children asked the players lots of interesting questions such as; how many goals have you made this season and how many times do you train in a week?

One child said "the best part for me was when I was in goal for the penalty shootout." Another child said "I had lots of fun and the team game was great."



Digital Detox

On Wednesday 27th March, Year 6 had a fantastic presentation from an A-Level student from Queen Mary's Grammar School. He spoke to the children about having a digital detox and the pro's and con's of online gaming and social media.

The workshop looked at many aspects of staying safe online including many of the platforms accessed by our children (Fortnite, Snapchat, Messenger etc).



A Message from Our Chair (Cath Thompson)

What a great start we have had to 2019 with the variety of activities for our children. As a school we try to balance our focus on delivering our core curriculum and providing other experiences which give opportunities for the children to take part in. I know that the visit to the Houses of Parliament by the school council was especially successful. I wish I could have joined them! In February we had a visit from the Local Authority to review behaviour in school and I am pleased to report that we had great positive feedback about this. They said "The standard of behaviour of the children throughout the school was good with polite and respectful interactions seen between the children and adults." I know that all of the Leamore team are working hard to raise standards in school and I believe we are now seeing the benefits of this. Thank you to Miss Francis and the team for making Leamore such a special place for our children.

A Message from Miss Francis (Headteacher)

What an amazing half-term it has been! The children have achieved many things, both in their learning and in extra-curricular activities. As always, all of the children continue to be such a credit to Leamore in whatever they do. Many of our classes enjoyed outside visits this half-term to extend and enhance their learning experience and we are very proud of the comments and words of praise that hosts and members of the public share about our pupils. From personal experience, these visits are so inspiring to our children. Our school council recently visited London as part of UK parliament week: seeing the houses of parliament; meeting MPs and seeing some of London's most iconic landmarks. Seeing their enjoyment and amazement made me reminiscent of a similar trip from my own school experience that ultimately inspired me to become a teacher. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work and care for the children at our school. Last but by no means least thank you to all the parents and carers for your support throughout the term, the school community continues to be a real strength here at Leamore.

Dates for your diary

SATs KS2 - Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May

SATs KS1 - Monday 20th May - Friday 24th May

Walk to school week - Monday 20th May - Friday 24th May

Wednesday 26th June - EYFS Sports Day

Thursday 27th June - KS1 Sports Day

Monday 1st July - Wednesday 3rd July - Year 6 Residential

School assemblies

Thursday 9th May - Year 1 assembly

Thursday 16th May - Reception assembly

Thursday 23rd May - Year 2 assembly

Thursday 27th May - Year 4 assembly

Thursday 4th July - Year 5 assembly