



Leonard's Life



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17th November 2023

A note from Miss Roberts.....

Today, we celebrated Children in Need in school and the children enjoyed coming to school in their own spotty non-uniform clothes! Thank you for all of the donations that we received via ParentPay. We will let you know the total amount raised in next week's newsletter.

This week has been an exciting week in school as we have put the stage up in the school hall. The children are looking forward to rehearsing their Christmas plays on the stage next week and we can't wait for you to join us in December to watch!

Finally, on Wednesday afternoon, we had some visitors from Staffordshire County Council, the PTFA and other local schools to officially open the new building. The children have got some lovely ideas to celebrate their official opening of the school in the Spring term and we will share more information with you on this soon. Watch this space!



w/c 06/11/23	Class Award	Presentation Award	Punctuation Award
Year N	Perrin		
Year R	George C		
Year 1	Kit	Margo H	Lola
Year 2	Tamim	Isla-Rose	Emilia
Year 3	Wesley	Ethan	Ollie W
Year 4	James	Harvey	Harper
Year 5	Eve	Amelia	Emma
Year 6	Jamie	Megan	Cara

w/c 13/11/23	Class Award	Presentation Award	Punctuation Award
Year N	Bilal		
Year R	Artem		
Year 1	Phoebe	Isla P	Sophie
Year 2	Ivy	Beatrice	Magdalena
Year 3	Theo	Joseph	Vaughn
Year 4	Isaac HS	Freya	Penny
Year 5	Freddie	Rudie	Summer-Rose
Year 6	Auden	William	Megan

Well done everyone!



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

w/c 06/11/2023

w/c 13/11/2023

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
R	82.67%	R	94.65%
1	94%	1	90.6%
2	96.17%	2	99%
3	96.13%	3	96.45%
4	96.88%	4	99.1%
5	95.48%	5	94.5%
6	93.79%	6	96.55%

Autumn Afterschool Clubs

Club	Year	Day	Teacher
German	3/4/5/6	Tuesday 3:30—4:15 pm	Miss Roberts
NEW—Art	1/2	Wednesday 3:30—4:15pm Starting Wed 29th November	Miss Ball
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	Tuesday lunchtime	Mrs Callaghan

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.

St Leonard's PTFA

Don't forget to order your **CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGNS**

With Class Fundraising by Fri 17 Nov 2023

EMAIL | PTFA@ST-LEONARDS-STAFFORD.STAFFS.SCH.UK
FACEBOOK | [@STLEONARDSSTAFFORDPTFA](https://www.facebook.com/STLEONARDSSTAFFORDPTFA)

Rock Steady

Children had an absolutely amazing time on their Rock Steady launch day on Friday 10th November. We started the day with a rocking assembly where children were shown a range of electric instruments including, guitar, bass guitar, drums, keyboard and voice (singing). Children were shown the instruments being played in a range of modern songs and got involved, singing and dancing to the music!

After this, KS1 and KS2 children were given a workshop where they had the opportunity to learn some of the rhythms and melodies of the instruments and have a go themselves. It was all very exciting and hugely enjoyable.

If your child would like to start electric instrument lessons then please visit <https://>



Music Explorers

The new Music Explorers tasks were sent out to parents last week. If your child would like to take part then please have a go! If you need any more information or have any questions then please email Miss Bayliffe: arbayliffe@st-leonards-stafford.staffs.sch.uk

German Club

Just a quick reminder that German club will be on Thursday 23rd November next week only, instead of Tuesday 21st November. We will return to the normal Tuesday evening slot from the following week. The last German club for this half term will be on Tuesday 12th December.

