



Leamore Primary School
An aspiring journey to a bright future

Newsletter

Dates for your diary

- Sports Day - 15/07/2022 (KS1 & KS2) Times TBC
- Sports Day - 18/07/2022 (EYFS) Times TBC
- Transition Days for children (12/07/2022 - 14/07/2022)
- New to Reception Transition meeting for parents 30th June 2022
- New to Year 6 Transition meeting for parents 6th July 3.15pm.
- Transition dates for other year groups to follow
- 15th July - 9am Whole School ASPIRE
- Wednesday 20th July - last day of summer term for pupils - school closes at normal time for summer holidays
- Thursday 21st July - Training Day - School closed to pupils

Hands On Science

Before half term, Years 1,3 and 4 were lucky to have Mark from Hands On Science come to school to support learning with our different science topics. For Year 4 they were looking at 'Changing States' between solids, liquids and gases. Mark showed the year 4 children about the water cycle and how heat can change solids into liquids and then gases. We explored the ways we can separate salt from a water solution. Mark brought in a range of different equipment, such as a bunsen burner and gauze.

When Mark came to Year 1, the children looked at forest food chains and created their very own food web out of string. They also explored the difference between cat prints and dog prints, the habitat of a cheetah, and even got to take a plaster cast home!

For Year 3's topic of 'Forces' they had the exciting experience of creating a Mars Rover that had to land safely on Mars. The children were able to use their STEM skills and work in small groups to protect their astronaut (an egg) and try to stop it from cracking when it was dropped from a tall height. Mark from Hands on Science ensured Year 3 had an egg-citing and fun afternoon thinking as scientists.

The life cycle of a Butterfly

In early years our nursery and reception children have been able to watch and observe closely the magical life cycle of a butterfly,

And after waiting patiently for 5 weeks and watching them grow and change from tiny caterpillars to beautiful painted lady butterflies, finally the day came to set them free.

The children watched on in amazement as they spread their wings and took flight across our school playground.

What a magical experience.



Chance To Dance

Year 3 has been lucky enough to get the incredible opportunity of taking part in Chance to Dance this year. Over the course of 6 weeks, the children completed dance sessions led by associates of the Royal Ballet School.

The children were able to showcase their hard work at Elmhurst in the Easter holidays in a show stopping performance. The goal of Chance to Dance is to give a pupil from each school involved the chance to continue dancing by providing them with a bursary to a Royal Ballet accredited dance school in Walsall.

Year 3 wowed the professionals so much, they decided to choose three outstanding dancers from Leamore to receive the bursary. So, congratulations to Charlie Webb, Lilly Edwards and Finley Edwards for blowing the Chance to Dance professionals away with your hard work and talent.

Dance Festival

On Wednesday, 8th June our KS1 Afterschool Dance Club were privileged to attend a dance festival alongside The Black Country Dance Hub at Walsall Arena & Arts Centre. The children took part in a dance workshop where they learned, alongside another school, a finale piece. They then performed this dance alongside a dance they had learned at school with Mrs Ray and Miss Vaughan.

To say our children were amazing is an understatement!!! Leamore Primary took the youngest set of dancers and they smashed it with a difficult routine which included props and moving around the stage, as well as coping with an audience and all the stage lighting. We are all so proud. The children also got to watch performances from other schools which we were all inspired by.



Y2 SATs

Before half term, Y2 completed their KS1 SATs. The children have worked extremely hard all year and we couldn't be more proud of them! They completed two reading papers and two maths papers. They handled the SATs with a great level of maturity and determination. Well done Y2, you have made us all proud at Leamore!

SCHOOL DINNERS

We have been notified that the cost of a school dinner will increase to **£2.10** from 1st September 2022. Please top up enough on Parent Pay to cover this if you pay for school meals.

Can we remind and ask you to **book** your child's meal through **Parent Pay**. This will ensure the cook can order the correct amount of food so your child can have the correct meal.

If you cannot access Parent Pay or do not know how to place the booking, please contact Mrs Moore in the school office who will be able to assist you.

Jubilee Celebration Event

Our event was attended by a representative from Walsall Council who posted on social media (See below)



Our Walsall

26 May at 10:00 · 🌐

Children, family and friends celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at Leamore Primary after school today with a School Bake Off and afternoon tea. Face painting, a tin can alley and a bouncing castle were on offer. Everyone joined in a sing a long and children shared dances that they had learned to a 50s music playlist. Children got to use their orienteering skills in a creative 'corgi' trail which led to a bouncing castle.

Headteacher, Lisa Francis said, "We have had an amazing turnout to our event. I'd like to thank everyone that helped to plan the event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and to all that attended. The afternoon tea has been really popular offering a range of baked goods made by our school community, as well as the bouncing castle, corgi trail and ice cream van. It has been a very enjoyable afternoon with activities for everyone!"



Y1 Phonics Screening

Just after the half term break, Y1 completed their phonics screening assessment. We just wanted to take the opportunity to say a huge **WELL DONE** to all the children that took the test! The children have worked extremely hard on their phonics throughout the year and they should be very proud of themselves. We would also like to say a big thank you to all of you that have worked on phonics at home with your child, we really value everything you do and it was fantastic to see the impact it had.



Walk to School Week

During the week beginning the 16th May, the school took part in a nationwide scheme to get children more active. Walk to School Week meant that lots of children were encouraged to go the distance and ditch the car. These were the final standings!

Year One: 55%

Year Two: 50%

Year Three: 69%

Year Four: 63%

Year Five: 80%

Year Six: 85%

We would like to thank parents and children who made the shift from wheels to feet!

