



Leonard's Life



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A note from Miss Roberts.....

It has been another busy week in school. All of the children enjoyed their Sports Enrichment day on Tuesday and I would like to extend a special thank you to Miss Bird for organising these events for us. It provides the children with an opportunity to try new sports that they might not ordinarily experience in their usual PE lessons.

We hope that you all have a safe and enjoyable half term break with your families, and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 19th February at 8:45 am.

Arts Ambassadors

Congratulations to our new arts ambassadors who will be getting stuck into their new roles after half term. Well done everyone!

Y1 - Remi-Rose, Y2 - Kavin, Y3 - Iuliia,
Y4 - Turnbull, Y5 - Mia, Y6/YR - Auden & Freya.



School AWARDS

w/c 05/02/24	Class Award	Presentation Award	Punctuation Award
Year N	Jeremiah		
Year R	Hetty		
Year 1	Sophie	Isla-Rona	Margot G
Year 2	Olivia	Poppy	Athiyah
Year 3	Frankie	Jacob A	Ollie F
Year 4	Penny	Harvey	Rachael
Year 5	Emma	Phoebe	Jessica Ca
Year 6	Millie	Colin	All of Y6

Well done everyone!

VIP Education

The school will be working closely with VIP Education to support our families further. Schools have been asked to track pupil attendance at school more closely this academic year and to tackle persistent absence and lateness.

Ofsted


Since September 2019, attendance and punctuality is covered under the "Behaviour and Attitudes Judgment" in Ofsted reports.

Inspectors will evaluate the extent to which pupils have high attendance and are punctual, looking for evidence of a strong focus on attendance and punctuality in schools so that disruption is minimised.

We know if children are in education, they will have more chance to succeed educationally. We want to work with our families to remove any barriers to attendance and offer solutions to support our families further.

SPRING TERM 2024 DATES

FEBRUARY 2024	
Thursday 8 th February	School closes – last day of half term
Thursday 8 th February	EYFS Wow Day—dress up as a fairy tale or nursery rhyme character EYFS parents invited in for Stay and Play at: 9:00—10:00 for Nursery 2:15—3:15 for Reception
Friday 9 th February	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Mon 12th to Fri 16th Feb	School closed- half term
Monday 19 th February	School reopens for all children
MARCH 2024	
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – Bedtime stories theme - Wear your pyjamas to school (non-uniform)
Thursday 7 th March	PTFA Pub Quiz—book on ParentPay
Tuesday 12 th March	Sports Enrichment Day – all children to wear their school PE kit
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief—wear something red (non-uniform) £1 donation on ParentPay
Friday 15 th March	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 March	Termly reports to go home
Friday 15 th March	School Discos after school
Monday 18 th March	9:15 am Parent Forum meeting in school – everyone welcome
Tuesday 19 th March	Parents’ Evening – booking information to come out nearer to the time
Thursday 21 st March	Easter Services in school 9:15 am for Y4/Y5/Y6 10:15 am for Y1/Y2/Y3 11:00 am – Nursery in class 2:30 pm - Reception Easter in class
Friday 22 nd March	Last Day – Non-uniform - £1 donation for school fund School closes for Easter
Mon 25 th Mar to Fri 5 th Apr	School closed – Easter Holidays
APRIL 2024	
Monday 8 th April	School reopens for pupils

		w/c 30/01/2024		w/c 05/02/2024	
		Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
		R	97	R	92.5
		1	88.33	1	94.17
		2	97	2	98.75
		3	94.52	3	89.11
		4	92.50	4	92.97
		5	90	5	93.15
		6	93.45	6	92.67



**Midlands
Air Ambulance
Charity®**

Thank you to everyone who wore **Red** on Monday and donated £1 on ParentPay. We have sent a cheque for £100 to this wonderful charity.

GATHER YOUR MATES FROM THE GATES

& JOIN US FOR THE ST LEONARD'S PTFA



THU 7 MAR '24
7.30PM ARRIVAL | **8PM START**

Units 4 & 5 Woodings Yard
Bailey St, Stafford

General knowledge & mixed rounds Prize courtesy of Candid

£4 per person or
£20 per team
(6 people max) -

All proceeds raised will support
the school. For more info and
to Book logon to ParentPay

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Wellbeing Mentors

Weekend Wellbeing Books with Positivi-tea!



The Wellbeing Mentors in Year 5 and 6 have been busy working with Amy Hatfield, our weekly Wellbeing Counsellor, to create a Weekend Wellbeing Journal for each class alongside a class Positivi-tea mascot!

Each class has been given a journal and a mascot and each week on a Friday a child will be chosen by the teacher, to bring home the journal and mascot for the weekend. They will then return the journal and mascot to school on a Monday.

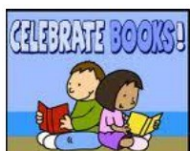
There are examples inside the journals of what you may like to include.