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

A new robot called Digit, designed to be human-like and that is capable of lifting and moving items, is being tested in warehouses of the online retailer, Amazon. The robot is in its first few weeks of trials at Amazon's facility in Seattle, USA, as the company tries to improve automation in its processes. To begin with, the robot is being taught to pick up and move empty boxes to ensure that they are ready for reuse. The yellow boxes, or totes, are used throughout the company's fulfilment process.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you think that robots will be used more and more in workplaces and homes? If so, what do you feel they will be used for? Why?
- > Make a list of jobs that you think robots would be good at and a list of those that you think people will always be needed for.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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PTFA Christmas Disco

PTFA
FESTIVE WINTER DISCO
THU 14 DECEMBER

EYFS & KS1
3:30 - 4:30PM

KS2
4:45 - 5:45PM

Disco once again provided by the wonderful **AMP & DECK'S**

Please confirm your children's attendance and submit your payment on PARENTPAY by **WED 13 DEC '23**

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St Leonards Avenue, Stafford, ST17 4 LT
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PTFA Winter Wonderland

St Leonard's PTFA
WINTER WONDERLAND

MERRY XMAS

There's plenty of ways to get involved & raise money for our school this Christmas...

- ❄️ Mufti Day - Fri 01 Dec in return for items for our Festive Raffle
- ❄️ Enter our **Festive Hamper Raffle** - £1.00 per ticket
- ❄️ Name & win Santa's Little Teddy Helper Competition £1.00 per entry
- ❄️ Decorate a **Christmas Bauble competition** £1.00 per entry
- ❄️ Join us for our **Festive Disco** Thu 14 Dec - Tickets £3.50

See ParentPay for details

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Nursery

Last week the Nursery children made some beautiful handprint poppy posters to mark Remembrance day. This week we have learnt all about 'Diwali'. We have read a story called 'Dipla's Diwali', we made Rangoli patterns in coloured sand and with collage materials. We had a go at using clay for the first time to make Diya lamps and lots more. The children have remembered lots of facts about Diwali. At carpet time we have used musical instruments to fine tune our listening skills by matching sounds and moving in different ways to the sound of different instruments.



Reception

It has been another busy time for Reception. Last week we focused on 'Bonfire Night' learning all about Guy Fawkes and creating some colourful firework pictures using chalk, glitter and other materials. Our focus this week was 'Autumn Animals', we used lots of different materials and clay to create animals. We all really enjoyed this.

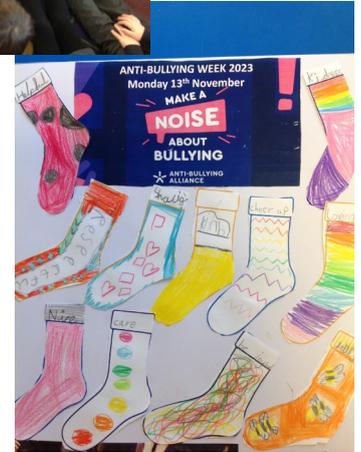
Year 1

Year 1 have had another very busy two weeks. The children thoroughly enjoyed our dinosaur day last week where they met a giant T-rex! They also learnt about lots of different reptiles, some children were even brave enough to hold them! In English the children have been writing fact-files about T-rexes, drawing on all of their knowledge from dinosaur day and their Topic lessons. In Science they have been investigating seasonal change and writing their own weather reports.



Year 2

Year 2 have been busy this week. We have started learning all of our Nativity songs as well as our lines for the Christmas play. We are looking forward to starting rehearsals on the stage next week. On Monday, children talked about anti-bullying and made lots of noise focusing on kindness. They wore some lovely odd socks to school and even designed their own kindness odd socks.



Year 3

Year 3 have been doing lots for anti-bullying week. It started with Odd Socks Day on Monday where we wore odd socks to school and also designed our own odd socks in class. Then we discussed online identify and how to keep ourselves safe online and report anything nasty or scary. Year 3 know that they shouldn't post pictures of themselves without an adult's approval and never talk to someone they don't know. Later on that week, Year 3 had a chat with the PCSO about keeping safe and discussed when you should call for emergency services. They even got to try on some of the police hats and bulletproof vest - they were very heavy!

