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Leonard's Life



15th March 2024

A note from Miss Roberts.....

This week, we enjoyed welcoming parents into school for our special half termly awards assembly. Well done to everyone who received an award.

The children are extremely excited about our school discos tonight! A special thank you to all of the staff and PTFA helpers who have given up their time to run the events.

We look forward to welcoming you into school again next week for our special Easter services and events. Please refer to the diary dates.

After School Clubs

Please note that ALL afterschool clubs have now finished until after Easter. Keep an eye on next week's Leonard's Life with details of when our Summer Term Clubs will be starting. This does not include Leo's Den and Commando Joe's!



SPRING 2	Achievement Award	Presentation Award	Values Award
Year R	Lillie	Faye	James
Year 1	Alice	Isla Rona	Scarlett
Year 2	Ella	Tamim	Stacey
Year 3	Hunter	Marcus	Ryan
Year 4	Rebecca	Penny	Amelia
Year 5	Noah	Lewis	Liam
Year 6	Daniel	Milie	Finley

	KS1	KS2
Art Award	Elena	Harper
Sports Award	Arthur	Skye and Connie
STEM Award	George	Yassmin



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:

Jacob

Aiden

Alfie

Brody

Erin J

Kason

Bilal

Henry

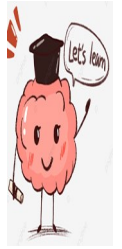
Jeremiah

Ritanya

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:

Drew

Seb

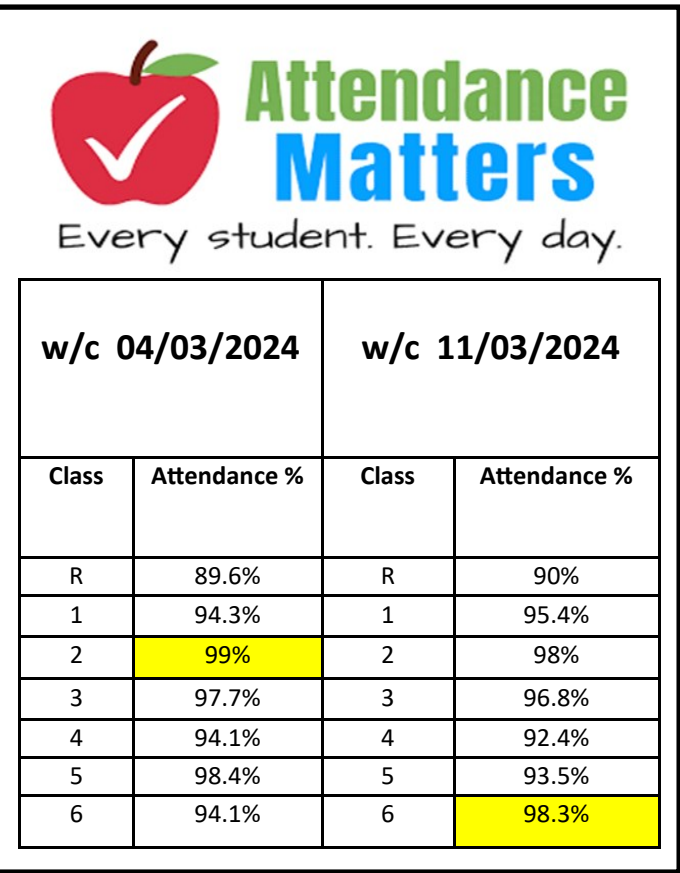
Pippa

Ava

Minnie

Well done everyone!

SPRING TERM 2024 DATES	
March 2024	
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 <div> <div>9:15 am for Y4/Y5/Y6</div> <div>10:15 am for Y1/Y2/Y3</div> </div> <div> <div>11:00 am – Nursery in class</div> <div>2:30 pm - Reception Easter in class</div> </div>
Friday 22 nd March	Last Day – Non-uniform - £1 donation for school fund. School closes for Easter.
Friday 22 nd March	9:15 am—Coffee drop in session for attendance queries
Mon 25 th Mar to Fri 5 th Apr	Easter holidays—School closed
APRIL 2024	
Monday 8 th April	School reopens for pupils



Science Ambassadors

On the 27th February some of our children from Years 4 and 5 went to Entrust to receive training in how to be an effective Science Ambassador. They took part in lots of amazing and fun activities and worked alongside children from four other Stafford schools. The science ambassadors will shortly begin their role in school by setting up 'Playground Science' sessions for children at lunchtime. Their first task, however, will be to help judge and award prizes in our poster competition that we hope lots of the children across school will enter. (Details on last week's Leonard's Life - closing date Tuesday



British Science Week 2024

Poster Competition

11th – 14th March

To celebrate British Science Week, next week, we are holding a poster competition.
We would like the children to design a poster about one of the following scientists.

