



# Leonard's Life



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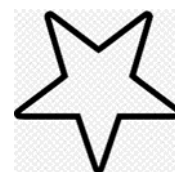
27th October 2023

## A note from Miss Roberts.....

Today, it's been lovely to welcome parents into school for the first special celebration assembly this year in our new building. All of the children who received special awards were very proud to receive their certificates and medals.

From walking around the school and looking at the work completed this half term, it has been really evident both how much the children have enjoyed their topics and how much progress has been made in knowledge and understanding.

On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to thank you all for your continued support this half term and we hope that you all have a lovely half term holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 6th November.



w/c 16/10/23	Class Award	Presentation Award	Punctuation Award
Year N	Eli		
Year R	Lili P		
Year 1	Margot G	Alice	Norah
Year 2	Poppy	James	Willow
Year 3	Leo	Carla	Jay
Year 4	Mikey	Sophie	Eleanor
Year 5	Bailey	Ava	Vu
Year 6	Whole Class		Mohamed

w/c 23/10/23	Achievement Award	Values Award	Presentation Award
Year N	Erin		
Year R	Kobie	Ava	Pippa
Year 1	Lola	Nancy	Scarlett
Year 2	Taylor	Marnie	Ollie
Year 3	Sophie	Jacob C	Iuliia
Year 4	Isaac H	Eilidh	Arlo
Year 5	Tom	Bailey	Yassmin
Year 6	Evie	Millie	Maisy

Art Award	Skye in Reception	Shakrana in Year 3
Sports Award	Ella in Year 2	Harry in Year 3

Well done everyone!



w/c 16/10/2023

w/c 23/10/2023

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
R	91.3%	R	87.3%
1	94.35%	1	98%
2	97.3%	2	98.35%
3	92.3%	3	92.6%
4	91.25%	4	94.4%
5	92.3%	5	97.4%
6	90.65%	6	92.4%

### Autumn Afterschool Clubs

Club	Year	Day	Teacher
German	3/4/5/6	Tuesday 3:30—4:15 pm	Miss Roberts
KS2 Sports	3/4/5/6	Wednesday 3:30—4:15 pm	Miss Bird and Miss Cooke
Lego	1/2	Thursday 3:30—4:00 pm	Mrs Hitchen
Multi-Sports	Rec/1	Thursday 3:30—4:15 pm	Miss Jones
Choir	3/4/5/6	Friday lunchtime	Miss Bayliffe
Calm Club	Invite only	24/10/2023	Mrs Callaghan

### Remembrance and Poppy Sale

After half term we will be thinking about the time of Remembrance and what this means to us all as we pay our respects.



From Monday 6th November we will be supporting the Royal British Legion by selling poppies and other items again this year. Children wishing to buy a poppy or other item(s) can bring their money into school from Monday 6th November in a named envelope with their year group on.



# TAKEHOME



## In the news this week

Wales has reduced its maximum speed limit in residential areas, close to homes and schools, from 30mph to 20mph, becoming the first nation in the UK to introduce these measures. Ministers in Wales have said the 20mph limit would make roads safer, with the aim also being to increase the number of people choosing to walk or cycle. Changing the speed limit, along with the need to raise awareness and amend road signs, has cost the government in Wales just over £32m. However, ministers believe the cost will be outweighed by reduced impact on emergency services and the NHS.

### Things to talk about at home...

- > Think about the area outside of your school. Do you feel it is safe? What is in place to make it safe? Do you know what the speed limit is?
- > What about where you live? What are the roads like there, and do you think that drivers travel at a safe speed?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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**British Values**



### Rule of Law

Speed limits are put in place to reduce road accidents and keep people safer. These limits are law and if a vehicle exceeds them there can be consequences.

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## Protected Characteristics



UK law states to start learning to drive a car on roads, you must be at least 17 years old. This helps keep everyone safer. However, we can all use roads as pedestrians, cyclists etc no matter what age we are. We should never be treated unfairly because of our age.



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### Choir

Come and join us in Choir Club! Any children from KS2 (Y3,Y4,Y5,Y6), we want you! A text message reminder will be sent on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November for any children that might wish to join. There are 16 places left and we would love to welcome as many as possible into our group. Thank you. Miss Bayliffe.

