

**Leamington Community Primary School**  
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**Newsletter**  
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**Primary School of the Year Award**

We are delighted to announce that we have been shortlisted, with two other schools, for the Echo's Primary School of the Year Award. The Echo School Awards are open to all of the schools in the North West of England. We submitted our application based upon our outstanding Key Stage 2 results from last year and were extremely pleased to find out that we were shortlisted with two other school for the prestigious Primary School of the Year Award! The school has been featured in the Echo Newspaper and we will find out the outcome this Wednesday when we attend the ceremony at the Crowne Plaza in Liverpool City Centre. The fact we have been shortlisted with only two other schools shows just how good we are! We would like to thank all of our amazing children and staff for their fantastic attitudes and hard work. Our school aims to give every child the best possible start in life and it is great to be recognised for it. We will update you all this week when we find out who has won -



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**Year 6 Visit to France**

Last week our Year 6 pupils visited France for four days and had a truly wonderful time. We left school at 5am on Friday morning and travelled down to Dover to catch the ferry to Calais. On our arrival in France we drove for a further two hours until we reached our destination - Chateau du Broutel! The Chateau is a magnificent building and is situated in the beautiful town of Rue. Whilst at the



Chateau we visited a traditional French Market, Snail Farm (yes we did eat snails), Wheat Farm (we made wheat hearts) and a chocolate factory! The main focus of our trip was a two hour drive up to the World War 1 Battlefields of the Somme. Here we visited the Thiepval War Memorial (the Queen will be visiting next year) the Canadian, Australian and Irish War Graves and memorials.

We even got to walk through a preserved WW1 trench. The whole day was truly thought provoking and is something none of us will ever forget. Our children were a credit to our school and showed the up most respect at all times. In the evenings we ate Frogs Legs and enjoyed a roaring campfire plus we took part in the Chateau Olympics. All in all it was a trip of a life time!



**Summer Fair**

The Summer Fair will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The PTA are currently very busy organising lots of fantastic stalls and items to buy. All of the money raised by the PTA is ploughed back into school. Please keep an eye out for the letters coming home asking you to kindly donate a bottle/bric-a-brac. We are very grateful to the PTA for their hard work, dedication and support.



## Dinner Centre Building Work

As you have seen the building work has started on the Dinner Centre extension. Following feedback from parents we were aware for the need to improve the space and the seating provided. So we have decided to add an 8m extension on the end of the building and raise the roof by 2m. This will give us a new entrance, a bright and airy atrium and a much bigger hall. The hall will be fitted with retractable



tiered seating for 120 people and the state of the art sound system.

This new space will become an arts hub for the school and the local community. The work is scheduled to last until late September/early October. During the works the centre will be shut for a number of weeks. We will still be able to use the kitchens and provide everyone with a hot meal in the halls in the main building. During the works we have offered the Church the use of our other hall and this summer the Church will not be running the summer club at Leamington. This project has been in the pipeline for over two years and it is great to see the work started.

## Attendance



Attendance is still not improving even though there are a number of incentives in place. Our current school attendance is 93% which is well below our target of 96%. We still have a number of children persistently turning up late which is unacceptable. We all have a responsibility to ensure our children arrive in school on time at 5 to 9! This year has seen a number of new initiatives to try and boost attendance. At the end of the year celebration assembly, we will giving away two electric scooters in the attendance raffle. To ensure you get a raffle ticket be in school every day for one whole week! It is that simple! Do this all the time and you will get lots of raffle tickets.

## Parents Evening

Parents Evening is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and this is when you will receive your child's school report and class information for next year. This year we have adapted our school report for Years 1, 3, 4 and 5. The new report will no longer report on your child's 'level' in Reading, Writing and Mathematics as levels are no longer used. Instead you will see how your child is doing compared to an age related expectation. Your child will be either below, within or secure. The aim is to make sure every child is either within or secure. We understand that some children will be below but this does not mean they have not made progress. For further information please don't hesitate to talk your child's class teacher.



## Transition Week

On the 6<sup>th</sup> July we will be starting our transition week. The week is designed to give your child time with their new class teacher who they will be with in September. The children will be shown where to line up and they will discuss expectations for the coming year. The theme of transition week is; what makes Britain Great? This will help to promote our understanding of British Values and gain an insight into life across the British Isles.

## Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Parents Evening
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Summer Fair
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Week
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Sports Day (pm)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Dinner Centre Closes
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Show - School Only
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Sports Day
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Trip to Chester Zoo
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Sports Day
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Trip to the Safari Park
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Show - Parents
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1/2 Sports Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Assembly
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Fancy Dress
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception/KS1 Celebration Assembly (am)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Celebration Assembly (pm)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Party Day/ Leamington's Got Talent
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	School Closes for the Summer Holiday - 1:30pm

## Staffing Changes

In our next newsletter we will be informing you of the staff changes for next year as we are currently interviewing for two new Teachers and two Learning Support Officers.

## Disney's Got Funk Dance Show

Last week saw a wonderful dance spectacular at Leamington! Children from across the school danced and entertained lots of happy parents and guests. The show gave lots of our children the chance to perform to a big audience. Miss Waters said, 'I am

immensely proud of every single child who performed. I have loved working with them all. A big thank you to all who turned up to show their support.' We are extremely grateful to Miss Waters and her team for organising this wonderful event - thank you!



## School Website/Twitter and Facebook

To ensure we provide you with up to date information we have lots of different ways for you to get involved. Search for us on Twitter @LeamingtonPri and Facebook, *Leamington Community Primary School*. Our Facebook page has over 396 likes and is updated daily. Make sure you keep visiting our school website which is updated weekly! [www.leamingtonprimary.com](http://www.leamingtonprimary.com)



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