



Week beginning: 1st December 2023

We are fast approaching Christmas. Please make a note of the Christmas dates over the next few weeks. Have a lovely weekend.

The Leesons Team

Attendance and Punctuality

Our attendance and punctuality for this week can be seen in the table below.

Class	Attendance (%)
Little Orchard	76.2%
Hedgehog	99.2%
Squirrel	91.6%
Robin	94.7%
Owl	94%
Woodpecker	95.4%
Kingfisher	88.3%
Badger	93.2%
Fox	98%
Rabbit	97%
Mole	97.2%
Otter	96%
Stag	86.4%
Kestrel	85.6%

Well done to Hedgehog Class who won Leo the Attendance Bear the Attendance cup this week!

Well done to Fox Class who won the Punctuality cup this week!



Language of the week



This week we are celebrating the language of Ireland; Gaelic. The greeting is Dia dhuit pronounced, dee-ah gwit. Did you know that the place with the longest name in Ireland is Muckanagherdauhaulia in Galway?

Sports updates

We have had a busy week with a Lacrosse festival match. The Lacrosse festival was at Poverest and we took 2 teams of Year 5 and 6 children. Both teams played exceedingly well, dominating the ball play. Team "England" won half their matches including a 3 nil win, team "France" unfortunately lost their first match and then won all the rest, including a 4 nil win. They all showed great sportsmanship and tenacity.

Oracy Talk Topic

At home, we would like you to pick an evening that is convenient and come together as a family to discuss the 'Talk Topic'. In order to ensure that your child participates in high-quality talk, please remember to play devil's advocate during the discussion. Your child should not only be given the opportunity to agree and build on other viewpoints, but also challenge/disagree, explain and justify.

The 'Talk Topic' for this week is the following:

'The cost of a holiday abroad should be made cheaper'.

Leesons Reading Challenge

Earlier in the year we introduced the reading challenge trees that show the 100 books that we encourage to be read in each year group. The children can earn certificates (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75 and 100 books) and a golden ticket which enables them to receive a book from the vending machine.

We would like to celebrate our wonderful readers at Leesons by sharing their reading success.

Name	Class	Certificate
Lily	Fox	5 books
Anna-Nicole	Fox	5 books
Imam	Kingfisher	5 books

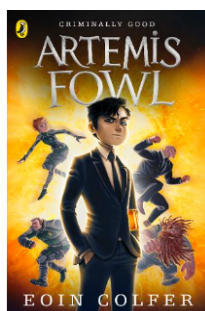
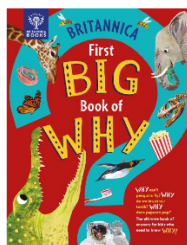
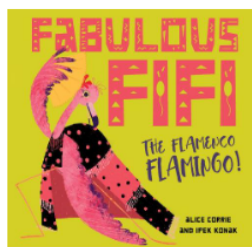


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Book of the week

Reading is a life skill but it is also an activity that stimulates the brain and supports well being and has been used to reduce anxiety. Whilst we encourage and engage the children with reading at school it needs to continue outside as well. For the children to become successful readers and be able to meet the challenges within school they need to practice reading everyday.



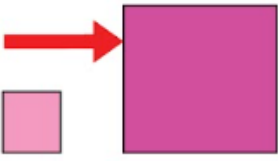
Word Aware


EYFS/KS1




Word of the Week

vast



**Meaning**

Really big.

**Challenge**

If you had a **vast** house, how many rooms would it have? Imagine walking through the **vast** house.

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KS2



Word of the Week

banish



**Meaning**

If someone or something is **banished** it is sent away and stopped from coming back.

**Challenge**

If you were **banished** to your room what might you have done? If someone was **banished** from a club, what could have happened?

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Maths Challenge



Strike it Out



Try this game: draw a number line from 1 to 20. The first player picks two numbers, crosses them out and circles either their sum or their difference. The second player crosses out the circled number and another number that's still left, and again circle the sum or the difference.

The winner is the person who stops their opponent from being able to move!

Thousands more problems can be found
on the NRICH maths website:

<http://nrich.maths.org>

E-safety

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonlinecollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Schools Need to Know about THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT

The Online Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they're online. The government has pledged "a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm" – and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools ...

WHAT THE ACT WILL DO

HARMFUL CONTENT

Social media sites must rapidly remove illegal and/or harmful content such as bullying or harassing comments; pornography; and content that supports extremist activity or encourages or depicts violence, suicide, self harm or eating disorders. If they fail to do so, they can be fined up to 10% of their global revenue while their executives may even face jail time.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Content featuring cruelty to animals is now prohibited, even if it originates from abroad (where the law may be different). Again, it is the platform's responsibility to remove this.

