

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

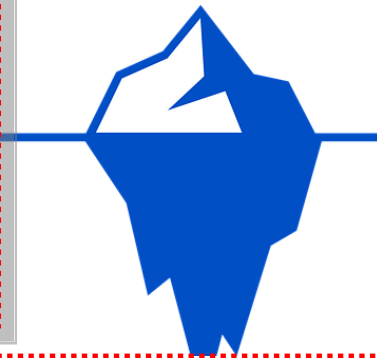
**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**On this day in history:**

**1659** Robinson Crusoe is shipwrecked (according to Daniel Defoe's famous novel)

**2004** The first images of a live giant squid in its natural habitat are taken 600 miles south of Tokyo

**2019** 315 billion-tonne iceberg named D28 calves from Amery ice shelf, Antarctica



**Whole School Attendance  
Weekly Attendance figures**

Reception = 87.5 %

Year 1 = 95.67 %

★ Year 2 = 97.92 % ★

★ Year 3 = 95.24 % ★

Year 4 = 94.96 %

Year 5 = 90.48 %

Year 6 = 94.38 %



**Congratulations**

**Well Done Year 2 for the best attendance in Keystage 1 and Year 3 for the best attendance in Upper School across the whole year.**



## **Black History Month**

Black history month is celebrated through the whole of October. In addition, this year each class will be learning about a significant figure in Black History who fought for positive change.

In Early Years we will be reading a range of diverse stories and exploring music / food / clothing from cultures of famous black figures and celebrities.

In Year we will be learning about Rosa Parks, she was called "**the mother of the civil rights movement**," Rosa Parks invigorated the struggle for racial equality when she refused to give up her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama.

In Year 2 we will learn about Mary Seacole, as a mixed-race woman living in the 19th century, what Mary Seacole achieved in her lifetime was truly remarkable. She **broke social rules and prejudices to travel the world, run businesses and help those in need** – even in the most dangerous places.

In Year 3 we will learn about Florence Price, Florence published more than 300 compositions including music for piano and organ, popular songs, concertos for violin and piano, four symphonies, and many spirituals and vocal works. **Price was the first black woman composer to have a symphony performed by a major American orchestra.**

In Year 4 we will learn about Harriet Tubman, Known as the "Moses of her people," Harriet Tubman was **enslaved, escaped, and helped others gain their freedom as a "conductor" of the Underground Railroad.** Tubman also served as a scout, spy, guerrilla soldier, and nurse for the Union Army during the Civil War.

In Year 5 we will learn about Mae Jemison. As a **doctor, engineer, and NASA astronaut**, Mae Jemison has always reached for the stars. In 1992, Jemison became the first African American woman to travel in space.

In Year 6 we will learn about the life of Martin Luther King Jr., he is a **civil rights legend**. In the mid-1950s, Dr. King led the movement to end segregation and counter prejudice in the United States through the means of peaceful protest. His speeches have become some of the most iconic of the 20th century.

# School Dates

**Date for the  
Diary  
School  
photographs  
this year will  
take place on  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup>**

## **Reception Early Years Stay and Play Session**

We are delighted to invite you back into school for another Stay and Play session. On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October we would like to invite parents/carers into class at 9am. The first part of the session will be an opportunity to play with the children, see how well they have settled in and see some of the things they have been learning about.

The second part of the session will be a phonics and maths workshop where you will be able to see how phonics and maths are taught in Reception.

## **School Holiday Dates**

**Half Term school closes Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October and reopens Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
School Closes for Christmas on 16<sup>th</sup> December**

## **School dates confirmed so far :**

- 26<sup>th</sup> Sept – Year ½ after school dance club begins 3pm – 3.45pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Sept – Library Visit Year 2
- 29<sup>th</sup> Oct – 3.20pm Residential Parents meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Year 3 Hindu Temple Visit
- 4<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 1 Church Visit
- 5<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 5 Beamish Museum Visit
- 7<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 4 Online Anglo Saxon Workshop
- 7<sup>th</sup> Oct – Richard Holden MP visits school with Q and A session with Year 5 and 6
- 13<sup>th</sup> Oct – Reception Class Stay and Play for Parents/Carers
- 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Non Curriculum Day Upper School
- 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Non Curriculum Day Lower School
- 18<sup>th</sup> Oct - Nasal Flu vaccinations (provisional date)
- 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Year 6 Residential Visit
- 21<sup>st</sup> Oct - Consett Fire Station Bonfire Talk – Year 1 and 2
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Reception Class - National Measurement Programme
- 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parents Evening – all Years except Year 3 (details to follow)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parents Evening – all Years (details to follow)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parents Evening – Year 3 (details to follow)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – SEND Coffee Morning with Miss Weaver 8.45 Lower School
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – school Photographs
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Pantomime on site for Upper School
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – SAVE THE CHILDREN Christmas Jumper Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Panto at Empire Theatre for Year 1 and 2
- PROVISIONAL DATE 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Performance Years 1 to 6 to be held at Our Lady and St Josephs Church next to Brooms School
- PROVISIONAL DATE 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner day on both sites
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Early Years Christmas Performance 2.15pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Closes for Christmas Holiday

**Additional Dates will be added once bookings are confirmed**

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## NEW READING AND SPELLING APP

Dear Parent / Carer,

In order to support each child's reading and spelling I have purchase access for each child in Years 3 to 6 to an online App which they will use in school called Nessy Learning. As this is an opt in learning programme you will have received an email from Nessy Learning earlier this evening, to your registered primary email address, to give consent for your child to use during school hours.