### Lost Property

We are collecting a large amount of lost property in school that unfortunately we are unable to return to families as items have no names in. Could we please remind parents to write their child's name inside items of uniform so that these can be returned if lost? Many thanks in advance.

### Medication in School

Just a reminder to parents that we can only administer prescription medicine to children during the school day once parents have filled in a form at the school office. Thank you for support with this.





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## October Holiday Sports Clubs

Blessed William Howard Catholic School, Stafford

Monday 30th October- Friday 3rd November

8.30am- 5.30pm - £20 per day  
10am-4pm - £17 per day

Staff are NGB qualified, DBS Checked and First Aid Trained.  
Staff employed by the Stafford Sports and Performance Academy

The days will be filled with sporting fun including football, rounders, gymnastics, dance, cricket, badminton, table tennis and MORE. Sessions are perfect for boys and girls.

IDEAL FOR AGES 5-13

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07793891029 [holidayclubs@staffordsport.co.uk](mailto:holidayclubs@staffordsport.co.uk)

### Sports Enrichment Day—Tuesday 24th October

All children across school enjoyed taking part in their first enrichment day on Tuesday. This half term's focus was archery. The children enjoyed learning new skills and many were successful in hitting the target! Thank you to Miss Bird for organising the day.



## Nursery

We have celebrated Harvest in Nursery which has been very hands on and fun. We made a delicious Harvest vegetable soup, the children loved helping to wash, chop, peel and grate all the delicious ingredients. The children enjoyed performing 'Autumn Leaves' and 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' in our classroom to the parents for Harvest. We have also been busy observing the seasonal changes and made some autumn leaf bunting for our classroom. In our phonics group time we have played lots of listening games, our favourite being 'teddy is lost in the jungle' and 'sock shakers'.



## Reception

Reception have been very busy these last two weeks. We have focused on Harvest and Autumn changes. The children have worked very hard planning and building farms, using loose parts to create scarecrow pictures and learning seasonal songs.

We had some visitors in school as parents joined us for a 'stay and play' session which the children really enjoyed, and we shared our harvest songs with our adults and shared our learning about harvest during our harvest festival.

## Year 1

Year 1 have had another busy two weeks! The children been reading the story of Tyrannosaurus Drip, they enjoyed making their own dinosaur masks and acting out the story. In Maths the children have been learning about fact families and created their own fact family houses. The children also had fun participating in their Commando Joe and Sports Enrichment sessions!





## Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed the final stage in our Art lessons this week. We have used a variety of ink colours to roll onto our templates and print. We will also choose a contrasting colour to make a second print onto our final piece. We look forward in sharing these with you in our Dinosaur Museum.



## Year 3

Year 3 used a bow and arrow to aim at the target this week for their sports enrichment activity. They worked together in teams to try and get the highest score. In science, year 3 have concluded their investigation to see what happens to white flowers when they are put in coloured water. They noticed the petals started to turn the same colour as the water after a few days. After half term, year 3 are looking forward to carry out another plant investigation.



## Year 4

Year 4 have been taking part in lots of interesting activities over the past two weeks. We have completed our cinquain poems, ready to send off for the Poetry Competition. They are beautifully written and all of the class put incredible effort into making them the best they possibly could. Y4 had a great time during the archery sports enrichment and many were successful in hitting the target! We have created model Sukkah's to support our learning about the Jewish celebration Sukkot, we completed a science experiment all about melting chocolate to explore temperature and baked bread for Harvest. It's been very busy and I'm sure all of the children are ready for a good break away!



## Year 5

The final two weeks of the term have been busy in Year 5! We have been hard at work writing letters in English, linked to our text War Horse. In Topic, we have been learning about the importance of animals during WW1, how dogs, horses, pigeons and even cats and baboons had important roles! We are almost ready to print our lino cut poppy designs in art, which look fantastic - we can't wait to show you them in December, during our Topic showcase session. On Tuesday, we had great fun practising our archery skills in sport enrichment - we have some very talented (and competitive) archers in Year 5!



