



Leonard's Life



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A note from Miss Roberts.....

This week in school, the children in Reception have enjoyed starting their new topic all about Winter. We've seen lots of signs of winter around the school site as the weather has turned colder! The children have become increasingly more excited as we marked the 1st December today! They have loved practising their plays and learning new songs, and are incredibly excited about the upcoming performances.

Thanks to everyone who donated gifts today for the PTFA hampers. We are grateful for the items you have sent in and will now be able to put together some great hamper prizes.

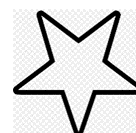
Year 6 House Captains

If there are any Year 6 children who would like to apply to be House Captains, please refer to the letter sent out earlier in the week. If you feel that you have the necessary skills, please send your application letter into school by Monday 18th December and give it to Miss Roberts or Miss Cooke.

Interviews will take place in school during the last week of term, and our new House Captains will be announced in assembly on the last day of term. We look forward to receiving your applications!



School AWARDS



w/c 20/11/23	Class Award	Presentation Award	Punctuation Award
Year N	Kason		
Year R	Tyler		
Year 1	Arthur	Archie	Holly
Year 2	Lewis	Ella	Olivia
Year 3	Abdullah	Sophie	Frankie
Year 4	Rebecca	Phoebe	Jacob
Year 5	Jordan	Lewis	Hugo
Year 6	Freya	William	

w/c 27/11/23	Class Award	Presentation Award	Punctuation Award
Year N	Liam		
Year R	Robyn		
Year 1	Webb	Hector	Logan
Year 2	Stacey	Florence	Wyatt
Year 3	Tristan	Mason	Marcus
Year 4	Lewis	Amelia	Mikey
Year 5	George	Vu	Frankie
Year 6	Daniel	Alessia	Evie-Mai

Well done everyone!

TAKEHOME



Who is responsible for Antarctica?

In the news this week

Scientists have found more flowering plants, moss, and algae in Antarctica in the last 10 years than usually grow in 50 years, and the extent of floating sea ice there has hit record lows. Polar explorer and environmentalist, Robert Swan, has been so concerned about the radical changes to Antarctica that he founded the 2041 Foundation, with the aim of ensuring the preservation of Antarctica through the promotion of recycling, renewable energy, and sustainability to combat the effects of climate change. The charity, 2041 School, encourages young people to learn more about the initiative.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share any prior knowledge you have about Antarctica. Is it a place you would like to visit? Why?
- > Do you believe individuals have a part to play in protecting places such as Antarctica or should world leaders do more?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Sports Enrichment

Reminder: Tuesday is our next Sports Enrichment day and all children across school will take part in an additional PE lesson. All children will need to wear their school PE kit on Tuesday next week as well as on their usual PE days, Thanks in advance.

Music Explorers: Edition 3

The focus for Music Explorers over the next two weeks is on being happy. If you would like to get involved then please do. Any work you complete can be emailed to Miss Bayliffe or shared with your child's class teacher. The Christmas edition will come out next Wednesday so keep your eyes peeled!

DECEMBER 2023

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
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
Thursday 14 th December	School Discos after school
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
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

Year 3/4 Football Tournament


Last week, a number of Year 3 and 4 pupils participated in a football tournament at Stafford Town's ground, just over the road from our school. The boys played in the morning and the girls in the afternoon. They competed in two different competitions, 'Inspire' - for children who didn't have much experience beforehand and 'Excel' for those who have played before, either in or out of school. Everyone played extremely well, had great fun and all received certificates. Thank you to family members who came along to support us.