We hope you find this beneficial and helps develop positivity!

Any questions please ask.

Many thanks

The Wellbeing Mentors



Book Week 2024 News

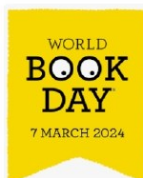


World Book Day is 7th March 2024 and we will mark the occasion with a range of activities here at St. Leonard's from Monday 4th March.

Reading Cafés

Parents and grandparents are invited into school to listen to and share stories with their child. This event will take place in the school hall and we will be providing drinks and snacks for a small donation. The timings for this are below:

Tuesday 5th March 9:00 to 9:30 – Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 5th March 2:45 – 3:15 – Nursery and Reception
Wednesday 6th March 9:00 to 9:30 – Year 3 and Year 4
Wednesday 6th March 2:45 to 3:15 – Year 1 and Year 2

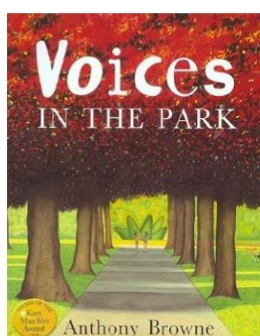


Reading Photos for Display

We would like to create a whole school display to promote our love of reading in school. We would like to ask all pupils and staff to send us a photo of them reading their favourite book in an unusual place. Please email these directly to your child's class teacher by Friday 8th March.

World Book Day – Dressing up

On Thursday 7th March, all children in school are invited to come to school in their pyjamas. Our theme this year is: Bedtime Stories. The children will still go outside for break and lunch so please wear suitable footwear and a warm coat.



Competition Time

Make a shoebox of a scene from your favourite book. Entries will need to be in school by Monday 4th March. Winners will then be chosen from each year group and presented with a special reading prize during our celebration assembly on Friday 8th March.

Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair will be in school again this year from 27th February to 5th March. More information on the books available and how you can pay online will follow. The book fair will be open before and after school on the listed dates for you to visit.

Whole School Text for Book Week

In school, we will be planning a week crammed full of exciting book-related activities. Across the school, the children will be focussing on the text 'Voices in the Park' by Anthony Browne.

This will be used as the basis for all reading and writing lessons during the week as well as some special art work.



CAUTION!



SAFETY DAY

Monday 12th February
Families First at Faraday Road
10.30am - 2pm

Free Craft activities
 Free advice and guidance on safety
 Free Family First Aid Information
 and Demonstration

and our
Special Guest



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FEBRUARY HALF TERM
STAY AND PLAY!
£2 PER CHILD

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10TH, 10.30AM - 12.30PM

LITTLEWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 6A ST THOMAS STREET, STAFFORD

THIS MONTH WE ARE CELEBRATING THE
LOVE OUR FAMILIES HAVE FOR EACH OTHER!



FOR THE CHILDREN:

valentine's themed crafts
cake icing



face painting with cosmic faery

As well as the usual sensory and construction toys, bikes and carts (weather permitting!)

FOR THE GROWN-UPS:

A cream tea!



No need to book, email stafforddistrict.branch@nas.org.uk for details

Picture News

TAKEHOME



What makes someone inspirational?

In the news this week

45-year-old Mar Galcerán from Spain has become the country's first elected parliamentarian with Down's syndrome. Maria del Mar Galcerán Gadea is thought to be the first person with the genetic disorder to join a European regional or national parliament. She has been involved with politics since she was 18, when she joined Spain's conservative People's Party. Speaking to the media, Mar Galcerán said she wants to be seen as a person, and not for her disability.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Make a list of people you find inspirational. What about them inspires you?
- > Think about some of the places you find leaders (e.g., schools, councils, clubs). For each place, how are the leaders chosen? Share how important you think it is for leaders to be from a diverse range of backgrounds and with different experiences.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss





www.staffordsport.co.uk



February Holiday Sports Clubs

At Blessed William Howard Catholic School



Monday 12th February- Friday 16th February

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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To book a place please call or email:
07793891029 holidayclubs@staffordsport.co.uk

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GOING WILD!

For Random Acts of Kindness Week

Free 1 week course starting Sunday 11th February 2024! For families in Staffordshire, with children of all ages.

Be kind to yourself, others and the planet!

The course is made up of two parts:

1.) Going Wild Event at Marquis Drive, Cannock Chase, WS12 4PW - Sunday 11th February 1pm - 4pm - Fun, hands-on nature themed activities to celebrate RAOKW! Make bird feeders, medals or try woodland yoga. Pick up your pack (including your **free sapling!**) to then complete at home over the following week.

2.) It's Over to You - Take on the kindness challenge and complete all seven acts of kindness throughout the following week. There will be online resources to help you and inspire further acts of kindness! Your family will receive a certificate of achievement at the end of the course!