## Year 6

Year 6 have had an extremely busy two weeks beginning with Bikeability which was a real success! The children learnt about the rules of the road and battled through all weathers to learn about riding a bike safely. As well as this, we have been working hard in English, producing some fantastic writing. I am truly proud of the writers we have in Y6. In topic, we have been delving further into the history of WW1 and learning about the trenches and the causes of WW1. I think we are all ready for half term now so we can come back refreshed and ready for our Christmas term!



## Leo's Den

The children in Leo's Den have taken the opportunity to be outside while the evenings have been light. The children enjoyed the go-cart, taking turns to push each other around a track that had been created by the children. The children shared all of the activities between them.

As the evening grew colder the children took part in activities in Leo's Den. An all-time favourite being the Lego.







JOIN US  
FOR A



COFFEE  
*Morning*

Fri 24 Nov | 9.00am - 10.30am

St Leonard's Primary School

Come along for coffee &  
cake, find out what we do &  
how you might help us raise  
more funds for the school.





<b>OCTOBER 2023</b>	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Half Term Holiday
<b>NOVEMBER 2022</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	School reopens for pupils
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Dinosaur Topic Workshop in school
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening – booking information to come out nearer to the time
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Sunday – poppies will be on sale week beginning 6 <sup>th</sup> November
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week – wear odd socks with your uniform/PE kit
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – £1 donation for charity on ParentPay - wear spotty non-uniform)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Afternoon for parents of children starting in Nursery and Reception in September 2024 1:30 – 3:30 pm
<b>DECEMBER 2023</b>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Non-uniform in exchange for donations of gifts for the Christmas hampers
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Sports Enrichment Day – all children to wear their school PE kit
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning – Whole school panto visit
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery and Reception Santa Trip – details to follow
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9:15 am Parent Forum meeting in school – everyone welcome
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	3:30 pm – Year 5 Parents invited in for a Topic Showcase
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch in school - Wear your Christmas Jumper
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9:15 am – Special celebration assembly Parents will be contacted the week before if their child has been chosen for an award
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Termly reports to go home
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	School Discos after school
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30 am – Nur/Rec Christmas Play 2:00 pm – Y1/2 Christmas Play
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30 am – Y1/2 Christmas Play 2:00 pm – Nur/Rec Christmas Play
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Party Day– children to wear party clothes to school
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Services for Key Stage 2 at 9:15 – 9:45 for Y5/Y6 and 10:15 – 10:45 for Y3/Y4 Nur/Rec/Y1/Y2 Party Day – children to wear party clothes to school
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Last Day – Non-uniform - £1 donation for school fund. School closes for Christmas
Mon 22 <sup>th</sup> Dec to Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School closed – Christmas Holidays
<b>JANUARY 2024</b>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens to pupils



## What does the MHST do?

Support can be offered in the following ways:

- One to one meetings between young person and practitioner
- Groupwork (in person)
- Groupwork (online)
- Parent support / workshops



We offer 6 to 8 sessions of guided self help, informed by Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) principles.

Our sessions are confidential but we hope to foster open communication. We follow confidentiality policies, therefore if we have any immediate concerns with your child these will be discussed with you.

## Where can I get further support?

We are a low intensity early intervention support team. If you feel your child needs more urgent support, please find further information via the QR code below.



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- Open the Camera app on your mobile phone.
- Select the rear-facing camera. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder in the Camera app. Your device will recognise the QR code and display a notification.
- Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.



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# Mental Health Support Team

Information for parents



## Who are MHST?



We are a team of Mental Health Practitioners that work with children and young people.

We understand the difficulties young people can face and how this can affect their mental health.

We offer low intensity CBT based support to give children and young people the skills they need to manage these difficulties.



## Who MHST can support

We support young people aged 5 to 18 when there is a clear mental health need present, such as:

- Low mood
- Anxiety
- Sleep difficulties
- Worry
- Panic



Our interventions work best when a young person wants to access support and is willing to put the work in both in and outside of our sessions.



## Who MHST can't support

In the absence of a mental health need, we can't support young people who are struggling with:

- Trauma
- Autism or ADHD
- Difficult family dynamics
- Bereavement
- Self-esteem / confidence issues
- Drug or alcohol addiction



## How can I refer into MHST?

Contact the Senior Mental Health Lead at your school if you feel your child would benefit from support from the Mental Health Support Team.