Nursery and Reception - Beatrix Potter

Year 1 - Chris Packham

Year 2 - Charles Macintosh

Year 3 - Mary Anning

Year 4 - Dr Yolanda Ohene

Year 5 - Becky Schroeder

Year 6 - William Kamkwamba

The poster should be on 1 side of A4 paper.

They should be bright and colourful and include the following information:

When did they live?

Where in the world are they from?

What sort of scientist were they?

What was their major discovery/finding?

A picture or pictures.

The poster should be the child's own work.

One winner from each class will be chosen by our newly appointed science ambassadors and will receive a prize for their work.

Children should return their poster entries to their class teacher by

Tuesday 19th March.

Picture News

TAKEHOME



Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?



In the news this week

Ministers have confirmed plans to ban the use of mobile phones in English schools and have released guidance for headteachers. The guidance is not statutory and offers schools different ways of introducing the ban. These include an order to leave all phones at home, handing them in on arrival, keeping them in inaccessible lockers or allowing pupils to keep them, on the condition they are not used or heard.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your experience of mobile phones and other portable devices. Do you use them at home or at school? Do you enjoy using them?
- > Discuss with people at home your thoughts on the new guidance. Do you all agree that mobile phones should be banned in secondary school classrooms?

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



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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.

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to confirm your attendance



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>



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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



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Advice and guidance

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

A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



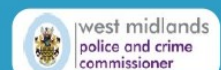
Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

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Sporting Events

Last Tuesday, was the first of the Stafford and District cross country races and was held at Rowley Park. All of our runners did brilliantly and got very muddy. This week's race has been postponed and will be held after Easter - date/location to be confirmed. The next race is at Nine Gates, on Cannock Chase on Tuesday 19th March. A huge well done to Ava, Maisy, Alex, Connie, Skye, Fin, Flynn, Colin, Arlo and Theo.

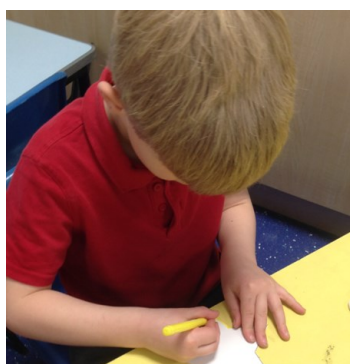
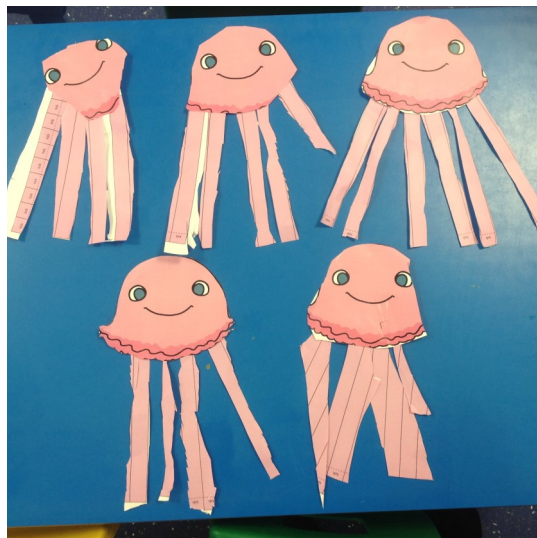


Last Friday, 17 of our Year 5 and 6 girls took part in a national event called #LetGirlsPlay - Biggest Ever Football Session, over the road at Stafford Town. The aim of the event, held on International Women's Day, was to be part of a campaign to influence and drive change, showing that football can and should be played by girls. The girls had a fabulous morning, taking part in training sessions and matches. One of the teams were unbeaten in all of their matches! Well done girls, you were a credit to St Leonard's and showed amazing teamwork skills.



Nursery

This week in Nursery our topic has been Under the Sea. We have learnt about different sea creatures and where they live. We drew our favourite sea creature, cut out jelly fish and collaged Rainbow Fish. Outside we used the large construction to make a submarine, which the children enjoyed. In PE we had lots of fun moving around the hall pretending to be crabs, jelly fish and sharks.



Reception

Reception have continued to enjoy our topic 'Let's Imagine'. This week our text was 'The Princess and the Wizard' and all of our learning was based around the story. Children have been working really hard spotting magic tricky words, making magic wands and retelling the story. We carefully used split pins to make some wizards, we found this tricky but persevered and didn't give up. Well done Reception.