For more information and to reserve your place contact Rebecca on 07525 120117 or communityforestservices@gmail.com



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HOW ON EARTH?

Free 4 week online course
starting Monday 19th February 2024. For families in Staffordshire with children aged 4-16

Families are guided through fun, flexible, hands-on activities to open up conversations about climate change, connections with nature and making small, sustainable changes.

You will receive a weekly email activity pack, full of themed ideas to try at times to suit you. From waste free picnics, to upcycling projects to forest bathing, we will support you to adapt the activities for your family.



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UK Health
Security
Agency



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Sporting Events

On Tuesday 30th January, we took 16 children from Years 4, 5 and 6 to compete in a Stafford and Stone District swimming gala and Stafford Leisure Centre. The children all competed brilliantly in their races , against 11 other local schools, coming 8th overall.

A special congratulations go to Phoebe in Year 5 who won the freestyle event and Skye, who came third in the backstroke. The children were all a credit to St Leonard's, cheering one another along and doing their very best! A big thank you to all the parents/family members who were able to come along and support us from the viewing gallery.



Nursery

To continue with our 'Let's imagine' Theme we have learnt 'I'm a little teapot' and 'Incy Wincy Spider' over the past two weeks. Nursery have been very busy outside working together to construct a house fit for a tea party in the Builders yard. In our maths we are singing number songs and the number 1. In phonics we have been learning all about initial sounds and what sounds our names start with.



Reception

Reception have continued with their topic 'Let's Imagine'. We have focused on the story 'The Princess and the Pea'. Children have enjoyed learning the story, creating crowns to wear, building models of the castle and retelling the story in our Writing area. We have also enjoyed our fairy tale dress up day, coming in as our favourite characters!

Year 1

Year One have been learning the story Giraffes Can't Dance in English this week. They discussed how Gerald the Giraffe must have felt when he couldn't dance and how his feelings changed throughout the story when he finally learned how to dance! This linked in nicely with our work on emotions for Children's Mental Health Week. The children also enjoyed Sports Enrichment this week and had lots of fun playing laser tag!



Year 2

Children in Year 2 have been busy again over the last 2 weeks. In Maths, children have been learning equal groups, arrays, multiplication sentences, dividing and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

In English, Y2 have enjoyed reading their story *The Laughing Giraffe* and learnt lots of African animals such as egrets, weaver birds and kudu. In Geography children have been learning more about Africa. This week they have learnt about National Parks and had fun creating a map of their own African National Park with safari routes.



Year 3

Year 3 had lots of fun playing laser tag on Tuesday for their sports enrichment. They worked well in teams to try and defeat their opponents and protect each member of the group. In Science, year 3 have discovered that our pupils change size depending on the sun light and they really enjoyed watching each other's pupil change size when their eyes were closed and suddenly opening them to the bright classroom. Some children said it was like a magic trick!

Year 4

There has been a lot going on in Year 4 over the last week or so. In science, we have been continuing our learning about electrical circuits and

the children enjoyed making a human circuit so we could test the conductivity of various materials. We have been lucky enough to have two sport enrichment sessions in the last week. One focused on healthy lifestyles and in the second we played laser tag (which we loved!) On Tuesday, we learned about how we can have a positive influence when we are online. We had an online safety quiz and we designed our own positive influencer. It has also been Mental Health Week and today we have played games based on the Zones of Regulation and made our own Zones of Regulation fortune teller to help support us when we are feeling our different emotions. We are now looking forward to a well earned rest after all our hard work!



Year 5

Year 5 have been hard at work this week finishing off their own versions of Snow White in New York or their own choice of fairy tale. We have begun to research New York City and will be writing a persuasive text, encouraging our audience to visit the amazing city. In art, we have begun to paint our New York City landscapes, in an art-deco style and are looking forward to seeing our finished efforts. On Tuesday, the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our half termly sport enrichment session of laser tag - which they thought was great fun.



Year 6

Over the past two weeks, Y6 have engaged in a variety of learning and extra-curricular activities, which they have thoroughly enjoyed. This week, we engaged in a Sport Enrichment session which was Laser Tag. The children were enthusiastic and excited by the activity and can't wait to have another go! As well as this, we have immersed ourselves into our Art this week, putting together our final sketches of our Clarice Cliff themed New York art. Every child has produced some wonderful drawings of New York with some very 1920's inspired sketches. In line with this theme, Y6 have been focusing on an alternative version of Snow White which is based in New York in the 1920's. We have explored a range of ambitious vocabulary and begun to think about our own version of the story which we are going to be writing for another Y6 class. All in all a great few weeks!

Leo's Den

Over the last two weeks the children have been busy finding out about Chinese New Year. The older children read about the different animals of the Chinese zodiac and what they represented. They enjoyed finding out what animal they were, from the Chinese Zodiac. This year is the year of the dragon, children made dragon masks using bright coloured felt tips.

