



Leagrave Primary School

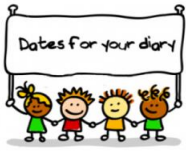
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NEWSLETTER

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Symbols of Faith

Exhibition

Years R-6

Monday 26th

February

(See attached Diary Dates letter for times)

World Book Day
Thursday 7th March



Nora N Ladybird
Freya S Butterfly
Mariam R Butterfly
Caleb Y Honeybee
Delvin D Honeybee

Ashlyn P 1W
Wardah H 2A
Sophia M 2A
Keaven P 2A
Isaiah O 2K
Syed H 2K

Bailey H 3A
Mus'ab U 3A
Mayar B 3A

Ahyan M 4KB
Isaac P 4MB
Iqra A 4MB

Freya S 5C
Sarah P 5C
Gurleen G 5W

Alyssia P 6B
Qaim A 6B
Aquaya B 6B
Muntaqim A 6E
Jayda O 6E
Laiba R 6M
Angelle B 6M

Headteacher's Corner

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Thursday we held our curriculum morning which proved to be very popular - we were delighted that it was so well attended. This event provided an opportunity for you to see your child in a lesson and working on different challenges in their own classroom. It was lovely to read such a lot of positive feedback from our parents.

If you have organised for a family member/friend to collect your child/ren from school, please ensure that you have notified the school office of their **full name** and password for the collection. We are unable to discharge children without the full details of the adult collecting.

Finally, I would like to remind you that we break up for half-term today. We hope you have a lovely break and look forward to seeing the children return to school on Monday 26th February.

Kind regards,

Mrs E Gillespie
(Headteacher)



Times Tables Rock Stars is an excellent resource that we have available for children to practise their times tables online! It is a fun and exciting way for children to become fluent at their times tables.

The Festival of Holi

The Reception Classes have had an amazing week learning all about how people celebrate the festival of Holi, with dancing, singing and throwing of powder paint and coloured water. The children have been working together to create these art pieces by throwing colourful powdered paint onto fabric. We had so much fun!



Year 1 Church Trip

Year One have been learning about Christianity during Symbols of Faith Week, with a particular focus on churches. They were lucky enough to visit St Luke's Church during the week and found it a really exciting experience.

Grace, the vicar, gave a talk about what happens in the church and the children searched for different features such as the font and the altar, finding out what they are used for. They were all very well behaved on their walk and showed great respect for the church and what it means to Christians.

Well done year one, and thank you to our parent helpers who made the trip possible.



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ATTENDANCE WINNERS



A big congratulations to the following classes:

3B and 5W
Attendance Winners for week commencing 29th January.



Who will be the next class to come out on top? The competition is on!

New Parent Governor

We are delighted to introduce Mrs Hagiu as Leagrave Primary School's new parent governor. Governors are volunteers who work together with the executive leaders of the school to set its vision, ethos and strategic direction. We hope you will join us in welcoming her to the Leagrave Primary School community.

Bookworm Corner

Ted Hughes was a famous poet and he tells this story in a different way to other books that you might read. He uses lots of interesting words to describe the characters and the adventures they have.

One of the main things I loved about this book were the illustrations as they are so unique and original. There are lots of them on every page and they are very detailed.

The Iron Man in this story is not a typical hero. At first everyone is terrified of him because he begins eating all of their farm machinery. When he meets a young boy who has a good idea to make him stop destroying everything, all this changes.

I had no idea what was going to happen in each chapter of the book which made it even more exciting.

(Mrs Ali)

Ted Hughes the Iron Man



We received a lovely email from a member of the public last week regarding our Year 5 pupils. It read:

I was at the National Space Centre today, there were a lot of school groups there. Your school consistently stood out as being well behaved, polite and courteous and all wore their uniform with pride. Your pupils are an absolute credit to your school, well done!

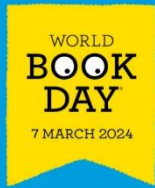
ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Attendance: 29th January 2024 - 9th February 2024

	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Honeybee	95%	4KB	92%
Butterfly	96%	4MB	97%
1ST	93%	5C	99%
1W	96%	5R	91%
2A	94%	5W	95%
2K	93%	6B	99%
3A	95%	6E	96%
3B	97%	6M	95%
4D	99%	Whole School	96%

Our whole school attendance target is **97%**.



Save the date!
World Book Day
7 March 2024



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WORLD BOOK DAY 'Book in a Jar' Competition

This year, to celebrate World Book Day, we are running a 'Book in a Jar' competition allowing children to showcase their favourite books. Over the half term, we would like children from all year groups to think about their favourite book, and represent these in a simple jar (or box). We would like you to think carefully about the items you choose to represent your book, possibly even clues about it's plot, character or setting. Some examples are shown below.

On World Book Day, each year group will spend time presenting their jars to their peers, providing an opportunity for others to guess the book. Miss Brooks will be having a look at the jars to determine a winner in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. **All completed jars must be in school by Thursday 7th March.** Good luck!



Gangsta Granny



Billionaire Boy



Alice in Wonderland



Sponsored Times Tables Challenge



On Friday 2nd February, Leagrave Primary School held a Sponsored Times Table Challenge to raise money for the NSPCC children's charity. Thanks to your overwhelmingly generous support, we have managed to raise £825.54! A special thank you to Larayb in 1W who raised an amazing £180.

