

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday 10th March 2023

1629 English King Charles I dissolves Parliament for the 4th time in his reign, summons new Parliament 11 years later, only to be dissolved after 3 months

1801 First official census in Great Britain, revealing a population of approximately 10 million

1876 First telephone call; Alexander Graham Bell says "**Mr. Watson, come here, I want to see you**" to his assistant Thomas Watson



Whole School Attendance Weekly Attendance figures

Reception = 96%

Year 1 = 96%

★ Year 2 = 98.4% ★

Year 3 = 93.8 %

Year 4 = 95.8%

Year 5 = 95.5%

★ Year 6 = 96.4% ★



Congratulations

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

Japanese Artist Visit

The children at Upper school have had a great experience today with a visit from Noriko and a Japanese lesson in each class thanks to funding from Newcastle University. They spent time learning about several cultural aspects of life in Japan and learnt some basic phrases in Japanese. Later in the lesson they practiced their origami skills!

We look forward to lower school having the same experience next week

Arigatoo!



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Lower Site West Street

Mother's Day Lunch

Come and join us
for an afternoon
tea themed lunch
on Friday 17th
March 12- 2pm

Mums or a special female relative are invited to come and join us for lunch followed by a craft session with your child. The cost of an adult lunch is £2.84. Places must be booked in advance. Please contact the office to book a space.

School Meals Price Increase

School meals are 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

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School Dates



School Holiday Dates

The next school Holiday is the Easter Holiday.



School closes on Friday 31st March and reopens Monday 17th April.

School dates confirmed so far :

- 10th March – Upper School Japanese Artists – Origami lesson
- 13th March – Nursery Sensory Café Visit
- 14th March – Year 2 Duck Eggs Arrive!!
- 15th March - Lower School Japanese Artists – Origami lesson
- 15th March – Golf Day sessions – EYFS and Keystage 1
- 16th March – Reception trip to Hall Hill Farm
- 15th and 16th March – **STRIKE on both days**
- 17th March – Golf Day Sessions – Keystage 2
- 17th March – Mother's Day Afternoon Tea – Lower School
- 22nd March – Nursery Stay and Play
- 23rd March – Reception Stay and Play
- 27th and 28th March – Parents evenings
- 28th March – Dragon visit to Lower School!
- 29th March – Year 1 Easter Parent Craft Session
- 30th March – Year 2 Easter Parent Craft Session
- 31st March – School closes for Easter Holiday

NEU Strike Action

As previously posted on Class dojo – The NEU will be striking on the 15th and 16th of March.

The school will be partially open with only Years 1 and 3 classes being closed. Free school meal vouchers will follow in due course.



Toddler Playgroup

Leadgate Primary School
Parent and Toddler Playgroup

Sharing

Caring

Learning together

Lot of games, toys, stories, music, soft play, activities and fun!
Come for a play and a chat!

West Street, Leadgate, DH8 7PN
Every Friday (term time only)
1.30pm – 2.30pm
(to vacate by 2.45pm ready for school pick ups)
Tea & coffee available
£1 admission

We are still running the toddler playgroup every Friday at Lower School. Please note that due Mother's Day Afternoon Tea it will not run on Friday 17th March 2023.

Science Club

Lower School children are getting ready for some exciting experiments in Science Club - starting on Monday 13th March. The club will run for three weeks (Monday 13th, 20th and 27th) at LOWER SCHOOL from 3.00pm to 3.45pm. We can't wait to share some of the fun things we have learned and experiments we have carried out.



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 devices 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 iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny!) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

Meet Our Expert

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