Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday 10th February 2023

60 St Paul thought to have been shipwrecked at Malta

1879 Henry Morton Stanley departs for the Congo. He is famous for his exploration of Central Africa and his search for missionary and explorer David Livingstone, whom he later claimed to have greeted with the now-famous line: "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?". He is mainly known for his search for the sources of the Nile and Congo rivers

1916 Military conscription begins in Britain





Whole School Attendance Weekly Attendance figures

Reception = 99 %

Year 1 = 93.2 %

Year 2 = 97.4 %

Year 3 = 91.5 %

Year 4 = 96.1 %

Year 5 = 97.2 %

★Year 6 = 100 % ★



Congratulations

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

Policy Consultation

Our new uniform and behaviour policy

– currently on the school website for
parent consultation - will close at the
end of next week. After this it will go
to the governing body for ratification.
Thank you for taking the time to read
and if you have any queries or
suggestions / comments please don't
hesitate to pass them on before we go
to governors.

Safeguarding Note

Parents dropping off bags /
packed lunches etc – can you
please ensure these are dropped
off at Reception with admin staff
and not passed through the
fences to children as this
presents a potential safeguarding
issue

Mini First Aiders

On Wednesday, Year 5 children took part in a half day Mini First Aider course. They learnt about all types of injuries and resuscitation. Deborah said they were absolutely brilliant and the best class she has taught and we should all feel very proud and much safer thanks to all their hard work! Her follow up email said 'I just want to say how wonderful the kids were, really well behaved and so engaged, can I take them to the next school I am teaching?'

They all should feel very proud of themselves!











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School Dates

School Holiday Dates

The next school Holiday is February Half Term and the School closes on Friday 17th February and reopens on Monday 27th February.

School dates confirmed so far:

27th Jan – Year 4 Outreach Vikings Visit in school 27th Jan – Author Kylie Dixon – returns to judge competition

1st Feb – Strike Closures

6th Feb – Year 4 Captain Chemistry

6th – 10th Feb – Mental Health Week

14th Feb - Lower School Non Curriculum Day -

Aboriginal Creative Day

17th Feb – Upper School Non Curriculum Day -

'Adventure along the Equator'

With: Japan - Japanese Artist

Australia - Hula Activities

India - Yoga / Meditation

South America - Animal encounter - Rainforest

17th Feb – Year 1 Library Visit

17th Feb – School closes for Half Term Holiday

28th Feb - STRIKE DAY

2nd March – Word Book Day

 ${\bf 15}^{th}$ March – Golf Day sessions – EYFS and

Keystage 1

17th March – Golf Day Sessions – Keystage 2

27th and 28th March – Parents evenings

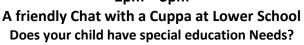
28th March - Dragon visit to Lower School!

31st March – School closes for Easter Holiday



SEND Coffee Afternoon

Come and Join Us Wednesday 8th March 2pm – 3pm



Would you like support?
Could you offer support to others?
Share with others in similar situations in a friendly, supportive environment.

All welcome



Non Curriculum Day





Next week we will be holding our Spring Term Non-Curriculum Day

Tuesday 14th February Lower School Day – Aboriginal Art Theme day

Children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will enjoy a wonderful day exploring Aboriginal art, Dance, Storytelling and Geography Workshops

Friday 17th February

Upper School Day – Adventure along the Equator

During the day children at Upper school will divide into their house teams and also get an opportunity to work with children from othetr classes and across the age ranges – lots of team building and sharing

Japan – Ancient Japanese art

Hoops Hall Line up

South America - Exotic Animal Encounter (Rainforests)

Ancient India - Yoga



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Mental Health First Aider

Children's Mental Health Week

6th – 12th February

Children's Mental Health Week took place this week and the theme was Let's Connect.

Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections. Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health.

As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. For free resources to help families check out:

Families - Children's Mental Health Week (childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

In school we had held events within classrooms to remind children of the importance of their own mental health and activities to support them.

As adults it is also important to look after your own mental health and there are groups and resources out there for you too

Why not take a look at:

Mental health support for adults - Durham County Council

School Governors



I am please to announce the appointment of a new governing body member to our school governors.

Mrs Armstrong has been appointed as a parent governor and will act as an additional voice on the school governors bringing the perspective of parents into all school decisions.

We all welcome Mrs Armstrong onto the school Governing body and look forward to her joining our efforts to continually improve the school for all out children.

Year 3 Swimming

After half term our Year 3 class will start their swimming lessons on a Thursday morning. With half term quickly approaching please ensure you dig out those swimming costumes and towels and maybe even get in a quick session at the local pool to ensure they get over those swimming nerves before lessons start.

School Meals Price Increase

I have received an email from County Hall this week notifying that School meals will be subject to a price increase after half term. From Monday 27th February a school meal will cost £2.41 per day.

A further increase to £2.50 will start from September 2023



E-Safety Update / Information



in Children and Young People

Gaming, of course, is phenomenally popular with children and young people. In 2021, for instance, more than three-quarters of teenagers played online games, with almost 70% of primary school aged children doing likewise. If enjoyed in moderation and supported by a healthy routine (staying hydrated, good sleep habits, taking breaks and so on), gaming can actually benefit a person's mental health. As long as we stay alert for potential risks, games can be much more than what we see on the surface: they can be a way to socialise, an avenue for creativity and a route to solving problems. Check out our top ten tips on how gaming online can sometimes work to your child's advantage ...

THE FEEL-GOOD FACTOR

ACHIEVEMENT & PRIDE

SOCIAL SALVATION

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

REAL-WORLD RELATABILITY

A DIGITAL COMFORT

PROBLEM-SOLVING PRACTICE

THE GREAT ESCAPISM

TRIED & TRUSTED

ENCOURAGING





National Safety*

Source https://www.ofcom.org/uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0024/294809/childrens-media-use and attitud







