



**Week beginning: 13th November 2023**

This week we have celebrated Anti-Bullying Week which started on Monday with Odd Socks Day. 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	85%
Hedgehog	90%
Squirrel	93%
Robin	94%
Owl	95%
Woodpecker	94%
Kingfisher	93%
Badger	95%
Fox	95%
Rabbit	94%
Mole	95%
Otter	91%
Stag	90%
Kestrel	91%

Well done to Owl, Badger, Fox and Mole Classes 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's language, Hindi, comes from India. Whilst many languages are spoken throughout the country this is the most commonly spoken language. The greeting for hello is 'namaste'. Over 1.3 billion people live in India, making it the 2nd most populous country in the world.

## 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:

'Pluto should still be considered a planet'.

## 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.

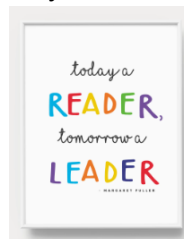
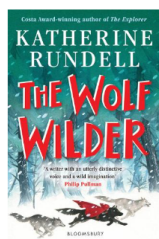
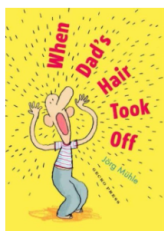
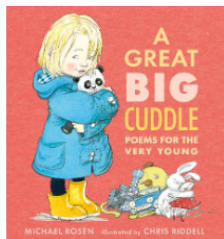
Name	Class	Certificate
Nareyah	Fox	5 books

## 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



### Word of the Week

**wheeze**




 <b>Meaning</b>	 <b>Challenge</b>
If someone wheezes, they find it hard breathing and make a whistling sound.	Pretend to <b>wheeze</b> . Do you know anyone who <b>wheezes</b> (without pretending)?

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#### KS2



### Word of the Week

**anticipation**



 <b>Meaning</b>	 <b>Challenge</b>
Feeling excited about something that is going to happen.	When is the last time you felt <b>anticipation</b> ? Describe how it felt in your body.

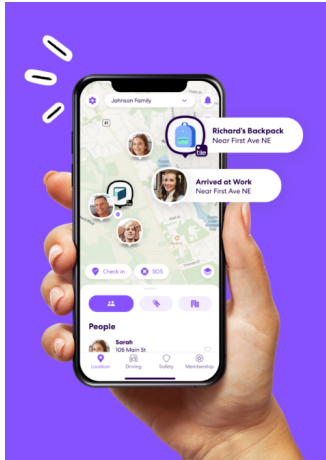
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## E-safety

This week's e-safety is aimed at our older children who go out without their parents. There are a number of apps that can 'track' your child to monitor where they are. One of these is Life 360. The Life360 app is designed to keep families, partners, and friends connected and safe. It can be used to locate someone travelling and receive notifications when a loved one requires your assistance.



We also want to share some information on SMART TVs with you. Please take a moment to have a look.



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 devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalonline-safety.com](https://nationalonline-safety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# SMART TVs

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

#### INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

#### REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

#### UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

#### A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

#### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

#### SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

#### CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

#### CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

#### Meet Our Expert

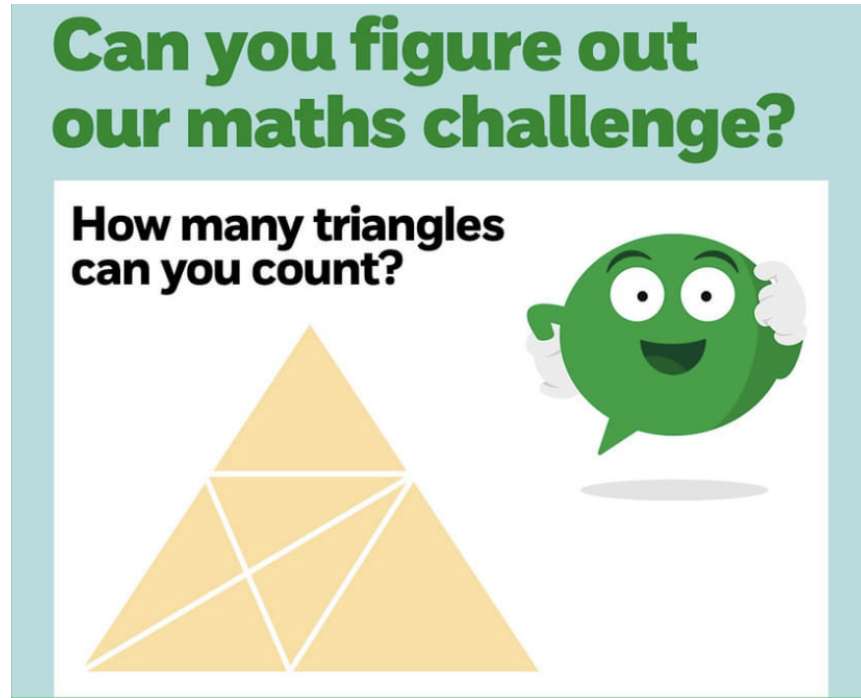
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## Maths Challenge



