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NEWSLETTER
8th March 2024



Year 6 Natural History Museum

Trip

Monday 11th March

Year 5 Curriculum Corner

Tuesday 12th March

2.45pm - 3.00pm

Parents Invited

Parents Evening

Wednesday 13th March

3.30pm - 7.00pm

Nursery Parents Consultation Meetings

Wednesday 13th March

9.45am - 4.15pm



All staff at Leagrave Primary School would like to say happy birthday to:

Hugo F Honeybee

Aiza K Honeybee

Mohammad A 1ST

Anastasia M 2A

Kyla-Rose H 2K

Max B 3B

Aadam C 4D

Amina K 4D

Aqsa Jannat C 4KB

Amaya F 5C

Emily O 5W

Khadija K 5W

Nicholas R 5R

Rihanna S 6M

Headteacher's Corner

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was so wonderful to see all the children in their costumes yesterday for World Book Day. A huge thank you to everyone who took part and really helped raise the profile of reading across the school. The children looked fantastic, and there was a real buzz around school. Well done everyone! We hope you had a really great day enjoying your favourite books.

Year 6 parents received their high school offers last Friday and we hope that you were successful in your application for your chosen school.

We are having a number of children arriving late to school. It is very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young. It is essential that you ensure that your child arrives at school on time to prevent disruption to your child's own learning and that of others.

Unfortunately there has been two incidents over the past two weeks involving cars on Strangers Way. I can not emphasise enough the importance of driving safely when dropping and collecting your child from school. Please ensure you drive slowly when passing the school, park correctly and when dropping/collecting your child, hold your child's hand whilst large amounts of traffic are visible.

Kind regards,

Mrs E Gillespie
(Headteacher)

Parents Evening

A reminder of our upcoming face-to-face Parent Consultation Meeting on Wednesday 13th March 2024. To book your consultation appointment please visit:

<https://leagrave.primary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The booking system is now live and will close at midnight on Tuesday 12th March so please ensure you have made your booking prior to this date.



Contact Details

It is essential that we hold the most up to date contact details for all parents/carers.

If you have changed your mobile/home number or have moved home recently, please keep us informed by either calling the school office on 01582 571951 or email

parents@leagraveprimary.co.uk



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ATTENDANCE WINNERS



A big congratulations to the following classes:

1W and 4D
Attendance Winners for week commencing 12th February.

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



Symbols of Faith Curriculum Week

Before half term, children once again got to explore themes of tolerance and respect through detailed studies of a range of religions. They visited churches and the gurdwara, and also had visits from Humanists and the Jewish community. As the week also allows opportunities to develop Design and Technology skills, children enjoyed cooking, sewing and constructing structures related to their particular area of study.

The standard of work produced was outstanding, as I am sure you will agree if you were lucky enough to visit our exhibition. Thank you to the parents who visited, and those who supported on trips.



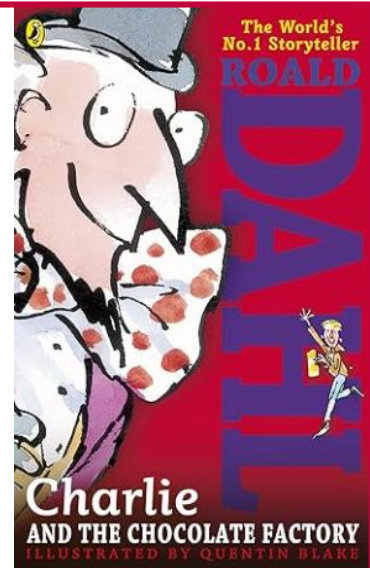
Bookworm Corner

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

This book made me salivate as I read through the pages of delicious sounding sweets and treats. A fantastic story, full of imagination and humour. A story of a wondrous trip around a sweet factory with chocolate rivers, lakes and waterfalls, edible grass, trees, flowers and bushes.

Then there are the factory staff, the happy singing and dancing Oompa-Loopas from Loompaland, and that's just the beginning. For me most importantly, the story teaches some very important lessons about greed, selfishness and kindness.

(Mrs Egbaran)



Nursery Admissions for September 2024

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, now is the time to apply for a Leagrave Nursery place for September 2024. Please visit our school website for details on how to apply.

