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Leonard's Life



1st March 2024

School AWARDS

w/c	Class Award	Presentation Award	Punctuation Award
26/02/24			
Year N	Jacob		
Year R	Ellison		
Year 1	Phoebe	Holly	Hector
Year 2	Poppy	Harry	Beatrice
Year 3	Iuliia	Jay	Ivy
Year 4	Amelia	Lucy	Arlo
Year 5	Noah	Karim	Rudie
Year 6	Max	Olivia	Mabel

A note from Miss Roberts.....

We have had another great week in school with lots of super learning taking place. We have spoken to the children this week about relaunching our house teams and the children will be asked to vote for their favourite house names early next week. Our house captains have been busy collecting ideas from everyone and we are excited to share this with you next week so watch this space! There will be lots of inter-house events taking place over the remainder of the school year with rewards for the house with the most points.

Mindful March 2024

MONDAY



4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

TUESDAY



5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today

WEDNESDAY



6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today
dayofhappiness.net

27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

THURSDAY



7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

FRIDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

SATURDAY

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

SUNDAY

3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Nursery

Passport Challenge

Nursery children have started their new daily challenge this week. Each day there will be a challenge within continuous provision, if children complete this daily challenge they will receive a stamp in their passport.

Children who receive stamps on all of the days they are in Nursery will receive a certificate at the end of the week to celebrate their super learning.

Well done to the following Nursery children who have completed their passport challenge this week:

Rory

Jacob B

Amir

Rose

Theo

Bilal

Brody

Erin W

Erin J

Hallie

Jakub

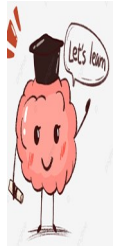
Kason

Aiden

Well done everyone!

Reception

Brain Challenge



Reception children have started their new weekly 'Brain Challenge' this week. During their choosing time there are 6 areas of learning where they can complete the weekly challenges in order to collect coloured sticks and grow their brain power. If they complete all 6 challenges during the week and therefore collect all 6 coloured sticks, they have completed their brain challenge and will receive a certificate at the end of the week to celebrate growing their brain powers.

The 6 areas of learning for each activity are:

Literacy

Maths

Construction

Funky Fingers

Creative

Reading

Well done to the following Reception children who have completed all their brain challenges this week:

Daniel

Seb

Pippa

Aria

Lillie E

Lili P

Minnie

Elena

Well done everyone!

SPRING TERM 2024 DATES

Tues 27 Feb to Tues 5 Mar	Book Fair in school. See email with times.
March 2024	
Tuesday 5th March	Reading Cafés 9:00—9:30 for Y5/6 2:45-3:15 for Nur/Rec
Wednesday 6th March	Reading Cafés 9:00—9:30 for Y3/4 2:45-3:15 Y1/2
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – Bedtime stories theme - Wear your pyjamas to school (non-uniform)
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day Themed Lunch for Pupils
Thursday 7th 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 15th March	Red Nose Day Themed Lunch for Pupils
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	Easter holidays—School closed
APRIL 2024	
Monday 8 th April	School reopens for pupils



w/c 19/01/2024		w/c 26/02/2024	
Cl as s	Attend- ance %	Class	Attendance %
R	94.67	R	95.33
1	96.67	1	94.67
2	98.33	2	99
3	96.77	3	98.06
4	96.88	4	94.38
5	99.03	5	98.39
6	98.28	6	94.83


School Dinners

We have been notified that from 1st April 2024, Edwards and Ward are increasing the cost of a school meal to £2.95 per day.

Tuesday 5th March

There will be no German or EYFS/Y1 Multi Sports after school on Tuesday 5th March due to staff training. It will resume on Tuesday 12th March.

**GATHER YOUR MATES
FROM THE GATES
& JOIN US FOR THE ST LEONARD'S PTFA**




**PUB
QUIZ**

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
f [stleonardsstaffordptfa](https://www.stleonardsstaffordptfa.com)



PTFA

**SCHOOL
DISCO**

FRI 15 MAR

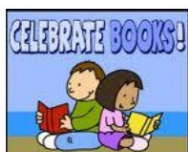
EYFS & KS1
3:30PM - 4:30PM

KS2
4:45PM - 5:45PM

Tickets are just £3.50 per child.
Pay for your child(ren)'s ticket via
PARENTPAY by: **THU 14 MAR 2024**
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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:

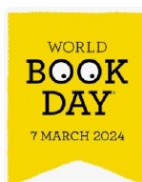
Tuesday 5th March 9:00 to 9:30 – Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 5th March 2:45 – 3:15 – Nursery and Reception
Wednesday 6th March 9:00 to 9:30 – Year 3 and Year 4
Wednesday 6th March 2:45 to 3:15 – Year 1 and Year 2

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.

