

## HEADLINES

*ENJOY, CARE, AIM HIGH AND SUCCEED TOGETHER*

The school has been buzzing with excitement and enthusiasm this week due to the strange arrival of the mysterious shed in our playground. I have been inundated with theories from excited children. Parents have commented on how much their children have been enjoying the week. One parent posted on Facebook on Tuesday, "Had a very excited daughter telling me about lighting fires and making bread today. You've certainly provided some interesting learning today. Thank you."

Well done to our children, staff and parents for making this week such a success and particularly to Miss Banks for her hard work behind the scenes.

On Tuesday we had a visit by some secondary school heads. They were bowled over by the learning that was taking place. More importantly they were impressed by the togetherness in which the whole staff were working across the school and said that the school felt inspirational. One commented "Everywhere we went all the pupils were focused on their learning (much of it impressively independent and child-led) and they were also so polite and respectful to us as visitors, each other and all the staff".

Finally a well-done to our LHS Runners for completing the 10k London Winter Run on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017. As you are aware, this was in memory of Maureen Leo and also for everyone in the school community who has been affected by cancer. They have raised over £1300. This is a huge achievement and a big thank you to everyone who supported them either through sponsoring or encouragement.

**James Roach**

**Headteacher @HeadLHS**



## Mystery Week

This week we were solving a mystery about a shed suddenly appearing in the school's KS2 playground. We also found a campfire surrounded by bricks so we tried to solve the mystery by investigating.

Marco—Year 5.

When we came back from the half term holiday there was a shed in the middle of the playground! The teachers said that our schedule would change this week. First I thought I would not enjoy this week, but I actually enjoyed myself. My favourite lesson was finding the code to the lock on the shed. We also learned how to make bread and fire!

Sadia—Year 5.

There was a shed with a lock. We all guessed a number and I guessed 007 and when we put that number in the shed opened!

Safaya – Reception.

Goldilocks is in the shed because she is hiding from the three bears because she ate the porridge. Mahek - Reception.

Goldilocks gave us a letter today saying she couldn't find her mummy. I decided that we could make a map to show her the way home.

Leo – Reception.

We wrote a note to Goldilocks to see if she was in the shed. We also made a missing poster. I drew a picture of her and wrote that she had a blue dress. Zaki - Reception.

Mrs Branigan gave us some clues about the padlock on the shed; it was 3 digit number with an odd number at the end, the digits added up to 7, and the first two digits were the same. We found out that the number was 007 and we opened and door. There was a chair and a table with antlers and bones on it and a sleeping bag and a 'Three Little Pigs' book on the floor. We talked about our homes and thought about ideas that make home.

Yesterday, a parcel came from the office and there were bread ingredients in it. We mixed them all together made some bread and we lit a fire. We twirled the bread around a stick and cooked it on the fire.

When I got home my mum asked 'have you been near anything that smokes?' When I got home I told my dad that I had cooked bread on a fire and he said 'that's good'.

Martha & Sadiq—Year 2.



## Open Afternoon Foundation, Years 1, 3, 4 and 5

As you will have seen from the letter sent home on 7 February, this half term the children will be participating in a whole range of learning activities, designed to broaden the children's skills and learning styles.

We would like to share these exciting experiences with you and celebrate the learning the children have been completing. Parents of children in Foundation, Year 1, 3, 4 and 5 please join us on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm to find out everything that has been happening over the spring term. Due to the upcoming SATs, Years 2 and 6 will be completing their projects in the summer term.

## Watford Cycle Hub Sunday 26 February

Watford cycle hub are organising cycle races for children.

You will need to register to take part at <http://watfordcyclehub.org.uk/events/1262/watford-cycle-hub-go-ride-racing/>.

More information is available via this link.

Meet at Watford Cycle Hub, King George 5<sup>th</sup> Playing Fields, Tolpits Lane.

10.30 a.m. registration for 11 a.m. start and 1.30 p.m. finish.

Entry fee £2 payable on the day.

All riders aged 6 – 16 are welcome and encouraged to join. Parents welcome to lend their support by cheering on the day!

Year 2 have been getting plenty of fresh air and exercise by running a kilometre!

*Running is fun because I feel proud. I used to run too fast and now I can run and pace myself.*

Haaniya—Year 2.

## Pancake Day!

28<sup>th</sup> February is Shrove Tuesday (it just creped up on us ha ha!). The kitchen are following tradition and will be serving pancakes for dessert. The children will have the choice from selection of delicious toppings including sugar and lemon, syrup or ice cream.

It'll be flipping fun!



## Calling all Herts residents!

The Big Weekend is back for 2017. Thousands of free tickets to a whole host of attractions are up for grabs, all for use on 1st and 2nd April. [www.hertsbigweekend.co.uk](http://www.hertsbigweekend.co.uk)

## Farm Visit

The children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 had a lovely day when the Ark Farm visited us just before half term.

I saw a donkey and a sheep and a dog. I saw pigs and a goat. The pig was pink and had black spots.  
Marta—Year 1.

I saw a black dog that was fluffy and a donkey that was called Ray. I saw pigs that were moaning and a goat.  
Hannah—Year 1.



## Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 28 February**  
Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics finals.  
PTA Meeting 7p.m.  
Pancake Day.

**Thursday 2 March**  
Blue Cross visiting Foundation/KS1

**Monday 6 March**  
Y5 Challenge Cup.

**Friday 10 March**  
Parents open afternoon - see letter dated 7 February.

**Thursday 16 March**  
Year 1 Museum of Childhood visit.

**Monday 20 March**  
Great Big Dance Off.

**Friday 31 March**  
End of term, school finishes at 2p.m.

The book tokens to celebrate World Book day will be sent home on 2nd March.

# Bellway

Laurance Haines School would like to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to Bellway Northern Home Counties division for supplying and cutting all of the firewood used this week for our exciting project.

## Attendance

The award goes to Cedar Class who have had 100% attendance this week. Overall attendance was down for the weeks before half term, A number of our children have had chickenpox!

## P4C Webpage

The P4C page has been updated on our website. Children can leave comments about each week's Big Question Little Question (Things that make you go Hmmm...). Children can also post comments about their own Question Suggestion.



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