



Dear parents, carers and friends,

This week at Lee Manor

New Lee Manor website

We have now revised and relaunched the website for Lee Manor School.

www.leemanor.lewisham.sch.uk

The website is our school prospectus. It is intended to contain the information parents, carers, staff and visitors would like to know about our school.

It also contains the weekly newsletter.

Every part of the website, including the most recent newsletter can be translated into many languages. You can do this using the *googletranslate* button on the bottom right of the site.

There are one or two sections that the government requires all school to publish on their websites (about equalities and how we spend our budgets) and these are still to be added.

Please have a look through the website and let us know if there is additional information about the school that you think needs to be there.

School journey

Many of our Year 6 children spent the week on school journey in France this week. We have been receiving regular updates and have heard that the children have undertaken some valuable teambuilding and leadership exercises as well as trying out their spoken French and sampling traditional French food. We thank the children for representing the school so well this week and of course a very big thank you to Ms Margetts, Mrs Hill, Ms Porter, Ms Benton and Mr Howard for taking such care of the children while they were away.

Year 6 project week

Those Year 6 children who didn't go to France have had a fantastic week, visiting museums all over South London as part of their project week. Thank you to them for their enthusiasm and to Mrs Newman, Mrs Collins and Mrs Dawson for such a worthwhile experience.

Felix the Daredevil

We started the week with assemblies that focused on Felix Baumgartner and his inspirational 'Space Dive'. Please ask your child if he inspired them to reach their goal too.

Royal Oak

Ms Cosins one of our year 4 teachers writes:
'A group of children from Years 4 and 5 have begun creating our woodland classroom by planting trees donated by the Woodland Trust to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

We planted a row of hawthorns, several hazels, dogwoods and a Royal Oak from one of the Royal Parks.

The children are looking forward to coming back in 10 years and seeing how they're getting on!

Visits and Visitors

Year 1 launched themselves into their 'land of make believe' topic with the help of Eve from Theatre Tots. Many thanks to parent Laura Sydonie for arranging this for us.

Year 5 took part in a global trade game trading resources from different countries in a very real and competitive marketplace this week too.

A group of our more gifted and talented writers in Years 5 & 6 took part in a day-long workshop with author Cliff McNish at Blackheath High School today. The children were, as always, a real credit to the school and came back with a whole raft of writers' tips and techniques.

Book Fair returns to Lee Manor

Miss Hockham our literacy leader writes:
'The Lee Manor book fair will be taking place on Friday 23rd and Monday 26th - Wednesday 28th November.

More details will follow in the next newsletter.

More dates for your calendar

Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas performances – 6th & 7th December

Key Stage 2 Christmas performances – 11th & 12th December

FUSS (Friends of Staplehurst Road community group) Christmas Fair – Staplehurst Road – Saturday 8th December

Lee Manor Winter Wonderland (our school Christmas Fair) – Sunday 9th December from 1-4pm

Staff news

We are delighted that Kimberley Givens will join us as teaching assistant in Amethyst class next week. She brings a great deal of experience especially in supporting speech and language and I am sure you will join us in welcoming her to the school.

Julie Bryant will now support Aquamarine class following Sonia Mullins' retirement at half term.

Playground developments

We are delighted to have two extra staff in our playground each lunchtime.

In addition to our midday supervisors, Tony Davies and Paige Rogers from TeachSport have been taken on as playleaders. Tony and Paige have trained a group of our Year 6 children who then lead a number of play activities for other children each day.

The range of activities is developing as children around the school suggest them. The feedback from many children is that they like the variety of play on offer and also the extra staff to help them with it.

A parent asked...

Each week we answer a question asked by one of our Lee Manor families.

This week a parent asked:

'I have a friend who would like to look around the school before they apply for a place. Can they come along with their child?'

Yes, they can. We run tours of the school for parents and carers who are thinking of applying for a place for their child or children at Lee Manor. These are at 9am and 9:30 am on the first Wednesday of each month.

Our next tour will be on 5th December so if you know friends or neighbours who are thinking of applying please let them know the date.

Traffic Safety

We were very concerned to hear that there were two very near misses involving children walking on the pavement to school on Leahurst Road this week.

Please do not double-park or hover on the yellow zig-zag lines as this is very dangerous for families crossing to the school gate.

Please also be extremely careful if parking on the pavement or opening your car door while families are walking to the school gate.

Please also note that we are working closely with Lewisham's parking control team to ensure no family is put in danger by the careless action of drivers outside the school gates.

Thank you to everyone who drives and parks thoughtfully and carefully around our school and thinks about keeping our children safe. It is really appreciated.

Best wishes to all families.

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