



**Week beginning: 4th December 2023**

It is starting to feel like Christmas at Leesons. Today has definitely put us all in the Christmas mood! We wish you all 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	73.65%
Hedgehog	89.38%
Squirrel	90.56%
Robin	88.08%
Owl	89.6%
Woodpecker	90.33%
Kingfisher	98.89%
Badger	89.58%
Fox	85.6%
Rabbit	88%
Mole	97.83%
Otter	93.71%
Stag	85.77%
Kestrel	84.23%

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

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



## Language of the week



Our language this week, Latvian, is from Latvia. If you were greeting someone you would say Sveiki. Interesting fact - The Venta waterfall (Ventas rumba) is the widest waterfall in Europe.

## 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:

'Would you rather have to drink everything from your ears or eat everything with your belly button?'

## 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.

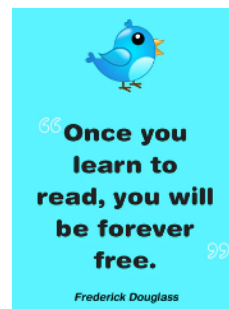
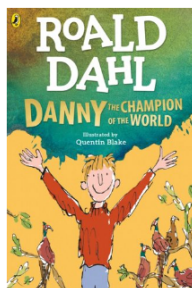
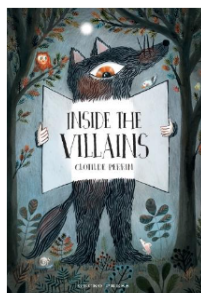
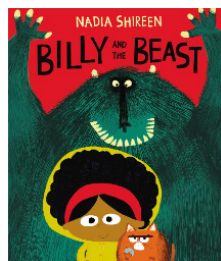
Name	Class	Certificate
Ava Ebanks	Badger	15
Zoe Sikora	Badger	5

## Book of the week


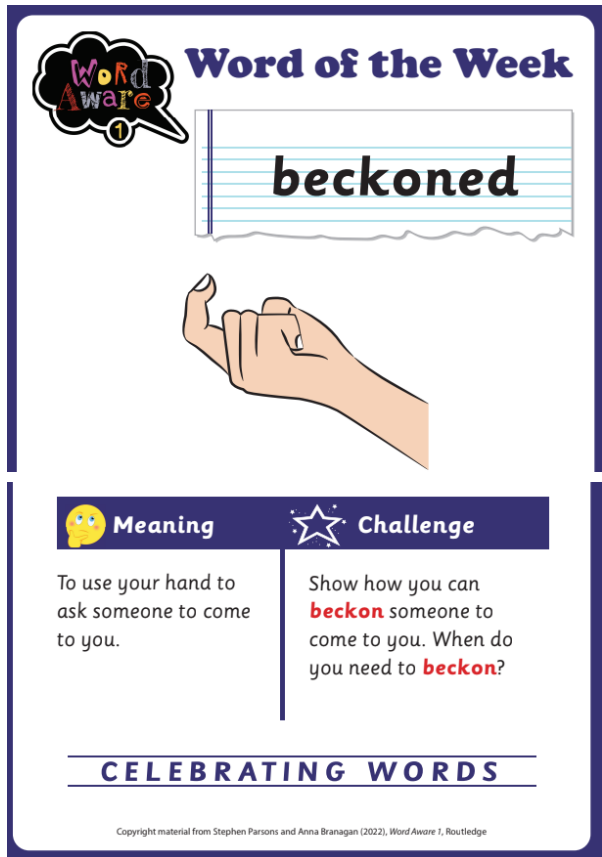
Reading is a life skill but it is also an activity that stimulates the brain and support well being and has been used to reduce anxiety. Whilst we encourage and engage the children with reading at school it needs to continue outside as well. For the children to become successful readers and be able to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