Freddie's Fundraiser

Freddie in Year 5 and some of his close friends have completed a sponsored silence in school today to raise money to donate to Royal Stoke Children's Oncology Ward 217 where Freddie's younger sister Mabel, who is 4 years old and in our Reception class, is currently spending a lot of time receiving treatment for her recently diagnosed Leukaemia. We are incredibly proud of all of the children for coming up with their own fundraising idea and raising money for a charity close to their own hearts. There is still time to donate. Please use the link below: https://www.gofundme.com/f/freddie-sponsored-silence?utm_campaign=p_lico%20share-sheet-first-launch&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer&fbclid=IwAR05GZrOEr2_9fr680X8KWFDA4kaBfBohpSsrRelqJknC1WBWkVoHCQgiNQ



		w/c 20/11/2023		w/c 27/11/2023	
		Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
		R	92.7%	R	94.67%
		1	89.65%	1	94.67%
		2	93.3%	2	90.67%
		3	97.4%	3	96.13%
		4	98.1%	4	92.50%
		5	95.15%	5	95.48%
		6	94.15%	6	90.34%

Autumn Afterschool Clubs			
Club	Year	Day	Teacher
German	3/4/5/6	Tuesday 3:30—4:15 pm	Miss Roberts
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	Thursday 3:30—4:15 pm	Miss Bayliffe
Calm Club	Invite only	Tuesday lunchtime	Mrs Callaghan



PTFA

FESTIVE WINTER DISCO

THU 14 DECEMBER

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

St Leonards Primary School
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EYFS & KS1
 3:30 - 4:30PM

KS2
 4:45 - 5:45PM

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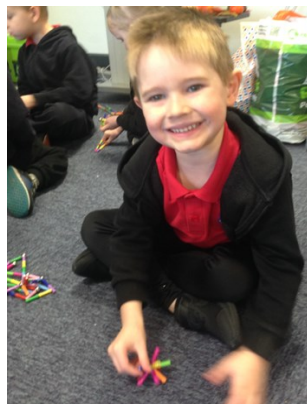
There's plenty of ways to get involved & raise money for our school this Christmas...

- * 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

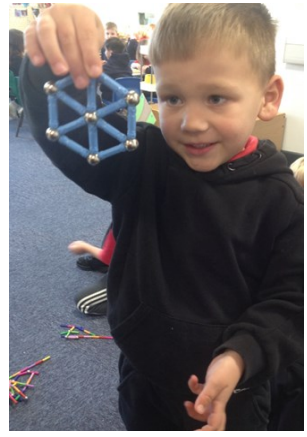
Nursery

The theme over the past two weeks has been Autumn and Autumn animals. The children have learnt all about squirrels, hedgehogs, badgers, owls and foxes. We have been very creative collaging squirrels and making clay hedgehogs. We all had a go at drawing what Autumn looks like and we are trying really hard to have a go at writing our names. We have also started to practise our Nativity in the hall on the stage with Reception, we can't wait for you all to see it.



Reception

Reception have been very busy again. This week our focus has changed and we are looking at 'Winter'. The children have enjoyed exploring the different seasonal changes and observing the changes in weather this week. The children have been making snow people using loose parts, shape snow people and constructing interesting snowflakes using the magnets. Another super two weeks of learning



Year 1

Year 1 have been reading Zog this week, the children really enjoyed making their own character masks and acting out the story! In Maths, the children have been learning about 3D shapes, they identified different shapes around the classroom and built their own structures. In Science, the children investigated how animals adapt to cold weather conditions in winter. They used books from the library to find out information and created their own posters.



Year 2

Year 2 have been working hard in their English lessons. We have been learning how to write a set of instructions to make a witch's hat. We have learnt all about imperative verbs and bossy command sentences. In Maths, we are revisiting 2D and 3D shapes and learning names and properties. We were also joined by baby Lennie as part of our RE lesson. The children have been learning about a new life and they wanted to ask a new parent how to take care of a new life.



Year 3

Year 3 have started some new topics this week.

We have looked at shell structures in DT, animation in computing and multiplication and division in maths.

We have also looked at a new book in English called Escape from Pompeii which is about mount Vesuvius erupting in Rome. We made our own volcanos using vinegar and baking soda and watched them erupt outside.

