



Leighswood School
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Dear parents

Leighswood School is delighted to be offering the opportunity for our KS2 children to take part in the Children's University. The Children's University is a nationwide scheme that encourages children between the ages of 5 and 14 to take part in learning activities of their own choice outside school hours: at dinnertime, after school, at weekends and during holidays. Your child could find out more about an existing area of interest, or discover a new one. The focus is on rewarding participation, raising aspirations and encouraging engagement with learning. This is an excellent initiative which can really help extend learning beyond the classroom and give the children a great sense of achievement at the same time

As part of the scheme, children have a passport to learning which costs £5.00, or £2.50 for children entitled to pupil premium. For each extra-curricular club that they attend at Leighswood School they gain stamps in their passports. Stamps equate to rewards/certificates, which are awarded at graduation ceremonies twice a year. There are four levels of awards, similar to the awards given at University level:

- *Well done Children's University Award* (15hours)
- *Undergraduate* (30-400 hours)
- *Postgraduate* (400-800 hours)
- *Doctorate* (800-1000 hours)
- *Honorary recognition*

Children gain stamps for attending a variety of at least 3 different activities and their passports get stamped each half term. Each time your child participates in a club after school or at dinner time, they will be registered and this will earn them a stamp. For these to count towards an award, your child must participate in at least two other, different activities, at school or at outside venues. In addition, there are also other learning destinations, such as at the Sea Life Centre and BBC in Birmingham, which issue Children's University stamps. To find out more, visit the website www.childrensuniversity.co.uk.

When your child receives a stamp, from an outside learning destination, he/she should bring the proof into the KS2 office in an envelope labelled CU, your child's name and class. Mrs Giles will collate these each half term.

If you would like your child to participate, please contact Mrs Mosedale in KS1 and we can then put a payment request onto your school gateway account, where you will be asked to pay the fee and consent. You can join up until 7th December. **If you are already a member you do not need to re-register.**

Yours faithfully

Mrs O'Dwyer
Head of School

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