Please follow the link in the email to grant consent and allow your child to start using. If you have any issues with the link please message me directly to say that you give consent and I can authorise on your behalf.

There is a store feature on this programme however there is NO need to use this at all.

Many thanks for your support with this.



## Class PE and Sports timetable

Nursery	Monday – Dance others TBC
Reception	Monday – Dance Wednesday – Games / Skills
Year 1	Monday – Dance Tuesday – Forest Schools Thursday – Taekwondo
Year 2	Tuesday – PE Games Wednesday – Forest Schools Thursday – Taekwondo
Year 3	Monday – Forest Schools Tuesday – Dance Friday – Fitness
Year 4	Wednesday – Fitness Thursday – Swimming
Year 5	Tuesday – Dance Friday – Games
Year 6	Monday – Games Thursday – Games

Please ensure earrings are removed on PE days before children attend school if they are unable to remove them themselves.

## After School Dance Club

The lessons will start straight after school at 3pm and finish at 3.45pm. The dates are every Monday on the :



3rd October

10th October

17th October and the final session on the 31st October.

If you would like to book a place for your child to attend please message me directly on Class Dojo to have their names added to the list. There is a maximum 30 places and we still have some availability. There will not be a charge for this club. Children will need to be collected from the main reception door at the end of the session. If you are not successful in getting a place another 5 sessions will run for years 1 and 2 in February and March.

## RESIDENTIAL UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who came to the residential meeting lastnight, sorry it was a little longer than expected. Just a reminder that the dates we're away are 19th to 21st October. Children need to arrive at school between 8.30 and 8.45 to allow plenty of time to check they have all they need. Please remember all medication must be prescribed by a doctor and be clearly labelled with a medical form filled in (these are available from the school office). Please also note that no electronics of any kind are to be taken by the children.

A copy of Kit lists and menus will be sent home tonight.



# E-Safety Update / Information

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](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## 10 tips for parents and carers HOW TO BE GREEN WITH YOUR TECH

Right now, humans aren't living sustainably: we're taking too many resources and not leaving the world in a fit state for future generations. Old tech products are a clear example: if we throw them away, the poisonous lead and mercury inside can get into the food chain through the soil. Recycling tech, though, has its own issues: it's often exported to countries where the law doesn't protect people from hazards. Whole villages (including children) sort through discarded devices to remove useful parts and substances like gold, silver and copper – often putting their health at risk. Finding ways to re-use tech is the greenest option.

So what can we do with those cupboards and drawers full of old phones and unwanted computers?  
**Reuse, recycle, donate or sell them!**

### 1 DONATE THEM TO CHARITY

There are lots of charities that redistribute unwanted tech to worthy causes, either in the UK or in developing nations. If your old products are still working, this is a great option – as it means that new products don't have to be made. Search online for your nearest place that does this.

### 2 REMEMBER THE BATTERIES

Almost all batteries can be recycled – even the little 'button' ones from smaller gadgets. You could choose a box at home or school to keep used batteries in, and then take them to a designated place that collects them. Be very careful, though! – button cells can be deadly if eaten by small children or pets.

### 3 USE YOUR ONLINE SAFETY KNOWLEDGE

If you're recycling, selling or repurposing any of your devices, make sure that all your personal data, private photos and so on have been deleted before the tech leaves your hands or is connected online.

### 4 REUSE THEM

Old smartphones can be used as webcams, security cameras, baby monitors or pet cams: there are apps that will configure them to do this. You can also turn an outdated phone into a TV remote control, an alarm clock that wakes you up with your favourite track, or a media centre you can take to places where you wouldn't risk your new phone.

### 5 TURN IT INTO SOMETHING NEW

Smartphones are more powerful than most older computers. If you have an unwanted android phone, it's quite easy to create a new computer – you could use an old TV as a monitor, meaning you just need a mouse and keyboard. There are also small devices you can buy which let you do the same with iPhones.

### 6 RETURN THEM

Return devices to the manufacturer or retailer you bought them from. Some manufacturers take responsibility for their products and accept them back, to refurbish and redistribute. If they don't, you could contact them and ask why: the more consumer pressure there is on shops and manufacturers, the more likely they are to act in a greener way.

### 7 SUPPORT SCIENCE

Let your old devices help modern research. Scientists currently investigating topics like far-off star systems, cancer treatment and earthquakes need enormous computing power. If your unwanted device is WIFI enabled, for example, you can connect it to a network so that it can boost scientists' research.

### 8 SELL THEM

This is also a green option as it means that fewer devices have to be produced. On top of that, you could also donate some of the money you make to an environmental charity.

### 9 RESEARCH DISPOSAL METHODS

If your device is beyond repair and no one wants it, get rid of it safely through a specialist tech disposal company. Check that your device won't be shipped off to another country for processing.

### 10 KEEP THINKING

There's no such thing as 'too many' ways to help our planet! If you come up with a better idea than ours, contact National Online Safety and tell us.

## Meet Our Expert

Neil Atkin teaches scientific literacy through his non-profit organisation, Rubbish Science, which engages people in working together to live more sustainably and creatively uses waste to help address real-life problems. There are a range of environmental activities you may like to try on their website: [www.rubbishscience.com](http://www.rubbishscience.com).



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USUAL LINKS: Places to donate old electrical items: [www.trysayingsay.com/battery](http://www.trysayingsay.com/battery) & [www.electrical-goods.com](http://www.electrical-goods.com) How to turn an old smartphone into a computer: [www.maketeed.com/blog/turn-your-smartphone-into-pc](http://www.maketeed.com/blog/turn-your-smartphone-into-pc)  
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