

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 24th June 2022

This day in history

1314 Battle of Bannockburn; Scotland regains independence from England

1441 Eton College founded in England by Henry VI

1509 Henry VIII is crowned King of England in Westminster Abbey, London

1901 1st exhibition by Pablo Picasso, aged 19, opens in Paris



Whole School Attendance

Reception = 92.9 %

Year 1 = 91 %

★ Year 2 = 94.5 % ★

★ Year 3 = 94.7 % ★

Year 4 = 93.3 %

Year 5 = 93.1 %

Year 6 = 91 %



Congratulations

Well Done Year 2 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 3 for the best attendance in Upper School.

Our school target is 97%.

Weekly Primary Attendance for the North East

(w/e 17th June) = 93.6 %

National Primary Attendance = 94.2 %

Leadgate Primary (w/e 17th June) = 92.5 %

Upper School Road Resurfacing.

As parents and carers are aware Alder Grove, from today, will be closed to most traffic and any parking as the road is being resurfaced. This work is due to be completed over today, Saturday and Sunday.

Once works are in progress, minimal access will be maintained, however, there may be a small delay in granting access. Any members of staff or parents requiring access once works commence, should enlist the assistance of one of the crew so that they can safely guide them through the works.

Works, all being well, should be completed before the end of the school day. However, please be advised that if there is any delay works may extend into the start of next week.



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)

Don't Forget Hats and Sunscreen



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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



School Dates

Dance and Theatre Club Final session for Year 5 and Year 6 -Tuesday After School 3.15pm – 4.00pm 28th June and Tuesday 5th July – places are still available – please message Mr Watson if you would like your child to attend and include if your child will be collected or walking home.

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,

Transition Dates

Tuesday 21st June – New Reception Parents Talk and Tour of School 10- 11am – **now changed to Friday 1st July**

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 (**Additional Academy transition for Year 6 on Wednesday 29th Thursday 30th**)

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

Sports Update

County Level 3 Athletics Competition

A huge congratulations to Joe, Isla and Jesamine in Year 6 for reaching and participating in the County level 3 final! They all did a fantastic job in representing the whole school !

Big Smile – Non Uniform Day

On Tuesday 26th July, our staff are participating in a walk at Tynemouth and along the coast as part of The Big Smile. We hope to raise enough money to claim a class set of walking boots for our year 5 children. In order to raise the money, we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 1st - all donations welcome.

School Dates

School closes for Summer Holiday on Tuesday 19th July

And

Reopens Wednesday 7th September



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County Durham
Care Partnership

NHS
County Durham
Clinical Commissioning Group

Grab a Jab for 5-11-year-olds
and 12-17-year-olds in
COUNTY HALL, DURHAM



**Sunday 12th June, Sunday 19th June
and Sunday 26th June**

**10am – 1pm - 1st & 2nd doses 5-11 year olds
2pm – 6pm – 1st & 2nd doses 12-17-year-olds**

County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UJ

*No appointment needed – Just walk in!
Children must be accompanied by an adult with parental responsibility*

Jabs available for:

- * 1st & 2nd doses Age 5-11
- * Minimum 12 weeks between 1st & 2nd doses
- * If your child has a condition that means they're at high risk from COVID-19 or they live with someone who has a weakened immune system, they can get a 2nd dose from 8 weeks after their 1st dose.
- * 1st & 2nd doses age 12+
- * Minimum 12 weeks between 1st & 2nd doses for age 12-17

Tested positive COVID-19?

- You need to wait before getting any dose of the vaccine.
- * Wait 12 weeks (84 days) if you're aged 5-17 years old
 - * Wait 4 weeks (28 days) if you're aged 5-17 years old and at high risk from COVID-19 or live with someone who has a weakened immune system.

Year 2 Transition

Next week on Tuesday 28th June Year 2 children will have their second transition event. Please can you drop children off at the main entrance at upper school at 9am. Children will stay for lunch and I will pick them up after lunch and return to lower site where you can collect children at home time.

For some children those two events will be sufficient and enough to address any worries. However, for others who may be more anxious will need additional support around transitions and change. We have arranged for Charlotte our play therapist to work with two small groups weekly for 40 minutes for the next four weeks this term and the first two weeks once children start back in September. Charlotte will focus on work around change and supporting children with the transition through a nurturing/play based approach.

Any questions or concerns with regards to transition please do get in touch with Miss Weaver

A Busy week of visits and visitors

With the weather improving each week we have had a whole host of events this week for children across the school.