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Attendance: 12th February 2024 - 1st March 2024

| | Attendance | Class | Attendance |
|-----------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Honeybee | 91% | 4KB | 93% |
| Butterfly | 95% | 4MB | 94% |
| 1ST | 90% | 5C | 91% |
| 1W | 97% | 5R | 98% |
| 2A | 96% | 5W | 92% |
| 2M | 98% | 6B | 96% |
| 3A | 93% | 6E | 93% |
| 3B | 97% | 6M | 96% |
| 4D | 97% | Whole School | 95% |

Our whole school attendance target is 97%.

WORLD BOOK DAY

7 MARCH 2024

Wow! We have had a huge amount of fun celebrating World Book Day. This year, we had a whole school focus which was based on the book, 'Journey'. This is a picture book about a lonely girl who draws a magic door on her bedroom wall and through it escapes into a world where wonder, adventure, and danger abound. Children from nursery to Year 6 took part in lots of book themed activities and created some creative pieces of writing including diary entries, book reviews, short-burst descriptions and poems.

The staff at Leagrave have been in disguise this week to create our Masked Reader video. By providing clues about themselves, and a particular book, the children thoroughly enjoyed guessing who was behind the mask!



It was lovely to see such imagination as the children came to school dressed as their favourite book characters. Thank you for all the effort made. We celebrated together as a whole school and really enjoyed seeing everyone's outfits! A special well done to Abigail in 5R and Brax in 2A who were the winners for best costume, and Miss McCann who was the staff winner! The book fair was also very popular this week, with many children using their book tokens to help them become the proud owner of a beautiful new book. It has been amazing to see so many children enthused about books and reading!



Well done to the staff members who demonstrated their artistic skills by decorating their classroom doors for the occasion. They looked brilliant!



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS



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. When playing, children are able to take part in challenges and can also challenge themselves to beat their previous scores! It is an expectation that your child is practising their times tables daily at home.



Last Wednesday we held our Leagrave's Got Talent semi final. This was a great opportunity for the children to showcase their talents to a large audience. It was great to see lots of different acts, including dancing and singing.

Four acts have made it through to the finals!

Act 1: Freya in 3B

Act 2: Saboor in 4KB, Lexi in 4KB, Poppy in 4MB
Sara in 4KB

Act 3: Abigail in 5R

Act 4: Nicholas in 6B.

The Final will take place on Wednesday 27th March with magicians Ariyaan and Rayaana in 2M along with Kyle in 5R opening the show.

Well done to everyone that took part, you were all amazing!



- No scooters to be ridden on the school playground
- Mobile phones are not to be used on the school premises
- Please ensure your child comes to school each day fully prepared for the day with their packed lunches, water bottles and reading records

School Photographs

On Thursday 21st March, the children will be having their school class photographs taken. Please ensure your child is wearing their full school uniform and has their school jumper/cardigan on the day.



Year 2 Fire Service Visit

This week the children in Year Two were very lucky to have a visit from our local fire service. The children learnt lots of valuable information about fire safety. They were able to meet a firefighter in full uniform, learn what to do in the case of a fire, recognise how to prevent a fire and were even given the chance to see the fire engine!

The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit. Thank you to the fire service for coming to Leagrave. It is a day the children certainly will not forget!



Well-Being Corner

Key Dates:
 World Sleep Day - 18th March
 International Day of Happiness - 20th March

The Healing Power of Sleep

This year's World Sleep Day will be held on Monday 18th March 2024 and emphasises the important issues related to sleep. Having enough good-quality sleep is a key, and often underestimated, protective factor for children and young people. Sleep helps to regenerate their brains and bodies, process information and memories, boost immunity, guard against obesity and stress, and help concentration, learning and behaviour.

Primary school-aged child generally need around 10 to 11 hours of sleep a night, while teenagers need around 8 to 10.

How to support positive sleep for your child:

* Having a regular time to go to sleep and wake up. * Making sure children and young people are in natural daylight for at least half an hour— particularly in the morning. * Making sure children and young people get enough exercise during the day. * Turning off computer screens or other devices at least an hour before bedtime. Blue light from TVs, tablets and mobiles excite the brain and interfere with the sleep hormone levels, preventing the brain from feeling sleepy.

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



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