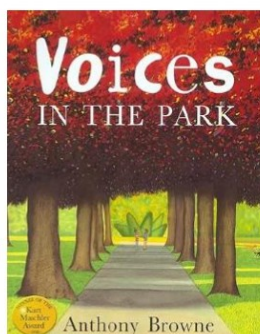


Competition Time

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.

Picture News

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

In countries across Europe, including Romania, Belgium, France, Hungary, Poland and Greece, tractors have been blocking city streets and motorways as farmers protest against certain European Union (EU) rules. Their concerns include falling incomes, rising red tape, and competition from imports. Both national governments and the EU are now under pressure to stop the demonstrations. One protesting farmer, Hugo Auge from France, told news reporters for CNN that the current system, 'makes a mockery of both farmers and consumers'.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Talk about the actions that farmers across the EU are taking and why you think they chose to block roads as one of their actions.
- > What are some of the other ways you can take action if you don't agree with something?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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NEXT PTFA MONTHLY MEETING

Wed 20 Mar 2024 | 7.00pm



**Starbucks, The Hough
Retail Park**

Everyone is welcome to join us and help us organise events to raise money to support the school in providing additional activities & resources for your children.

Please email: ptfa@st-leonards-stafford.staffs.sch.uk
to confirm your attendance

**Coffee,
Cake
& Chat**

Parent/Carers Catch up and cake session with Mrs Callaghan and SENDIASS
on **Tuesday 12th March at 2:30pm.**

Click the link to sign up <https://forms.office.com/e/cjAb7Z5jgp>

Parent/Carers Anxiety support session with Mrs Callaghan and Alison from the Mental Health
Support Team on

Tuesday 9th April at 2:30pm. Click the link to sign up <https://forms.office.com/e/Hn02wTX8ck>

Sporting Events

On Tuesday 27th February, our Year 5/6 football team were invited to play a friendly match against Oakridge. The first fifteen minutes did not go to plan and we found ourselves 5 - 0 down. Our heads dropped, our faces showed how we were feeling but we showed great resilience and pulled a goal back before the half time break. We started the second half like a new team! We came out fighting and after 15 minutes we only trailed by one goal, it was 6-5! The final score was 8-6 to Oakridge but I can honestly say it was one of, if not THE best school match I have ever seen. I was really proud of how our boys didn't give up and carried on being competitive. My man of the match was Archie, who despite rugby being his sport, showed excellent defensive skills and really frightened Oakridge's attackers! All the boys played superbly and I am looking forward to our next competitive matches in April. Thank you to all of the parents for transporting the boys and supporting us. It was such a good match, I forgot to take a team photo on the day I'm afraid!



Nursery

Over the past two weeks Nursery have been reading *The Dinosaur That Pooped a Pirate*. Last week the children were busy learning the names of the different dinosaurs; they painted a picture of their favourite. This week the children have had lots of fun learning about pirates! They made up their own pirate stories and made pirate hats!



Reception

We have been very busy in Reception. Last week we focused on 'Chinese New Year', we looked at how it is celebrated and different traditions. We learnt the Chinese Zodiac story and had fun making lanterns and dancing dragons. This week we have continued with our topic 'Let's Imagine' and found out all about the British Monarchy. The children have really impressed me with their knowledge and shared their own experiences of different castles they have visited.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a wonderful few weeks with Mrs Hitchen. We have been using the practical apparatus in our Maths lessons to help us solve problems. We have been learning to make a number, draw a picture of the a number and write a number. We then used this knowledge to help us with doubling numbers.

We have been reading *The Gruffalo* in our English lessons and produced some fabulous sentences including adjectives and nouns.



