

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 20th May 2022

This day in history

1867 Royal Albert Hall of Arts & Sciences foundation laid by Queen Victoria in London

1873 Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis patent the first blue jeans with copper rivets

1927 At 7:40 AM, Charles Lindbergh takes off from New York to cross the Atlantic for Paris, aboard Spirit of St Louis

1932 Amelia Earhart leaves Newfoundland on her journey to become the 1st woman to fly solo and nonstop across the Atlantic



Whole School Attendance

Reception = 91.3%

★ Year 1 = 96.5 % ★

Year 2 = 94.8 %

Year 3 = 94.7 %

Year 4 = 91.6 %

Year 5 = 89.5 %

★ Year 6 = 96.3 % ★



Congratulations

Well Done Year 1 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 6 for the best attendance in Upper School.

Our school target is 97%.

Weekly Primary Attendance for the North East (w/e 13th May) = 95.0%

National Primary Attendance = 95.3%

Leadgate Primary (w/e 13th May) = 93.8%

Jubilee Facts

Special jubilees are named after precious stones

Silver jubilee, for a 25th anniversary.

Ruby jubilee, for a 40th anniversary.

Golden jubilee, for a 50th anniversary.

Diamond jubilee, for a 60th anniversary.

Sapphire jubilee, for a 65th anniversary.

The first British monarch to mark a jubilee in a significant way was King George III

The Golden Jubilee of George III on 25th October 1809 marked the forty-ninth anniversary of his accession and his entrance into the 50th year of his reign.

King George V was the first British monarch in history to celebrate a Silver Jubilee

The Silver Jubilee of George V was celebrated on 6 May 1935 to mark 25 years of King George V as the King of the United Kingdom and the British Dominions, and Emperor of India. It was the first ever Silver Jubilee celebration of any British monarch in history.

Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her Silver Jubilee in 1977

She celebrated her Ruby Jubilee in 1992, her Golden Jubilee in 2002, her Diamond Jubilee in 2012, and her Sapphire Jubilee in 2017.

Queen Elizabeth II will be the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee

The Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II is expected to be celebrated in June 2022, and will be the first time a British Monarch has celebrated a Platinum Jubilee.

Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Pageant was allegedly the 'world's largest outdoor party'

More than 1 million people lined the banks of the Thames to watch 1,000 boats sail down the river!

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There will be four days of public celebration for Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee – An extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June, will 'provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone.'

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Jubilee Celebrations

On Thursday 26th May Upper School, we will be having a special Jubilee lunch.

The menu includes Sausage Bites, Mini Pizza, Chicken Goujons, Cheese or Ham sandwich, Jacket Wedges and vegetable sticks followed by Crunchie Biscuit and Chocolate Crunch.

If your child doesn't normally have a school dinner and you wish for them to participate, please contact the school office. If you pay for school meals (years 3 – 6) the cost is £2.20 per meal.

Lower School will have their Jubilee Lunch on Friday with no charge as all children in Reception to Year 2 are entitled to Universal free school meals. Lower School children will have their Jubilee lunch on Friday as a garden picnic lunch.

Nursery and Reception children will have a Jubilee Afternoon Tea on Monday Afternoon

To celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, Upper School Children are welcomed to attend school dressed in Red, White and Blue on Friday and end the week with games and a mini picnic on the field (Weather permitting). Children can bring one small snack to eat at the picnic.

Children will also be able to take part in an art competition to design a poster to celebrate the Queens Jubilee and these will be passed to Cllr Alan Shield to use at the Tea Party being hosted by The Trustees of the Eden Miners Centre on Sunday June 5th.

National Numeracy Day 18th May

Children across Years 3 to 6 celebrated National Numeracy Day this week on the 18th May with a Timestable Rockstars Tournament.

Children earned points by correctly answering timestable questions both at home and school.

The winning children in each class were:

Y3- Harrison

Y4 – Ebony

Y5 Benjamin

Y6 James

Well done everyone for taking part in the extra Challenges



Forest Schools Request

Mrs Bowe is looking for old pots, pans and metal ware you may be able to donate to her forest schools lessons. If you can supply any of these items, please contact Mrs Bowe or deliver them straight to the lower school site. Many thanks



Forest School

Governing Body – Parent Governor required

Dear Parent / Carer we currently have a vacancy on our school Governing body for a parent / carer governor.

If this is something you would be interested in finding out more about please contact the school office for more information or visit our school website, About Us, Our Governing Body :

[Our Governing Body \(leadgate.durham.sch.uk\)](http://leadgate.durham.sch.uk)

Non curriculum Day – Tuesday 24th May

We will be holding our termly Non-curriculum day on Tuesday next week. Lower school will be hosting a Circus Theme Day and children are welcome to come to school in fancy dress circus theme or non-uniform should they wish.

Upper School will be visited by Relax Kids with Live Well North East, If U Care Share alongside Street Games with AE Sports Coaching and Team Building with the Problem Solving Company.



