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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It has been a busy two weeks; from dressing up for World Book Day to dog safety workshops, we have certainly had a full and varied two weeks!

World Book Day



What a fantastic World Book Day! The children looked great in their outfits and there was a real buzz around the school. During the day, the children carried out lots of exciting activities based around books, such as: painting crafts, creating posters, retelling stories, writing book reviews and lots more. Some classes watched the live lesson by BBC Teach, which featured lots of famous authors and, of course, they enjoyed watching the 'Masked Reader'. Don't forget

that your £1 book tokens are valid until Sunday 26th March.



Science Week

Next week we will be celebrating Science Week. This year the theme is 'Connections'. Mrs Proctor, our Science lead, has been busy behind the scenes organising visitors, talks and workshops in order to fully immerse the children in all things science! Mrs Proctor will be sending out a letter next week about how to get involved. It is sure to be a great week! Don't forget to check our Twitter and Facebook pages to see what the children are getting up to.

Attendance

Our Trust and Local Governors are looking closely at attendance and having professional discussions around how we can all work together to improve attendance for ALL children. It is also high on the Department for Education's list of priorities. Our trust's target is 96%, so Little Leigh's target is 96%. At parent's evening, your child's class teacher will be sharing your child's attendance with you – so please check how it compares to 96%. Once again, we would like to work with you all in ensuring you think carefully before taking your child out on a holiday in term time. If you are thinking about this, please come into school to talk about your plans and let's keep absence to a minimum – thank you all in anticipation.

Parent's Evenings

We hope you have all made appointments to see your child's teacher w/c 20th March (Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd). Please remember that slots are only 10 minutes long and we would appreciate that if there is anything significant you would like to discuss, please make a separate appointment. Prior to and following the meeting, you will be able to spend time looking at your children's work as there is so much to celebrate! There will also be a class IPAD available so that you can browse our digital personal development books – we have certainly been very busy and can't wait to share this with you.

Reading

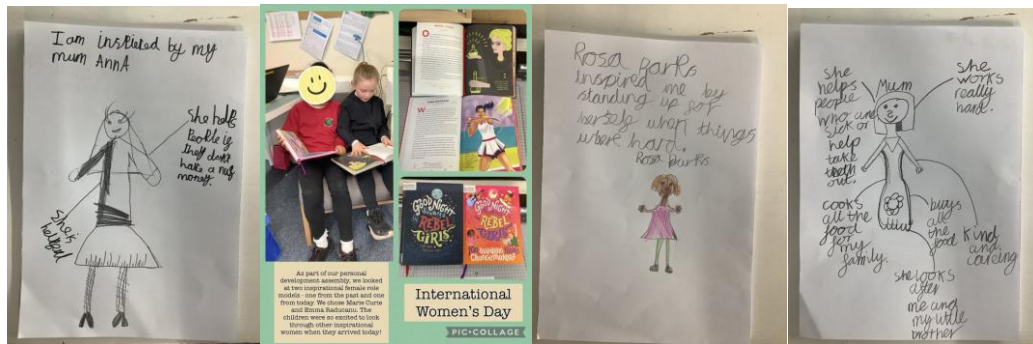
As you will all be aware, reading is something we value hugely at Little Leigh Primary School. We work hard to foster a love of reading through whole class reading, independent reading, listening to adults read, reading buddies every week and surrounding the children with a wide range of beautiful, quality literature. Reading at home is the only thing we can't do! Reading at home is absolutely vital for children's reading progress: listening to them read, reading to them or even (certainly for our younger children) just looking

through a book and discussing the illustrations. We don't set a lot of homework but we do expect you to read with your children at least three times each week – even if only for 10 minutes each time. By popping a quick comment into their reading diary, their teacher can share and build upon their success and learning interests from home and/or address any challenges they have come across.

- Don't forget that reading club is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 08:30 to 08:45 where you can come and enjoy a book and fill in your reading diary at the same time!
- Year 1 and Year 2 parents – a gentle reminder that there is a reading evening on Monday 13th March 2023 at 6pm. Please do come along and find out more about how to support your child.
- We are very lucky to have a couple of parents who volunteer to read with children. If this is something you feel you can do on a regular basis, please contact Mrs Proctor on jproctor@littleleighprimary.cheshire.sch.uk to find out more!

International Women's Day

This week classes have taken the opportunity to celebrate inspirational women as part of International Women's Day. We have used our personal development assemblies to shine a spotlight on the achievements of women by sharing their important stories. Below is a little snapshot for you to see. Year 3 thought about inspirational women in their lives. They drew them and wrote about why they are important to them. Year 2 have been enjoying the Stories for Rebel Girls and have been comparing role models from the past to those in present day.



Dog Safety Workshop

We have been very lucky to welcome Bethan from the North West Dog's Trust this term. All classes have taken part in a dog safety workshop where they have learnt how to keep safe around dogs. It has been a wonderful opportunity for all of the children.



If you would like to see more of what your children have been enjoying at school, join us on our Facebook and/or Twitter page (@LittleLeighSch).

We wish you all a happy weekend,

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