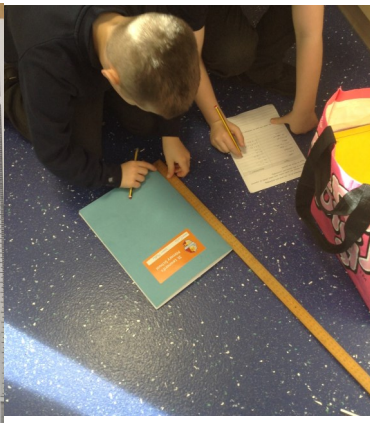
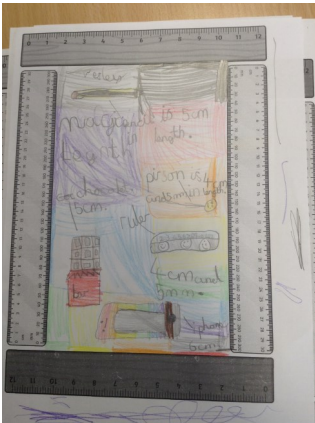
Year 2

Year 2 have made a wonderful return to school over the past 2 weeks. They jumped straight into their learning and have taken every challenge with enthusiasm and resilience. Well done everyone! In English, we have been reading One Word for Kids which tells the story of a school child finding a special word to encourage them the whole year through. We made bracelets to celebrate this and have made a great start on our own retell of their experiences with their one word. We are continuing our topic on Africa and have learnt all about the Maasai people, comparing their lives with our own. We have also started our D&T project for International School Meals Day by testing and rating lots of fruit! Keep up the amazing work and attitude Y2!



Year 3

Year 3 have been looking at length and height in maths and have enjoyed measuring equipment in the classroom. They used metre sticks and rulers and decided which unit of measure would be the most accurate. Some children measured the height of Miss O'Neill in metres and centimetres. Then they produced a maths poster showing all of their knowledge of length and included converting mm to cm and cm to m.



Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been busy carrying out lots of research about Bedouin people who live in and around desert areas of North Africa. They have been using non fiction sources and the internet to find out about their lifestyle, homes and food. We have started sessions with Commando Matt and this week we explored key concepts such as teamwork, communication and resilience and worked together to produce posters. We have also started our latest D&T project of making a torch and started off by disassembling torches to find out about the essential components needed to make our own. This half term we have started to have sessions about 'Healthy Lifestyles'. We are enjoying working with Sports4All to learn more about the importance of different food groups and how we can eat healthily to support our bodies and minds.



Year 5

Year 5 have been really busy over the last two weeks, since returning from our half term break. This week we have been completing our New York skyline, Clarice Cliff inspired, paintings - they look fantastic. In science, we tested the parachutes we made at home to see if they could safely carry an egg to the ground from a 3 m drop - we used our knowledge of air resistance and gravity to help us to make predictions about whose may be successful and had great fun. This week, we have been looking at Newton meters and planning an experiment to find out which shoe has the best grip/most friction. We are also enjoying our weekly recorder lessons from Mr Yard and can all hear the progress that we are making (thankfully!).



Year 6

Over the past two weeks, Year 6 have been working extremely hard in all areas of their learning. We have been focusing on earthquakes in Topic, particularly focusing on the San Andreas Fault. The children are now fountains of knowledge and can speak confidently about earthquakes across North America. As well as this, we have been developing reading. New reading challenges have been introduced to spark a love of reading in Y6. I have no doubt that we will see the children reading a range of different genres to increase their love of reading. In Science, we have begun to learn about our bodies, specifically the circulatory system which the children have become fascinated with. I'm excited to see how the topic unfolds as we learn more. Lastly, we have completed our Clarice Cliff style New York landscapes which are fantastic - we can't wait to display them! All in all another great two weeks.

Leo's Den

The children in Leo's Den this week have taken the opportunity to be outside now that the evenings are getting lighter. They enjoyed creating art masterpieces using chalks, playing team games and using the big toys.





EASTER ACTIVITY CAMPS

MARCH 25TH - APRIL 5TH



JC Academy Holiday Camps are dedicated to providing engaging and enriching experiences for children aged 4+ during school holidays. We are excited to offer a wide range of fun and educational activities tailored to suit various interests and ages. You can read more about our activities and pricing on our website.

Camp Oakridge will be open every school holiday with several time slots to choose from. We accept childcare vouchers, tax-free childcare and also have book now pay later options.



Venue:
Oakridge Primary School
Silvester Way, Stafford
ST17 0PR

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