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TODDLERS & SCREEN TIME

The toddler years are full of excitement, exploration and energy. It's a critical time in children's development, when brain connections are rapidly forming. Youngsters often begin to discover devices around this age, as they learn to communicate with friends, play games and watch videos (Ofcom recently found, for example, that one in five 3-4-year-olds in the UK uses social media). These activities can make a child happy and relaxed but have a damaging impact if overused. Setting screen time limits for toddlers can be a challenge, so we've pulled together some suggestions for making sure your little one is interacting with the online world in a safe, healthy way.

ONLINE SAFETY CHECKLIST

✓ PARENTAL CONTROLS

Children need to be shielded from content that's not age appropriate. You can do this by adjusting parental controls and safe search settings on the devices, apps and games they use.

✓ ONGOING SUPERVISION

Try to stay engaged and present in what your child is doing digitally. Make time to talk about what they enjoy and how they can stay safe online.

✓ OFFERING HELP

Teach your toddler to ask for help – and that they should always tell a trusted adult if they're unsure about anything to do with a device, or they see or hear something that makes them scared or upset.

✓ COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Emphasise that your child should check with you before they do anything online for the first time – such as watching a new show, playing a new game or exploring a new app.

✓ FACE TO FACE IS ACE

Support toddlers' development of language and other skills by prioritising games or apps that encourage face-to-face interaction – like learning to read or count with an adult.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MODEL IT

Your toddler is watching and learning from you whenever you pick up your phone. Even babies are aware of screens and the attention their parents give to them. By showing you know when to put your phone down and focus on something else, you're modelling an important behaviour for them.

CONTROL IT

Use tech to control tech. Most devices and individual apps have settings that allow you to restrict screen time. Decide on the right length of time and use the settings or a timer to block access. This is especially useful for very young children, who simply see it as the device 'turning off'.

ANNOUNCE IT

When a toddler's screen shuts off suddenly, it can lead to frustration and tears. Let your little one mentally prepare for the end of screen time by announcing they have five minutes left, two minutes left and so on. You could also set an egg-timer, alarm or buzzer to go off just before time's up.

DELAY IT

Try to avoid letting children start their day with screen time. Once they're online, it can be hard to get them back offline – and can set a negative tone for the rest of the day. Routine and structure are important for toddlers, so encourage them to enjoy some other activities before the screens go on.

TRADE IT

You could try offering rewards and alternatives in exchange for screen time – for example, having a device-free day to get a playdate with a friend at the weekend, or skipping screen time one evening in return for a trip to the ice cream parlour tomorrow.

EARN IT

Screen time can definitely be used as a reward. You could opt for the classic "no screen time until you've tidied up your toys" or you could get creative and award screen time in relation to successful tasks: eating all of their vegetables earns 10 minutes on their device, for example.

REMOVE IT

Keep family mealtimes, social gatherings, children's bedrooms and other important occasions and places screen free. Remember to turn off TVs that you aren't watching, because even background noise can distract from you spending quality face-to-face time with your young ones.

SWAP IT

Put together a bag of things that your children love playing with – and get them to help choose what goes in there (Items like stickers, pens, small toys, Lego or teddy bears are ideal). Then encourage them to pick something to play with from "the special bag of fun" instead of staring at a screen.

Meet Our Expert

Carley Jorgensen is the director of FaceUp South Africa: a reporting system currently being used to combat bullying in schools and businesses around the world. FaceUp helps to give a voice to bystanders by encouraging them to speak up against unacceptable behaviour.



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School Dates

Dance and Theatre Club Final session for Year 3 and Year 4 -Tuesday After School 3.15pm – 4.00pm

Tuesday 24th May

(Years 5 and 6 will have an opportunity for the same club after Half Term – letters to follow at a later date)

Every Thursday afternoon Year 5 Swimming until the end of the term

Every Wednesday until the end of the Year - Year 3 and Year 4 Ukulele Instrument Tuition

Every Wednesday until the end of this term – Taekwondo Instruction for Year 1 and Year 2,

Wednesday 25th May - Year 5 Young Leader Training

Tuesday 24th May Upper School Non-Curriculum Day

Tuesday 24th May Lower School Non-Curriculum Day

Tuesday 24th May – Girls Cricket Competition 9.30 – 2pm

Monday 6th – Friday 10th June Year 1 Phonics Check ups

Wednesday 8th June - Rotary Club Trip to Beamish Year 5 and Year 6, 10 – 2.30pm

Thursday 15th June – Reception Class Vision Checks

Transition Dates

Tuesday 21st June - Year 2 Visit / Tour and stay and play to Upper school site 9.30 -11.30

Tuesday 21st June – New Reception Parents Talk and Tour of School 10- 11am

Tuesday 28th June – Transition day for Year 6 to the Academy and Parent Induction Evening, all classes move up for the day and Year 2 to visit for full morning plus stay for dinner

Week Beginning Monday 4th July – Parents evening week – details to follow closer to the event.

Friday 8th July – Nursery, Reception class, Year 1 transition morning to new classes

Tuesday 12th - Nursery, Reception class, Year 1 Afternoon transition to new classes

School Dates

**School closes for Half Term Holidays on Friday 27th May and reopens
on Monday 6th June 2022**