We are delighted to announce our competition winners, for each year group, are:

Year 6 - Saaim A in 6B
Year 4 - Yousuf B in 4D
Year 2 - Aron N in 2M

Year 5 - Umar I in 5C
Year 3 - Liam S in 3A
Year 1 - Oluwaseyitan A in 1W



Children's Mental Health Week is a mental health awareness week that empowers, equips and gives a voice to all children and young people in the UK.

DO YOU SOMETIMES WORRY ABOUT HOW YOU ARE FEELING?

If so, read on!

Here are some brilliant tips from children just like you*. These children have also had ups and downs with their mental health and want to pass on some ideas that have helped them:

- Ask for help – from a teacher, parent, brother, sister, or other family member. Keep telling until someone listens to you.
- Remember you are not alone – everyone goes through tough times. Be kind to yourself – everyone is perfect in their own way.
- Stay calm – take some breaths or find somewhere to sit quietly for 2 minutes.
- Go outside and get some exercise to make yourself feel stronger.
- Spend time with your family and friends (or pets).
- It's okay to not always be okay.
- Think of your favourite thing and write it down.
- Keep a diary to track all your emotions.
- Stay positive and focus on things that make you happy. If you can't think of anything, maybe a friend can help you.
- Remember you are enough, and you are the only you.
- If you are being bullied, maybe the bully is being bullied or has something going on at home and they're taking it out on someone else. Tell an adult or trusted friend.



DO YOU SOMETIMES FEEL A BIT WORRIED ABOUT HOW SOMEONE ELSE IS FEELING?

If so, read on!

Things you can say to help support someone else:



*With thanks to the pupils at Seascope Primary School and Ark Globe Primary School.

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MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK



AWARDS



Sam	-	Butterfly
Manahil	-	Honeybee
Joseph	-	1ST
Ashlyn	-	1W
Caden	-	2K
Sophia	-	2A
Austin	-	3B
Soomaya	-	3A
Michelle	-	4KB
Aadil	-	4MB
Mitchell	-	4D
Amelia	-	5W
Yasin	-	5R
Ayub	-	5C
Yahya	-	6M
Hamzah	-	6E
Momina	-	6B

Congratulations to the above children for being selected to receive a WOW Award! We hope you enjoyed your visit to the book vending machine and reading your new book!



Well-Being Corner

Key Dates:

- Time to Talk Day - 2nd Feb
- Safer Internet Day - 7th Feb
- Children's Mental Health Week - 5th-11th Feb
- Random Acts of Kindness Day - 17th Feb

Need More Sleep?

We all need to sleep well to help our bodies recover from the day. Top Tips for better sleep:

- Establish a regular, relaxing bedtime routine that lets you unwind and sends a signal to your brain that it's time to sleep.
- Create a restful environment: bedrooms that are dark, cool and quiet are generally easier to fall asleep and stay asleep in.
- Try to go to sleep and wake up at the same time each day.
- Exercise regularly but avoid vigorous exercise near bedtime if it affects your sleep.
- Avoid using screens in the evening, including on smartphones and tablets. The light from the screen can have a negative effect on sleep, and social media, news and games can all stimulate your brain and make you feel anxious.
- Write down your worries if you lie awake worrying about tomorrow. This can help put your mind at rest.
- If you can't sleep, don't worry about it. Get up and do something relaxing like listening to music or reading until you feel sleepy.

Random Acts of Kindness Day

At school, we are celebrating Kindness Day all month of February. Each day we carry out an act of kindness. The children are enjoying taking part and look forward to it each day. You can also take part at home and celebrate it in different ways. Have a look at some examples below:

- Send a thank you note
- Share a joke
- Write a special message to someone
- Play a game with someone



This month's Action for Happiness Calendar: Friendly February

Friendly February 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them	Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone	Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29				

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Year 4 Whipsnade Zoo Trip

This week, Year 4 visited Whipsnade Zoo as part of our Living Things and their Habitats topic. Each class took part in a brilliant workshop on 'Habitats and Adaptations' where they looked at replica animal skulls and identified how adaptations to each animal were suitable for where they lived. We also learnt about how different animals are related, for example the giraffe and the okapi! The children were all very enthusiastic and had lots of questions.

We also got to explore the different enclosures around the zoo, looking at the different habitats. We saw a variety of animals such as red pandas, Asian rhinos, elephants, wolverines and butterflies.

The children had a great time and enjoyed seeing so many animals up close. The Year 4 team were very pleased to have received lovely comments from the staff and members of the public on how well behaved the children were.



The Big Schools' Birdwatch

Over the last few weeks the school has been participating in the RSPB's The Big Schools' Birdwatch. In preparation, members of the Eco and Science Committee gave every class a bird feeder to hang outside their classroom to help attract as many birds as possible. Each year group spent half an hour outside during the two weeks to spot as many different birds as possible.

Reception class also had a go making their own bird feed using different fruits! Some of the members of the Eco and Science Committee then collated all the data and submitted it to the RSPB, which gives them a valuable insight into how birds are faring. All of these actions help give nature a helping hand!



Sustainability Assembly

This week, children in Years 3, 5 and 6 took part in a Sustainability assembly presented by a representative from Whipsnade Zoo. The children were told the zoo has made a sculpture using all recycled materials from the grounds!

They also found out that the UK is working towards becoming more sustainable by encouraging companies to reduce their use of palm oil and encouraging others to switch to sustainably sourced palm oil. Did you know Nutella now uses 100% RSPO certified sustainable palm oil? A logo now appears on all jars to show it has been sustainably sourced.

