



NEWSLETTER

20TH JUNE 2024

WELCOME

What a week it's been at school! Year 5 came back from Phasels Wood and Activity Week buzzing with excitement - they had an absolute blast! Fears faced, laughs had, voices lost and memories made forever.

This week, the focus has been on design and technology, and I have absolutely loved seeing all the children's work - the creativity and innovation shown have blown me away. From interactive storybooks to healthy smoothie creations, our young minds are certainly shaping up to be the entrepreneurs of tomorrow! Don't forget to check out our Twitter page (X) for a glimpse of all the fun activities the children have been involved in.

Next week, we're gearing up for Proud to be Me week, starting with a non-uniform day on Monday where the kids can showcase what makes them unique.

The school grounds are abuzz with preparations for the Trust Olympics at Woodside Stadium. It's the first time in nearly a decade that the whole school will be competing there together with the other schools in our Trust- such a thrilling opportunity for everyone!

Meanwhile, our Year 6s are in full swing rehearsing for their production of Peter Pan. If their practice sessions are anything to go by, we're in for a real treat - "Oh yes, we are!"

Finally, the sun has come out and let's hope it is here to stay! With that in mind, please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day.

Wishing you all a wonderful long weekend,

Jo Ball
Headteacher

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

Last week was jam-packed full of excitement as Year 5 had their Phasels and activity weeks! 20 of our Year 5 children went to Phasels Wood Activity Centre on a residential trip. Whilst there, as well as eating A LOT of biscuits and snacks, the children had a brilliant time taking part in a range of exciting activities. Some of the children's favourites were abseiling, rock climbing, zorbing, human table football, hungry hippos and archery. It was wonderful to see the children's determination and bravery, as well as how supportive they were of one another. Despite the cold and wet weather (and slightly wet tents), spirits weren't dampened; there was high energy, enthusiasm and excitement throughout the trip.

The children who were staying at school, waved off the Phasels children early on Wednesday morning, full energy and ready for a fun filled week! We went inside and soon started our first activity - salt dough making! The children applied their learnt skills from earlier in the year when we made bread and created really successful salt dough from flour, salt and water. In the afternoon, it was Glow Golf time! The children walked beautifully and were of course a credit to us at LHS. This excellent behaviour continued as we headed down for our glowy excursion, where the children putted balls around the 14-hole course. Over astronauts, through a skateboard maze and into the last hole with a chance to win a prize!

We ventured out to Cassiobury Park on Thursday where the children started the day with some sports day practise showing off their new learnt skills. Then it was time for rounders where they hit and ran with gusto! However, it was then the teachers turn... where of course, the teachers won - the children will have to brush up their skills before the end of Y6! We were lucky enough to enjoy the splash pools after that, and then had a picnic altogether on the grass before a frolic on the large Adventure Playground. The children slid, zip-lined and swung 'til their hearts were content! The walk home felt rather long and tiring but yet again the children showed themselves to be responsible and mature the entire way.

Friday called for lots to eat! We made rocky road bites in the morning - cereal, marshmallows, biscuits and lots and lots of chocolate in the mix! Following a thorough wash and tidy, we watched Wall-E and ate popcorn - yummy! We finished off the day with a trip to the Watford Leisure Centre where the children competed in swimming races with each other in ability groups across the pool! Much fun was had by all and I imagine they all slept very well over the weekend! I know I did!

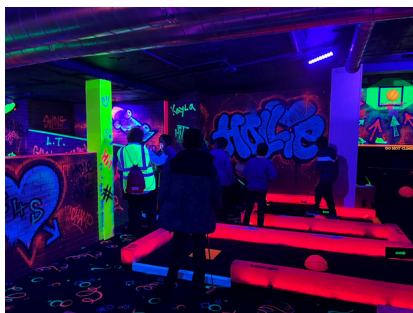
Thank you to all the adults who helped both directly with the children and behind the scenes to make our weeks a reality and so many thanks to the children for a superb and fun week too.

Louise Goss
Year 5 Teacher

PHASELS WOOD AND ACTIVITY WEEK

Activity Week for Year 5 students took place last week from Wednesday to Friday. Some children enjoyed a camping trip to Phasel's Wood for two nights, participating in activities like zorbing and abseiling. Those who stayed behind had an equally exciting time with activities such as glow-in-the-dark golf and the splash park!

For more photos and videos of Year 5's activity week, please check us out on X (formerly Twitter).



MILK FOR AUTUMN TERM 2024

For parents with children currently in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 - 5

The cost of milk for the autumn term is £27.74.

Nursery children moving up to reception class – If your child was born after 21st December 2019 then they are entitled to free school milk. If your child is 5 before 20th December 2024, then you will need to pay if you wish for them to have milk.*

Current Reception, and years 1 - 5 children – If you would like your child to have milk then you will need to pay.*

* Milk is also free for children who receive income related free school meals. Please note that the introduction of free meals for all KS1 children does not include free milk.

To order milk payment must be made through Arbor by Tuesday 16th July 2024. BUT IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE that on Arbor you will now need to:

- 1) Go to "School Shop"
- 2) Select "School Shop Products"
- 3) Select "Milk for Autumn 2024"
- 4) Click on the quantity and select "1"
- 5) Select "Buy Product"
- 6) Select "Pay Now" and then make payment.

Please contact the school office if you have any problems



NO SCHOOL FRIDAY 21ST JUNE



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Wellbeing Day (No school) - Friday 21st June
- Proud to be Me Day (No Uniform) - Monday 24th June
- IMAT Olympic Day - Friday 28th June
- Nursery Closed - Monday 1st July
- Year 6 Activity week - Week of 1st July
- Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip - Monday 1st July
- Electric Umbrella performance - Monday 8th July
- Nursery Closed - Thursday 11th July
- Transition Day - Thursday 11th July
- Whole School Beach Trip - Wednesday 17th July
- End of Term - Friday 19th July 1:30pm

YEAR 1 WRITING

Year 1 have been writing their own version of Jack and the Beanstalk. They started by exploring the features of traditional tales and discussing the ones that they already know, like Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Bears. They then planned their own version, using their imagination to change the character. They used adjectives, senses and story telling language to tell the story. Year 1 have made amazing progress with their writing this year and have really enjoyed being imaginative and creating their own unique ideas!



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