### Junior Duke

Name	Class	Activity
Harper	Robin	Cookery Creation Exercise
Frankie	Otter	Cookery

### Highlights of the week

Anti-Bullying week has been the main focus of this week. We started with Odd Socks Day and an Anti-Bullying Assembly. The theme this year is 'Make a noise' and one of the children made the comparison to the Transport Police phrase of 'Say it, See it, Sort it', which sums it up brilliantly! Each class has completed a variety of activities linked to kindness and anti-bullying. Ask your child to see what they have been doing to celebrate!



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We have another Blue Peter badge winner for reading - Libby Bray. Well done!

Children in Need was a huge success today. It was great to see so many children in Pudsey Bear accessories and we are delighted to have raised money for such a worthwhile cause. Thank you to our wonderful Midday Supervisors who organised a fantastic Talent Show for Year 2 in the playground today for Children In Need. We definitely have some very talented children at Leesons!

### What's on?

Week 4	
Monday - 20.11.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 5 Otter - Library visit (10am-11am)</li></ul>
Tuesday - 21.11.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rock Steady Music Assembly 9.10am (40 mins for whole school)</li><li>• 9.50 to 10.30 - KS2 workshop</li><li>• 10.40-11.20 - Reception and KS1 workshop</li></ul>
Wednesday - 22.11.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flu Vaccinations</li><li>• Coffee Morning Computing - time to be confirmed</li><li>• 9:30am - 10:30am - Year 4 Fun with Feelings workshop</li><li>• Reception to Year 2 Flu Vaccinations</li><li>• 9:30am - 10:30am - Year 4 Fun with Feelings workshop</li></ul>





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Friday - 24.11.23	INSET Day - School Closed to Children
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Week 5 National Tree Week - tree planting with FOL - Junior Duke, Eco-Committee and School Council to support with planting	
Monday - 27.11.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2.15pm EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Open afternoon for current parents to come and share the children's learning in classes - more information on Dojo</li></ul>
Wednesday - 29.11.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9am - Coffee Morning PE</li><li>9:30am-10:45am Year 5 Friends with feelings workshop</li><li>11am - 12:15am Year 4 and 5 Friends with feelings workshop</li></ul>
Friday - 01.11.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rainbow own clothes day for 'Rainbow Trust Children's Charity' Bring £1.00 and dress like a rainbow</li></ul>

Week 6	
Wednesday - 06.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9am - Coffee Morning PSHE MH</li></ul>
Friday - 08.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Friend of Leesons Winter Wonderland - More details to follow</li><li>2.45pm KS2 Carols on the playground - Parents/EYFS/KS1 to watch</li></ul>

Week 7	
Wednesday - 13.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>10:30am - Nativity dress rehearsal to KS2</li><li></li></ul>
Thursday - 14.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School Christmas Dinner Day</li><li>Christmas Jumper Day - online donations by parents</li><li>2.00pm -Nativity Christmas performance</li></ul>
Friday - 15.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2.00pm -Nativity Christmas performance</li></ul>





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Week 8	
Monday - 18.12.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christmas Church at St Barnabus - 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</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