Year 4

Year 4 have settled back into school incredibly well after their half term break. They are currently writing a biography all about Julius Caesar and all of the children have found it fascinating, learning all about his life and how we can present our ideas in the form of a biography. Children have been taking part in anti-bullying week this week. They have signed pledges committing themselves to 'making a noise' about bullying, they have designed their own odd socks and wrote about who their trusted people are. We even tried to learn the song but found the rapping quite hard!! We have also started listening to a sci-fi Podcast called The Rez which includes it's own game and comic book online all about being kind to yourself and others. Well done Year 4 on a great couple of weeks.



Year 5

Another busy two weeks have flown by in Year 5. We finally printed our lino-cut poppies, using ink and rollers and we think they look spectacular!! We hope you agree! We have been hard at work reading Good Night Mister Tom in English and are writing diary entries from the viewpoint of a WW2 evacuee. In our topic lessons, we have been learning about what caused the start of the Second World War and why people were evacuated away from large cities. The children are very enthusiastic and keen to learn in these lessons. On Monday, we marked the start of Anti-Bullying week by wearing odd socks. We discussed how we are all unique and to look for signs of when banter with friends can turn to bullying.



Year 6

Y6 have had a brilliant two weeks and working extremely hard in all subjects. They have produced some brilliant writing based on War Horse using a range of descriptive language features. In topic, we have started to learn about WW2 and the reasons for it as well as investigating Anderson Shelters in preparation for making our own structures. As well as this, we have had a local PCSO in to visit us and discuss risks, social media and how to make the right choices as we transition into high school. Rock Steady, was a highlight of our last couple of weeks where the children were immersed into band life and were given the opportunity to play a range of musical instruments as well as watch a St. Leonard's band play a song together. All in all, a great few weeks.

Leo's Den

Over the last two weeks the children have been very busy in Leo's Den doing lots of different activities. We kick started the new half term doing a firework art picture using glue, sugar and paint. Very messy but the children enjoyed doing it.

For Remembrance Sunday the children created a poppy using sugar paper, glue and felt pens. We explored what the poppy symbolised and the meaning of each part of the poppy. This week for Anti-Bullying Week, the children designed a pair of odd socks.



NOVEMBER 2022	
Monday 20 th November	Open Afternoon for parents of children starting in Nursery and Reception in September 2024 1:30 – 3:30 pm
DECEMBER 2023	
Friday 1 st December	Non-uniform in exchange for donations of gifts for the Christmas hampers
Tuesday 5 th December	Sports Enrichment Day – all children to wear their school PE kit
Wednesday 6 th December	Morning – Whole school panto visit
Friday 8 th December	Nursery and Reception Santa Trip – details to follow
Monday 11 th December	9:15 am Parent Forum meeting in school – everyone welcome
Tuesday 12 th December	3:30 pm – Year 5 Parents invited in for a Topic Showcase
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch in school - Wear your Christmas Jumper
Friday 15 th 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 th December	Termly reports to go home
Friday 15 th December	School Discos after school
Monday 18 th December	9:30 am – Nur/Rec Christmas Play 2:00 pm – Y1/2 Christmas Play
Tuesday 19 th December	9:30 am – Y1/2 Christmas Play 2:00 pm – Nur/Rec Christmas Play
Wednesday 20 th December	Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Party Day– children to wear party clothes to school
Thursday 21 st 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 nd December	Last Day – Non-uniform - £1 donation for school fund. School closes for Christmas
Mon 22 th Dec to Fri 5 th Jan	School closed – Christmas Holidays
JANUARY 2024	
Monday 8 th January	School reopens to pupils

Be Reflective

When it's dark outside, wear reflective clothing to be seen in car headlights.

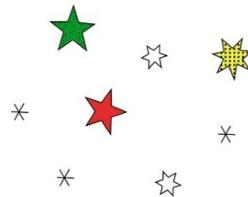


Be Bright, Be Seen.



**Saturday 25th
November**

12.30 – 2.30pm



**SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE
DYSPRAXIA FOUNDATION
FUNDRAISER**



at

The Beach Hut

***Rear of Toby Carvery, A5 Watling
Street, Cannock, WS11 9ND***

Raffle



**Teddy
tombola**

***Normal entry fee to The
Beach Hut applies***

