

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 19th March 2021

This day in history

1941 Britain's first planetarium opened at Madame Tussaud's, London

Coming Soon :The clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am on the last Sunday in March, the 28th March



Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 96.2%

Year 2 = 98.7%

Year 3 = 95.0%

Year 4 = 97.3%

Year 5 = 96.5%

Year 6 = 98.5%

Bags and Additional Equipment

Please do not send your child to school with bags unless necessary. Additional equipment such as pencil cases should also not be sent in. Everything required is provided for the children in school.

Congratulations

Well Done Year 2 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 6 for the best attendance in Upper School.

Moki Dojo – PE Sport Update

We'd like to let you know about something very exciting we will be doing over the coming weeks in Year 6!

We have been lucky enough to purchase a class set of fitness wristbands (designed specifically for children) that we can use in school to track our activity levels. After the various lockdowns we have endured, research has shown that very few children are hitting the recommended guidelines of 60 minutes of activity each day. Luckily, we have many opportunities to be active in school, from PE lessons and playtimes, to active blasts, and these wristbands will help encourage us to be more active and help us see how much activity we are participating in. Not only does regular activity improve our physical health, but it also has a positive impact on our mental health, so there are many benefits to trying our best to achieve at least 60 minutes of physical activity per day.

Each wristband will be numbered and the data from the wristbands will be collected anonymously, with Miss Scarr and Mr Watson will have access to the data. We can share your data with the children, and they can see your own activity level and set personal challenges across the weeks, as well as our overall class data.

The wristbands will be used IN SCHOOL only and will be given out each morning and collected back in each home time. You can have a look at them on this website <https://moki.health/>. There is no screen on the wristbands so they won't be a distraction during lesson time!

The wristbands will be given out after the Easter Holiday, and we can't wait to see how much fun we can have using them!

Our school target is 97%.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Red Nose Day. Every look great in their spots and stripes! Today we have raised £181.94 from donations and the name the teddy competition.

The winners were Allarna (Year 2) in Lower School and Lexi (Year 4) in Upper School.



Arrival Times

Can I please remind parents the children should only attend the school site at their designated times. On Upper school site some children are arriving early and we do not currently have any morning supervision on the yard. By arriving at the correct time they will have access into the building, be supervised and not cross bubbles with other age groups. I know this can be difficult with older children walking to school themselves and appreciate you understanding in this matter.

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Nursery Places for September 2021

If your child turns 3 before September 2021 you are entitled to 15 hours of free childcare. We still have places available for September in our Nursery. We also offer 30 hours childcare for those who are eligible.

If you would like to apply for a Nursery place or would like some more information please contact the school office.

Tel: 01207 610355



Nessy

Over the coming week we will be setting children in Years 4 / 5 and 6 up with new accounts for a program called Nessy. Nessy is designed to help students of all abilities learn to read, write, spell and type. This is something that many of the children need as part of their ongoing catch up in school and also to support previous learning skills. In order to do this we will need your consent and you should look out for an email which means you consent to us adding your child to Nessy in order to track their achievements and target in on any skills needing to be revisited, retaught or reintroduced.

If you wish to find out more visit :

<https://www.nessy.com/uk/>



Parent's Evening – Diary Update

As we now approach the end of the Spring term with only one week left until the Easter Holiday we would normally have been contacting you to organise our end of term Parents Evening. However with such a limited time returning to the classroom and the ongoing welfare calls, requested welfare calls and continued communication on Class Dojo I have decided to move this term Parents Evening in to the start of next term. This will allow children the opportunity to return and resettle into school after Easter and staff more time to assess the needs of all pupils before moving ahead with the Summer Term. I know that many teachers and parents/carer have already been in communication with each other to discuss their child's needs, concerns and worries following reopened to all pupils. Arrangements will come out next week to book a telephone parent evening slot with your child's class teacher in the second week back (week commencing 19th April) should you wish to do so.

However, if you have any current concerns please don't hesitate to contact the class teacher via school telephone (01207610355 Lower or 01207610351 Upper) or private message on class dojo.

Shotley Bridge Hospital Consultation

Public Engagement – Phase 2 Shotley Bridge Community Hospital community services NHS County Durham Clinical Commissioning Group has launched its latest phase of public conversations on the future of community hospital services in North West Durham. During this 'phase 2' engagement they want to talk to people and find out their views on how future services will be delivered by a new clinical model that has been developed by working with our partners in the hospital trust. They are also keen to talk about potential future locations for our clinical services. This is the next step in exploring a range of scenarios prior to testing them as part of a formal public consultation process, which they anticipate will take place in the summer.

You can share your views online by providing feedback to the survey questions using this link :

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SBCH_Phase2

Can I urge as many people as possible to respond and be part of the solution in reshaping the hospital services available in our area.