

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

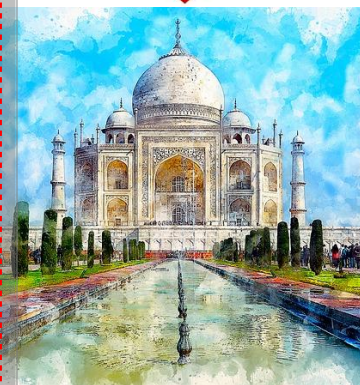
Friday, 17th June 2022

This day in history

1579 English navigator Francis Drake lands on the coast of California at Drakes Bay

1631 Mumtaz Mahal dies during childbirth. Her husband, Mughal emperor Shah Jahan I, then spends more than 20 years building her tomb, the Taj Mahal

1885 Statue of Liberty arrives in NYC aboard French ship 'Isere'



Whole School Attendance

Reception = 93.2%

Year 1 = 91.0 %

★ Year 2 = 94.5 % ★

★ Year 3 = 94.8 % ★

Year 4 = 93.2 %

Year 5 = 93.0 %

Year 6 = 90.9 %



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

(10th June) = 93.2 %

National Primary Attendance = 94.1 %

Leadgate Primary (w/e 10th June) =87.4 %

National Bug Busting Day

National Bug busting day was this week on June 15th.

This day is about encouraging families to check their kids for nits on National Bug Busting Day — on January 31, June 15, and October 31 — helps reduce the incidence of lice and their potential to spread via classrooms. Head lice can affect anyone at any age, but these pesky creatures most frequently prey on children between 4 and 11. Although they're not particularly dangerous, they certainly cause a lot of irritation and distress. Because you can't easily spot head-lice eggs, combing wet hair with a special comb lets you catch nits early and remove them before they hatch and make their way to other people. This method avoids harsh insecticides and can help prevent outbreaks in schools.

Please continue to check as children spend more time outside in close contact.

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)

Marcus Rashford reading Books

Year 6 will be bringing home a copy of the next Marcus Rashford Reading Book – 'The Breakfast Club Adventures-The beast beyond the fence' today. We hope everyone enjoys reading them. Once you have finished please feel free to pass it on to another child / friend to read or donate back to the school to add to our library.

Music Service Concert

This week both sites enjoyed a wonderful Vocal Music Concert from Durham Music Service which left many singing the rest of the day. All the children, especially the youngest, were praised for their excellent behaviour and concentration.



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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
Tuesday 21st, 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 you 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 - Year 2 Visit / Tour and stay and play to Upper school site 9.30 -11.30 – now changed to Thursday 23rd June

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
Summer Holiday
on Tuesday 19th
July
And
Reopens
Wednesday 7th
September**

Platinum Jubilee Celebration Book

We have received our copies of the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebration book from Dorling Kindersley for every child in school. Arrangements will be made to send these home with each child on Monday. Please look out for them as we do not have any replacements.



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 apps 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

TWITCH

Twitch is a livestreaming service which tends to focus on gaming. Users can publicly broadcast their gameplay and commentary online for other users to watch. It's a community-driven platform where viewers can support their favourite streamers' channels through PayPal donations, "Bits" and more. Each streamer or group creates their own community for fans to interact with each other. Twitch has more than 15 million daily active users and includes non-gaming topics such as music, cooking and art. Anyone can create a channel to livestream or watch videos.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNCENSORED STREAMS

Uncensored content obviously carries a greater risk of inappropriate language and behaviour (streamers can, however, list their broadcast as unsuitable for children). Twitch has strict rules for streamers to follow, but requires viewers to report any streams which breach these guidelines. Each livestream is accompanied by a text chat which it is the streamer's responsibility to moderate.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most people are already aware that some video games feature adult content such as violence, sexual content, profanity and so on. Twitch does prevent certain games from being streamed on the platform, but most are still allowed. It is relatively simple, then, for a child to find livestreams of games that aren't suitable for them – including horror games.

HIDDEN COSTS

Twitch is free to use because it's supported by advertisers. Removing the ads requires a subscription to Twitch Turbo – or the Twitch Prime package (free for anyone with an Amazon Prime account), which blocks the ads and offers additional goodies such as bonus games. Streamers earn most of their income by asking users for direct donations or gifts of the virtual currency Twitch Bits.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

As well as streamers talking directly to their audience, Twitch enables viewers to use text chat to speak to the person they're watching. It's a social platform which also allows viewers to interact with each other via text while they are watching livestreams – including exchanging private messages. This raises the possibility of a child being approached and messaged online by total strangers.

WEBCAM SHARING

It's common for streamers to use their live webcam footage. This allows better interaction with their viewers, but also adds risk: the stream might include sponsored content or product placement that isn't child friendly. Using a webcam in livestreams increases the chance of malicious viewers finding out where the streamer lives and provides bullies with visual reactions to their hurtful behaviour.

PRIVATE CHAT ROOMS

Twitch encourages streamers to create their own communities, which extend beyond its platform. Many create a public Discord group, for example, for viewers to join and communicate with each other. Discord is a completely separate entity to Twitch and offers a higher risk of predators, grooming and cyberbullying if your child gets involved in the voice or video chat with strangers.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EXPLORE IT YOURSELF

Twitch doesn't have any parental controls, but it is possible to block troublesome users if it becomes necessary. The best solution is to watch some Twitch channels by yourself or with your child to find some that are suitable. Watching some streams by yourself is also a good route to understanding the sort of content that your child would be consuming regularly on Twitch.

WATCH WHAT THEY WATCH

Twitch does have a lot of child-friendly content; some streamers use a 'family friendly' tag to highlight material that's suitable for children. However, anyone can use this tag – including users who (accidentally or otherwise) stream games with less appropriate adult themes. The best way to counter this is to view different streams and follow suitable channels for your child to watch.

LEARN HOW TO BLOCK

'Security and Privacy' in Twitch's settings lets your child block messages from specific users. Teaching your child how this works will help them avoid online abuse. If they livestream, knowing how to block people in the chat also helps to prevent cyberbullying or harassment. Evading online interaction is impossible, of course, so talk to them in advance about boundaries and safe online communication.

LIMIT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Reduce the chance of accidental purchases by ensuring your bank card isn't saved on Twitch or the Amazon account that Twitch Prime could be linked to. Restricting access to your PayPal account is also wise if your child watches Twitch on the device you use to make purchases. Explain to your child that they don't need to subscribe to channels to watch them and that donating or gifting 'Bits' is optional.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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 5-11year 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.