On Monday Seven Stories visited Upper School to work with children across all classes on enjoying imaginative stories and Reading for pleasure. They will be returning to complete a visit with all the children in Lower school on Monday 27th.

Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful day at Beamish and experienced a Victorian school day as part of their topic of Childhood in the past.

Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Sea life Centre as part of their Beach Comber topic and learnt all about starfish and Jelly fish!

Year 4 had a wonderful day at Seaham and brought back lots of sea glass as part of their topic work. Be sure to check class dojo stories for updates and photographs

Next Trip - EYFS Beach Visit - 4th July



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 **ESPORTS**

British Esports describes 'esports' as "competitive gaming, human-v-human, usually with a spectator element to it". In recent years, the esports industry has grown significantly – and is expected to reach an overall worth of \$1.2 billion, with around 30 million monthly viewers, by the end of 2022. This rapid evolution has presented even more opportunities ... but, of course, opportunities usually come with a risk. Here, we've highlighted some of the potential hazards within the esports arena and suggested ways to help young people stay safe so they can make the most of this exciting space.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MICROTRANSACTIONS

Microtransactions are in-game purchases that unlock new features or give players special abilities, characters or content. These can cost anything from 99p to £99 (and sometimes more!). The topic of microtransactions in gaming is heavily scrutinised – with cosmetics, pay-to-win features and loot boxes all being a source of contention for gamers and governing bodies in recent years.

MENTAL HEALTH

Studies show that esports competitors face the same level of mental health issues as athletes from traditional sports, along with some specific additional demands. Like mainstream professional sport, esports is an incredibly tough industry – requiring countless hours of practice. Competing at the highest level can lead to pressures such as handling setbacks, stressful situations and facing criticism.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT & BEHAVIOUR

Only 22% of gamers globally are aged between 10 and 20 – meaning the majority are adults, who might not always act or talk in a way that's appropriate for children. Like traditional sport, esports has many athletes and 'personalities' to look up to. However, it's important that your child stays aware of how influenced they are by the people they follow, and whether the athlete is age appropriate.

TROLLS & TOXICITY

An internet troll is someone who tries to offend people and cause trouble by posting derogatory comments. Toxicity, as in the real world, refers to negative behaviours like harassment, verbal abuse and inappropriate conduct, which all impact on wellbeing. Trolls and toxicity are an issue within esports, perhaps due to its pressurised, extremely competitive and high-stakes nature.

POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

The revenue in esports is potentially vast. Organisations often look to professionals and content creators to help grow their brand, in exchange for the organisation's backing, a salary, and marketing and sponsorship benefits. However, the industry is still in its infancy – and so is its regulation. In some countries, esports isn't regulated at all, so things can get sticky if players don't know what they're doing or who they're working with.

PHYSICAL EFFECTS

The common perception of esports involves a sedentary lifestyle, an unhealthy diet and very little physical activity – which has obvious health implications. It's certainly true that players sit at their desk for hours, looking into bright screens and not getting regular exercise. Some professional esports players have nutritionists, personal trainers and dieticians specifically to protect their health.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENCOURAGE BALANCE

Dedicating oneself intensely to any activity – including esports – can be harmful, both mentally and physically. Make sure your child's gaming routine is balanced with exercise, regular breaks, healthy food and plenty of water. If your child spends long hours gaming, using a chair with the proper supports and taking the time to practise good posture will help protect their lower back, neck and wrists.

GET EXPERT HELP

If your child *does* start on the road to becoming a professional, get in touch with an esports-specific agency who are experienced in industry terminology and loopholes. Do due diligence on any team or organisation offering your child a contract: a key point is how long your child would be contracted to them – the esports industry changes quickly, so there might be better and more secure offers out there.

UNDERSTAND GAMING

Chat to your child about the games they play; ask to watch or even take part to get an idea of how appropriate they are. This will give you an awareness of the phrases esports players and content creators use, helping you understand young gamers' slang. If you find some of the games unsuitable, talk to your child about why. You can also explore age-specific settings on apps like YouTube and Twitch.

BLOCK TOXIC USERS

Monitoring in-game chats, or disabling them altogether (either through the console or in the game itself), is a comprehensive way to avoid negative experiences and reduce the risk of toxic messaging. Your child also has options to block messages from particular players and only interact with their friends; this can also help to prevent them from encountering the blocked users in future games.

Meet Our Expert

Nathan David is an experienced gamer, teacher and athlete. He is Course Leader for the BTCC Esports programme at Salisbury Sixth Form College. Nathan has more than 10 years' experience working in schools and colleges, and holds a Masters degree in Sport Psychology.



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