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Leen Mills Primary School

This week: 95%

Curious, Creative, Confident

This week our Curious, Creative, Confident shout out goes to George Buckley from Leopards Class.

George has achieved his blue belt in Taekwondo from Heart of England. George has been practising Taekwondo for 3 years now and has worked very hard to achieve this.

To test for his blue belt, George demonstrated many Taekwondo skills in front of teachers. He performed patterns, which link moves together in a set routine. He also sparred against a partner and broke boards using his hands and feet to show his power. As well as the physical tests, George also had to answer questions on the history and theory of Taekwondo to show he is learning about all aspects of the combat sport.

Taekwondo teaches more than just kicking and punching. It also focuses on important values like being respectful, trying your best, and believing in yourself.

Well done George!!

Changes to Key Stage 1

Since September our pupil numbers have continued to increase which is excellent news for all of us here at Leen Mills!

This increase in numbers now means that we need to create an extra KS1 class after the February half term, in addition to the 3 we currently have (Lions, Zebras and Giraffes).



The new class will be the Rhinos and will be a mixed year 1&2 class. With the creation of this class, we welcome a new teacher to the Leen Mills team - Mr Luczynski (to be known as Mr L). Mr L will work alongside the KS1 team to help deliver top class learning to our year 1&2 pupils for the rest of the academic year. I am sure you will all help to make him feel welcome here at Leen Mills.

I would also like to thank the parents of the children who are moving into the Rhino class for their understanding and cooperation, you all helped to make the move as smooth as possible.



Parents' evening

Parents' evenings will be on **Tuesday 12th March and Thursday 21st March 2024**. Appointment times will be available from 3:30pm - 6:00pm. Each appointment will be for 10 minutes.



Letters will be sent after half term and appointments can be made by signing up on the sheet on your child's class door or via the reply slip at the bottom of the letter. We do try to accommodate requests for specific time slots but as I am sure you can appreciate, we have 350 appointments to co-ordinate.

PE Kits



I wrote to you all at the start of the week about the schools' expectations for PE after the half term. The letter was emailed to you all and can be found on the school website. Please ensure that you read this letter.

Thank you to those of you who completed our short little survey on potentially offering a Leen Mills hoodie for PE. 82% of the 155 responses said that they would be interested in school offering a hoodie. I will investigate this as soon as possible and get the details to you all. As I said the hoodie is to be worn only on PE days and it is not compulsory, children can continue to wear a plain black/navy jumper.

If you are having issues with your pupils PE kit, please speak with us.

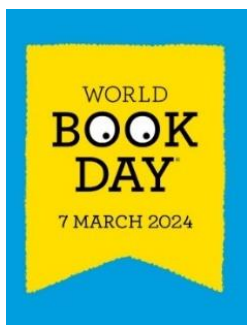
Second-hand uniform

Don't forget we have a range of second-hand uniform available in school for children. Please contact the school office if you need any uniform.

Alternatively, if you would like to donate any second-hand uniform, particularly Leen Mills jumpers/cardigans, please drop it off at the main school office.



World book day costumes



This year we will be dressing up on world book day on **Thursday 7th March**. We don't want people to spend money unnecessarily, so want to offer the chance to recycle your old dressing up costumes by donating it to school so another child can use it.

Please ensure all donated items are with Mrs Burrows-Smith by the 1st March. We will then hold second hand dress up shop before world book day and will let you know the date.

Grandad wheels

Don't forget that on **Monday 19th February** we have Grandad Wheels, aka Brian Abram, who is a children's author from Halifax, coming in to work with us. Mrs Burrows-Smith has already sent a letter out about this, a copy can also be found on the school website. Books are available to purchase through ParentPay.



Arrival at school



School doors open at 8:40am for an 8:45am start, we have had lots of children arriving after this. Whilst we understand that sometimes things happen beyond your control, but there are group of children that are arriving persistently late. Please can we ensure that we are in school on time!

School Dinner Menu



The current school dinner menu will be continuing until the Easter break. The menu with the updated dates can be found on the school website.

Swimming Year 3 & 4

Swimming for Year 4 has now moved to first thing Monday morning, starting on Monday 26th February. Year 3 children will also be starting swimming then to along with the year 4's.

Please make sure children have their swimming kits with them in the morning as there will be no time for phone calls home.



Jewellery



Please remember that rings, necklaces (unless faith charms) must not be worn in school. Single small stud earrings can be worn, however these need to be removed for swimming & PE lessons.

After School Clubs

Next term we have the following after school clubs:

Tuesdays

Jelly Fitness for KS2, (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) - places still available, booking vis school office.

Crafty Club for Year 2 - 1 place still available, booking via school office

Wednesdays

Crafty Club for Year 3 - places still available, booking via school office





Diary Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
12th – 16th February 2024	Half Term Jelly Fitness Sports Camp Available 13th – 16th Feb – Booking Via Jelly Fitness
Monday 9.30am – 10.30am	Swimming for Year 3 & 4 – starts Monday 26th February
Tuesday 3.15 – 4.15pm	Jelly Fitness After School Club for KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) Weekly for the whole half term – booking though the school office
Tuesday 3.15 – 4.00pm	Crafty Club for Year 2 – weekly Limited places available – booking through the school office
Wednesday 3.15 – 4.00pm	Crafty Club for Year 3 – weekly Limited places available – booking through the school office
19th February 2024	Grandad Wheels – Author Visit to School
1st March 2024	KS2 Special Assembly
4th – 8th March 2024	Class Visits to Hucknall Library
7th March 2024	World Book Day – Dress up day
6th – 12th March 2024	Book Fayre in the Conservatory
7th March 2024	World Book Day
8th March 2024	Rec & KS1 Special Assembly
12th March 2024 3.00 – 6.00pm	Parents Evening
13th March 2024	Year 6 Theatre Visit
21st March 2024 3.00 – 6.00pm	Parents Evening
25th – 27th March 2024	Year 5 PGL Residential
29th March – 12th April 2024	Easter Holiday

Inset Days 2023-2024	School Holidays 2023 – 2024
Monday 4 th September 2023 Tuesday 5 th September 2023 Wednesday 24 th July 2024 Thursday 25 th July 2024 Friday 26 th July 2024	October Half Term: 23 rd October – 3 rd November 2023 Christmas Holiday : 25 th December 2023 – 3 rd January 2024 February Half Term: 12th – 16th February 2024 Easter Holidays: 29 th March – 12 th April 2024 Whitsun Half Term: 27 th – 31 st May 2024 Summer Holiday: 29 th July 2024 -