

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday 24th March 2023

1603 Scottish King James VI son of Mary Queen of Scots, becomes King James I of England in succession to Elizabeth I, joining the English and Scottish crowns.

1905 Pioneering French science-fiction author Jules Verne died in Amiens, France.

1989 The oil tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground, spilling some 11 million gallons (41 million litres) of oil into Prince William Sound in Alaska and creating the largest oil spill in U.S. history.



**Whole School Attendance
Weekly Attendance figures**

Reception = 91%
Year 1 = 92.5%
★ Year 2 = 93.8% ★
Year 3 = 95.5%
Year 4 = 95.9%
★ Year 5 = 97.6% ★
Year 6 = 95%



Congratulations
Well Done Year 2
for the best attendance in Lower
School and Year 5
for the best attendance in Upper
School.

Upper School Easter Egg Competition

Great Creative!!

It's that time of year again and a chance to participate in the Annual Easter Egg competition.

Please bring your entry to school on Monday 27th March (including any parent / carer entries), if you'd like to take part in the competition.

Judging Wednesday 29th March.

All entries returned home Thursday 30th March.

First, Second and Third Prize for every class.
We can't wait to see how creative you can be!



Easter Competition



Parent Egg Decorating

Entries should be in school by
Monday 27th March

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place!

Stay and Play

Thank you to all the parents from Nursery and Reception who joined Mrs Nesom, Ms Pedro and staff for two enjoyable stay and play sessions. Thank you for the feedback and it was wonderful to hear the children boasting about their classrooms, schoolwork, activities, friends and life at Leadgate Primary School.

School Dates

School dates confirmed so far:

- 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

Parents Evening

We look forward to inviting parents in to school for face-to-face parent consultations on Monday and Tuesday (27th and 28th March). Meetings with the teachers will last up to 10 minutes and individual time slots have already been given to parents who have requested a slot. If you would like to arrange a meeting, please contact Miss Rachel via Class Dojo. Slots are now very limited.

After the Easter holidays Year 1 and Year 2 will begin their next set of forest school sessions.

FOREST SCHOOL YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 SUMMER TERM

MONDAY 17TH APRIL 2023
MONDAY 24TH APRIL 2023
THURSDAY 4TH MAY 2023
THURSDAY 11TH MAY 2023
MONDAY 15TH MAY 2023
MONDAY 22ND MAY 2023

PLEASE BRING WELLIES FOR THE SESSIONS



World Autism Acceptance Week

Monday 27 March to Sunday 2 April 2023

Wednesday 29th March **Non Uniform**

Spectrum Colour Challenge

Wear
RAINBOW
Coloured Clothes

Contributions welcome but most importantly lets help raise awareness!

£15 could ensure our online community is there for everyone who needs it.
£500 could help 12 families receive support from our Education Rights line.



EGG COMPETITION

HELP YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR ENTRY

Please join us for
EASTER
Cake and Craft
Session

Year 1 Wednesday 29th March 9am-10am
Year 2 Thursday 30th March 9am-10am
Please bring a hard boiled egg.

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 for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Ten top tips for

STRONGER PASSWORDS

Passwords continue to be the most common way to prove our identity online. A combination of a username and a password known only to the user provides access to our online accounts and data – and hopefully keeps unauthorised individuals out. As a security measure, though, passwords are relatively weak. People are often predictable in how we choose our passwords, for example – making them less secure. With increasing volumes of usernames and passwords being leaked online, what can we do to keep our data more secure? Here are our top tips for stronger passwords.

BE UNPREDICTABLE

We often choose passwords which are easy to remember, featuring the name of our favourite sports team or favourite film, for instance. Those are predictable passwords. Cyber criminals will routinely try various combinations of passwords relating to sports teams, actors, musical artists and the like – and they often focus on these during major sporting events or around high-profile movie releases.

AVOID GETTING PERSONAL

Many of us use passwords relating to our family, such as children's names or favoured holiday destinations. The problem here is that we also typically post about our holidays and our family on social media – making that information potentially visible to cyber criminals and supplying them with clues which could help them in narrowing down possible passwords we might have set.

NEW PLATFORM, NEW PASSWORD

Where cyber criminals gain access to an online service through a data breach, they often use the data they've stolen to try and access the victim's other accounts. This is because the criminals know that, for convenience, people often use the same password across different services. When we reuse passwords, our security is only as strong as the weakest site where we've used it.

LONGER IS STRONGER

Our passwords are often stored by online services in an encrypted format. In case the service suffers a data breach, the strength of this encryption, however, is dependent on the length of the password you've selected. If your password is only a short one, cyber criminals are significantly more likely to be able to break the encryption and identify your password.

CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY

Staying up to date with friends and relatives on social media is part of everyday life now. We need to ensure, though, that we limit who can see our posts via each platform's privacy settings. It's also wise to consider what we're posting and if it's really safe to share online. If we restrict what cyber criminals can see, we reduce the chance of them using that information to identify our passwords.

Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



Source: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>

CCTV
IN OPERATION

DOUBLE LOCK YOUR DATA

It's possible that cyber criminals may eventually discover your username and password. Enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA) on your accounts, however, reduces the chance of them obtaining access to your data, as they'd also require a code which is provided via an app, SMS message or email. MFA isn't infallible, but it does definitely provide extra protection and security.

DELETE UNUSED ACCOUNTS

Data breaches occur when cyber criminals gain access to an online service and all the data contained within it – including usernames and passwords. Whenever you stop using a service, it's wise to make sure that you delete your entire account and not just the actual app. If the service no longer has your data, there's zero risk of it being leaked should they suffer a data breach in the future.

TRY PASSWORD MANAGERS

Even though most of us have numerous online accounts to manage these days, it's advantageous to avoid password re-use. Specialist password management software (like Dashlane or OnePassword, among others) can help by storing a different password for every online service that you have an account with: the only one you or child will need to remember is the single master password.

GET CREATIVE

The British government's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) recommends the 'three random words' technique. This method helps you create a password which is unique, complex and long – yet which is memorable enough to stay in your mind ("FourBluesShoes", for example). The NCSC website, incidentally, also offers plenty of other useful information relating to personal cyber security.

STAY VIGILANT

The best way to protect your accounts and your data is to be vigilant and careful. If you receive an email or text message that's unusual or unexpected, treat it as suspicious until you're able to verify whether it's genuine and safe. Starting from a position of vigilance and caution will reduce the likelihood of you or your child being tricked by a malicious email, text or phone call.

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