Year 1

Year 1 have been using practical apparatus to help us with our Maths this week. We have been revisiting number bonds and using known number bonds to help us write addition and subtraction number sentences using symbols. Next week, we will use these number bonds to help our part-part-whole and missing number problems.



Year 2

Year Two have had another busy couple of weeks! The children have been reading *Voices in the Park* and created their own artwork based on the story. They used charcoal and oil pastels to draw two trees, showing the perspectives of two story characters. This week the children have enjoyed learning about the fruit that grows in Europe and Africa, they made a fruit salad using a mixture of European and African fruits.



Year 3

Year 3 have really enjoyed British Science Week this week and have looked at: Sailing over time. They watched a video about how boats were made a very long time ago using tree trunks and they have carried out a float or sink investigation using oranges. Did you know a fresh orange with its peel floats on water but without the peel, the orange sinks!

Year 3 have designed their own boats using a plastic tubs and other equipment in the classroom. At the end of the week, we will see if the boats float or sink.



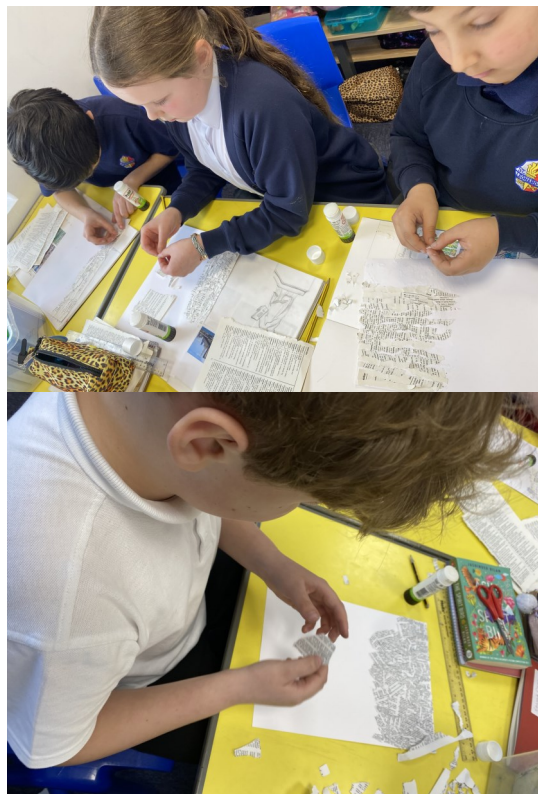
Year 4

This last fortnight in Year 4 has been as busy as ever! Last week we had a visit from a STEM Ambassador, Tony, who came in to talk to us about teeth and healthy eating. Tony is a dentist and he taught us about the different teeth we have in our mouths and why they are the shape they are. We also learned about foods and drinks that help to keep our teeth healthy as well as how to look after our teeth by brushing regularly. We have now started our Commando Joe sessions and in the first lesson we talked about values of teamwork, passion, respect and resilience and created posters together to show how we can work on these values. We had a lot of fun during our Sport Enrichment session this week developing different athletic skills - our favourites were throwing especially the javelins. This week has also been British Science Week and in Year 4 we are experimenting to create the most effective de-icer. We have been thinking of different variables that we could test and have planned out our own investigations to discover the most effective materials to make ice melt most quickly.



Year 5

Last week, Year 5 read the book, 'Voices in the Park', as part of World Book Day. The children found so many hidden messages and images in the book, which has contributed to some fantastic diary writing this week. We also made collages linked to the story and built book dens to read in, which they thoroughly enjoyed! Today, they were excited to have some rugby coaching by Leicester Tigers staff - this is in preparation for a tag rugby tournament coming up in May.



Year 6

Over the past two weeks, Year 6 have been working extremely hard. As May approaches us, we have been working even harder ensuring that we are absorbing as much knowledge as possible. I am very proud of the progress all of the children are making in all subjects, particularly maths. In Topic, this week, we have focused on the Grand Canyon and debating how it was formed many millions of years ago. In Art, we have been creating some collages based on trees - this was inspired by our World Book Week book: Voices in the Park. The children have produced some really creative and interesting art work and we can't wait to display it. In Science, we have been exploring the circulatory system and how important it is to our bodies. All in all, a great few weeks!



Leo's Den

Last week the children in Leo's Den were busy designing cards for their special lady in their lives. They made cards, a booklet, which gave all the reasons they loved their mom and made certificates.





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Easter Holiday Sports Clubs

At Blessed William Howard Catholic School



Monday 25th March - Thursday 28th March
Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 5th April



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



Staff are NGB qualified, DBS Checked and First Aid Trained.
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