MORE TRANSPARENCY

Sites must be transparent about the hazards that any children using them could encounter – by publishing risk assessments for their platforms, for instance.

HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS

Scams and fraudulent adverts must be blocked or removed, or the hosting companies are liable to be fined.

NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING

It's now easier to convict online abusers or people who share intimate images without consent, while legislation on the criminality of deepfakes has been clarified. The new laws also relate to any individuals who even threaten to share such images. This should help to protect women and girls in particular online.

REPORTING AND FILTERING

Sites should have easy reporting mechanisms for children (or their parents and carers) to flag up problems quickly. They must also provide options to filter out unwanted content.

AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL

Sites must prevent children from accessing age-inappropriate material. This includes enforcing age limits and implementing robust age verification.

What this means for you

The act has some specific implications for schools: it's essential that leaders understand the new legislation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a positive step, but as artificial intelligence and other advances in tech continue to produce new challenges, schools will still need to remain extremely vigilant.

KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is creating in response to the Online Safety Act. Note that the new legislation doesn't mean an instant change: many of its elements will only come into force at the end of 2023. An Ofcom consultation on 'protecting people from illegal harms online' will be running until February 2024.

REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

Remain mindful of your organisation's own online activities: the legal duty for schools to maintain appropriate software monitoring and filtering, for example, will not change.

WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There are some issues on which the legislation remains less clear for now: whether it's possible for Ofcom to scan encrypted private messages (such as on WhatsApp) has yet to be resolved, for instance – making this an area where, for the moment, young people have less legal protection.

UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

Staff should learn how to raise concerns with tech companies whose platforms contain anything upsetting or unpleasant. Students also need to be made aware of the newly strengthened laws relating to cyber-bullying, sexting or posting inappropriate content. Young people do make mistakes online – so the clearer their understanding of the possible consequences, the better.

ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

Schools should also explain to parents and carers the new possibilities that the Online Safety Act affords them in terms of protecting their children. Many parents may have previously felt that there was little they could do about changing online platforms' content; they now have a far greater level of support when complaining about a company or the behaviour of an individual.

Meet Our Expert

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Junior Duke

Name	Class	Activity
Leah	Kingfisher	Interest Safety Eco Challenge

Highlights of the week

It was lovely to have so many parents come to the Reception and Nursery 'Stay and Play' sessions this week. We hope you enjoyed gaining a little insight into what school life is like for your children and are looking forward to stay and play sessions in the Spring and Summer terms. We were so busy having fun in Reception that we forgot to take any photos!

What's on?

Week 6	
Wednesday - 06.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9am - Coffee Morning PSHE MH
Friday - 08.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Friends of Leesons Winter Wonderland - donations of £2 per child to be given to the school office please2.45pm KS2 Carols on the playground - Parents/EYFS/KS1 to watchWinter Woolly Day - wear a snuggly jumper or a Christmas jumper to school for some Christmas spirit!

Week 7	
Wednesday - 13.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">10:30am - Nativity dress rehearsal to KS2
Thursday - 14.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School Christmas Dinner Day2.00pm - Nativity Christmas performanceWinter Woolly Day - optional - wear a snuggly jumper or a Christmas jumper to school for some Christmas spirit!



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Friday - 15.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.00pm -Nativity Christmas performance
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Week 8	
Monday - 18.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Church at St Barnabas - children only Christmas parties in class
Tuesday - 19.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of term
Wednesday - 20.12.23	School Holiday
Thursday - 21.12.23	School Holiday
Friday - 22.12.23	School Holiday

Holiday - 20.12.23 to 02.2.24

Children return to school on 4.1.24

LPS Choir will be performing on Tuesday 30th January 2024.



Your child will soon be performing in the BIGGEST concert you've ever seen, be prepared to be SO PROUD!

Your child will be part of a choir of up to 9,000 other children at a huge arena near you!

On the day of the concert your child's choir will rehearse as one choir for the first time and then take part in the most amazing concert, produced by the UK's leading sound and light companies, with special guest artists that are sure to raise the roof of the arena.

Your child will be inspired and motivated through music and singing. Not only does singing on this scale provide a unique skill

and learning opportunity it also provides a huge sense of personal achievement, improves mental health and gives children a life-changing musical experience.

Your child has worked so hard learning the songs and you will have the opportunity to celebrate this memorable achievement with them during the evening performance of the concert.



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At first I felt nervous at the thought of singing with thousands of others but I soon got used to it. (BARIRA aged 8)

I thought it was so fantastic, it made you forget about everything else. (ZAID aged 10)

A once in lifetime experience that took my breath away. (BOBBY aged 9)

THE LARGEST SCHOOL CHOIR IN THE WORLD!

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