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Warwickshire

Junior Book Awards



Children in Year 4, 5 and 6 have been reading books selected for the Warwickshire Junior Book Awards. This week, three children attended the

awards celebration at Warwick School. They had the opportunity to meet author Lesley Parr, who signed our school copies of her books.

"We watched the author videos about the books we had read. We were able to ask the authors



our questions. We found out who the winner was and, its author Lesley Parr. My favourite part was

finally, we were able to get our book signed by listening to the authors

trying to answer lots of questions in a very short time." Maggie, Year 6

























Nursery & Reception On the Beach

At the start of the week, Isla found a message in a bottle from Captain Jill. It contained a letter and a map. Captain Jill needed help to select a suitable spot to bury her treasure and a safe route to get across the island. The children have created their own treasure maps. Captain Jill even sent us a thank you note for our effort!





We have also been taking part in a range of pirate themed games to improve our listening skills and have been practicing to 'walk the plank' in a variety of ways to test our balance.









Year 1/2/3 Dinosaur Planet

Stegosaurus used it's plates to defend itself, they changed colour to warn off predators.

As part of our topic 'Dinosaur Planet', we explored the life of a Stegosaurus as a cross curricular activity. First, the children watched a video about Stegosauruses and discussed how it would feel to



Stegosaurus had four spikes at the end of its tail that it used to protect itself.

be one (powerful, big and scary). Next, the children made Stegosaurus masks, using soft pastels. During this activity the children experimented with colours and rubbing the pastels over foil ribbon to add depth and texture to their work. Finally, the children got into full character by putting their masks on and becoming Stegosauruses for the afternoon. They were able to demonstrate how Stegosauruses probably would have moved and behaved 150 million years ago.

The children learned that stegosaurus defended itself against predators by changing the colour of the plates along its back. When feeling angry or threatened, blood would rush into

The plates along its back weren't used for fighting other dinosaurs, they were used as a warning sign and turned red.

the plates turning them red. The children used pastels to

re-create this effect on their masks, after applying a

base colour they then added a layer of red to reveal the colour change. They added the effect of

scales by rubbing the pastels over a foil mesh. Once complete they wore their masks and explored how stegosaurus moved

when
defending
itself, by
shaking its
plates,
thrashing its
tail around
and roaring
loudly.



When we feel angry or scared, our cheeks turn red too!





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Year 4/5

UNICEF Class Charter



During transition afternoon the children in years 4 and 5 worked on their new class charter. Together the children talked about the different rights of a child. Then they chose the ones they felt were most relevant to their time in school. We will use these rights to create our display.

We chose the following rights:

Article 28 (right to education)

Article 12 (respect for the views of the child)

Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion)

Article 31 (leisure, play and culture)

Article 15 (freedom of association)

Article 13 (freedom of expression)

Article 24 (health and health services)

Our display is titled 'A Recipe for a Rights Respecting Classroom' so we made cartoon versions of ourselves as chefs to go on the display and to remind us that we all play a part in making sure the rights of children are respected.



Year 6 Leavers' Gift

We're so happy that our Year 6 children are delighted with their 'hoodies' leavers' gift from school. It's been a bit too hot too wear them over the last few days, but we're sure they'll feel proud every time they wear them over the holidays.















Diary Dates

Thursday 21st July 2022

Break up for Summer holidays

Friday 22nd July—Friday 2nd September 2022 School Closed for Summer Holidays

Monday 5th September 2022—School closed for LA

Designated teacher training (INSET Day)

School re-opens on Tuesday 6th September 2022

Hot Weather Guidance

Most of us will be delighted with the recent good run of weather. However, we know it can be a little tricky for the young, vulnerable and elderly.

The forecast for Monday and Tuesday of next week is looking particularly hot.

Please see below what we have put in place for the final few days of this academic year.

What School Will Do:

- Blinds will be closed so that rooms are shaded
- · Windows/doors will be opened as soon staff start their day
- · Reduced times outside at lunchtime/break so that children come into school and drink/remain as cool as possible
- Flexibility with taking outdoor breaks at the cooler times of the day
- · Children encouraged to drink water very regularly throughout the day and water bottles refilled as needed

We will give every child an ice-pop on Monday, when

· Reduced active PE sessions

What Parents Should Do:

- · You may provide additional water bottles, but staff will ensure that if children just bring one bottle, it can be refilled regularly
- Children may bring their own named sun cream in school and apply as needed (unless it's a once a day applied before school)
- · Dress your child in a school summer dresses/shorts and tee
- · Sandals with sturdy straps are allowed, but no flip flops please
- · Sunhats/sung<mark>lasses g</mark>lasse<mark>s may be w</mark>orn at break/lunchtime



Lighthorne Heath Learning Heroes

Nursery and Reception

Mrs Hartley's and Mrs Manley's Nursery and Reception class hero this week is week is Archie. Archie has made fantastic progress with his ability to blend and segment simple words. He is starting to use this to independently write and has also worked hard on his letter formation. Well done Archie!



Mrs Hill's and Miss Singh's hero this week is April. She produced an excellent Stegosaurus mask and really got into character. April has shown great enthusiasm and concentration. Well done!

Year 4/5/6

Mrs Cox's hero this week is Sebastian. I have been impressed with how he has just got on with any tasks that have been set for him. Despite being off on Monday he still managed to get all his work done and to a high standard. Well done, Seb!

Use your imagination N Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 29: Goals of education



Enjoy

Be curious

Have a go

Concentrate



Holiday Activities and Food Programme



Free summer activities for eligible children with SEND

The Government's Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) will be available once again during the summer holidays for families eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

There are a variety of local holiday clubs offering free places, all of which help young people to improve socialisation and learn new things by taking part in enriching activities.

All activities are required to be inclusive of children with SEND and there is also specialist SEND provisions available, such as <u>Nuneaton and Bedworth Leisure Trust</u> who is offering a range of sports activities to children and young people with physical and learning disabilities over the summer.

Eligible families will have received a HAF booking code via text from Warwickshire County Council. If you think you may be eligible but haven't received a text please email hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk or call the Family Information Service on 01926 742274.



Community Information

Painting for Pleasure

a free 6-week In-Person course

Mon 12th Sept 2022 Starts: Time: 10.30am - 12.00pm

Venue: **Lighthorne Heath**

> Village Hall, Leam Road,

Lighthorne Heath CV33 9UF

FREE

all art

materials

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UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 24: Health and Health Services