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### Word Aware

EYFS/KS1	KS2
 <p><b>Word of the Week</b></p> <p><b>tug</b></p> <p><b>Meaning</b> A quick, strong pull.</p> <p><b>Challenge</b> Why shouldn't you <b>tug</b> a dog's tail? How does it feel if someone <b>tugs</b> your hair?</p> <p><b>CELEBRATING WORDS</b></p> <p><small>Copyright material from Stephen Parsons and Anna Branagan (2022), Word Aware 1, Routledge</small></p>	 <p><b>Word of the Week</b></p> <p><b>beckoned</b></p> <p><b>Meaning</b> To use your hand to ask someone to come to you.</p> <p><b>Challenge</b> Show how you can <b>beckon</b> someone to come to you. When do you need to <b>beckon</b>?</p> <p><b>CELEBRATING WORDS</b></p> <p><small>Copyright material from Stephen Parsons and Anna Branagan (2022), Word Aware 1, Routledge</small></p>

### 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 platforms which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about **DISNEY+**

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

**LESS SUITABLE  
CONTENT**

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there *are* some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

## BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

## PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

## ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 8+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

## ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

## ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

**ADD PIN PROTECTION**

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

**TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY**

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

**ENJOY AS A FAMILY**

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

## Meet Our Expert

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## Maths Challenge


### A Bowl of Fruit

Half the pieces of fruit in the bowl are apples.

There are also three oranges, two pears and a banana.

How many apples are there in the bowl?

[nrich.maths.org](http://nrich.maths.org)



## Junior Duke

Name	Class	Activity
Taso	Fox	Cookery Sport
Limansa	Kestrel	Drama
Harper	Robin	Domestic Challenge Interest Safety

## Highlights of the week



Year 6 used the Science skills they have learnt this half term to make Christmas cards with light up noses on reindeers. They were amazing and the children could describe the process that was happening and the reason the circuit worked





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Today we enjoyed wearing our Winter Woolies and joining in the Winter Wonderland activities which were organised and led by Friends of Leesons. A huge shout out to them for all their hard work and preparation for this event and a massive THANK YOU from all the staff and children for making it so fun!



Rehearsals for our Early Years and Key Stage 1 Performances are well under way. Please check your class Dojo for details of when these are and which performance you should be attending.

Well done and thank you to Key Stage 2 for their wonderful performance of Carols in the Playground this afternoon. It was lovely to have so many parents and carers together joining in the start of the celebrations.





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Thank you for your wonderful gift of £214.00 which will enable us to help more families with a life-threatened child, like Lilly.

Lilly, aged eight, was diagnosed with a heart defect at birth. She was put on the heart transplant list and when she was later diagnosed with cancer, her family were supported by Rainbow Trust Family Support Worker name.

*"When a suitable heart became available, Lilly was again admitted, and we once again called upon Rainbow Trust's support. With Lilly in hospital for so long our two other children, Lea (aged two) and Alivia (aged 10), were not coping well and this put a lot of extra pressure on us all."*

The family's youngest daughter, Lea, was being assessed for autism at the time and so Family Support Worker Joanne supported the family by providing sibling support while Lilly's parents were busy at the hospital. Joanna found a local Special Educational Needs toddler group and took Lea there every week and also found a local childminder and nursery that could take and support Lea to help her mum during the week.

*"Rainbow Trust's support has given us so much more time to focus on Lilly while she was in hospital. She received her heart transplant in April 2022 and has now returned to school. We can't thank Rainbow Trust enough, we have been through so much and the time that they have given us has helped make our road to recovery so much easier."*

When a child has a serious illness, time becomes more precious than ever. Your donation will enable us to reach more families, like Lilly's, providing vital support as a constant when their world has been turned upside down. **Thank you.**



## What's on?

Week 7	
Wednesday - 13.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>10:30am - Nativity dress rehearsal to KS2 - please ensure all costumes are in school</li></ul>
Thursday - 14.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School Christmas Dinner Day</li><li>2.00pm -Nativity Christmas performance</li><li>Winter Woolly Day - optional - wear a snuggly jumper or a Christmas jumper to school for some Christmas spirit!</li></ul>
Friday - 15.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9.30am - Nativity Christmas performance</li><li>2.00pm -Nativity Christmas performance</li></ul>

Week 8	
Monday - 18.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Christmas Church at St Barnabas - children only</li><li>Christmas parties in class</li></ul>
Tuesday - 19.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Last day of term - finish at normal time (3.20pm)</li></ul>
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