Year 4

Y4 have had a really busy couple of weeks. They have completed a science investigation on evaporation, stepped back into the past by performing a piece about the Roman army and how it was structured and made a start on their RE project about celebratory religious ceremonies. In writing, we have published our Julius Caesar biographies and they were brilliant. I was incredibly impressed with the hard work Y4 put into this writing and the results were great. We are now starting our last unit before Christmas all about fables. We are going to attempt to curate our own and hopefully share it with you all before the end of the year. We hope you all look forward to reading our fables and reflecting on the morals we are trying to share. Finally, we had an assembly on discrimination and how we try to tackle that in school and with our friends. We ended the session by going round to every person in class and sharing something special about them. Everyone had a go and we finished the assembly with huge smiles on our faces. Great job Year 4.



Year 5

Over the past couple of weeks, Year 5 have been hard at work. In science we have been learning how to separate different materials from one another, by filtering, evaporating, sieving, decanting and using a magnet. This week we mixed lots of different materials together, made predictions and then tested them out in our lesson. We have been improving our Muay Thai (Thai boxing) skills in P.E., learning many different moves and improving our overall fitness. There are lots of red faces at the end of each session! We have been learning about rationed food during our topic lesson and looking at our diet today. We are very glad that sweets and chocolate are no longer rationed!



Year 6

Another busy two weeks have flown by in Year 6 with lots of learning happening. In topic, we have delved deeper into WW2 learning about the Blitz and discussing how we would have felt if we were part of this and focusing on Hitler and his impact on the world. As well as this, we have been designing our structure for our Anderson Shelters, considering how we can stabilise our structures and make the perfect joins so our shelters are secure. In English, 'Francis', a thrilling and suspenseful video, has been our stimulus. Beginning with a setting description about a nature reserve on the border of Canada, we are now moving towards writing our own version of the story. We look towards the next few weeks as there are lots of exciting Christmas activities happening which we can't wait for!



Leo's Den

Over the last two weeks the children have been sharing the celebration of Diwali, The Festival of Light. We followed the story of Rama and Sita, how good conquered over evil. The children made Diya Lamps that are lit during the festival of Diwali to symbolize prosperity in the new year. They are small pots made from clay and could be described as 'thumb pots' as they are made by pressing the thumb into a ball of clay and shaping it. The children decorated their pots using beads and sequins.





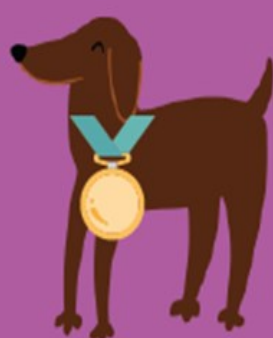
In Search of a Creative Cannock Chase Dog Poster Designer



The special and fragile habitat of Cannock Chase is great to visit with a dog, but we need to encourage owners to ensure their dogs don't accidentally damage the wildlife and environment.



Children Aged 11 & Under - Can you design a bright and bold poster that will help people enjoy Cannock Chase with their dogs whilst protecting the environment?



The SAC Partnership will use the winning poster on Cannock Chase!

To find out what to include on your poster please visit <https://cannockchase.org.uk/blog/dog-poster/>



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This course is ideal if you wish to develop your understanding of autism and the principles of supporting individuals to live healthy and fulfilled lives.

Throughout this course, you will gain an understanding of the spectrum of autistic disorders and how they can affect people in a variety of ways, as well as exploring the importance of appropriate communication skills and positive behaviour to encourage individuals with autistic spectrum conditions to live fulfilling and independent lives.

Daytime courses are available at the following children's centres. Please contact your local centre to book on a course.

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Landywood CC	Holly Lane, Great Wyrley WS6 6AQ
Rugeley CC	Rugeley Community Centre, Burnthill Lane, Staffs WS15 2HX
Cannock CC	Cannock Road, Cannock WS11 5BU
Glascote CC	Hawksworth, Glascote Heath B77 2ER
Faraday Families First	Faraday Road, Stafford ST16 3NQ

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