



Week beginning: 2nd October 2023

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

The Leesons Team

Attendance and Punctuality

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

Class	Attendance (%)
Little Orchard	84%
Hedgehog	87%
Squirrel	94%
Robin	90%
Owl	98%
Woodpecker	94%
Kingfisher	96%
Badger	97%
Fox	97%
Rabbit	96%
Mole	97%
Otter	95%
Stag	94%
Kestrel	92%

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

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

The House with the most points this week is Topaz.

Well done to Owl Class for winning the Walk to School Award.



Language of the week



Our language this week is Arabic, which is spoken in many countries around the world. This week we are looking at Egypt. The greeting in Arabic is, **As-salaam 'alykum**. Did you know that the only remaining monument of the 7 ancient wonders of the world is still standing in Egypt. Only the Great Pyramid of Giza, in El Giza, Egypt has stood the test of time

Sports Update

Today was our Trust Cricket Quiz. The children all worked really hard and had great fun taking part. The winner was Kestrel, closely followed by Fox. Well done to everyone, but especially to them!

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:

'Is it better to have a big family or a small family?'

Leesons Reading Challenge

Last year we introduced the reading challenge trees that show the 100 books that we encourage to be read in each year group. These books can be found in school and the local library, remember it is free to join. 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.

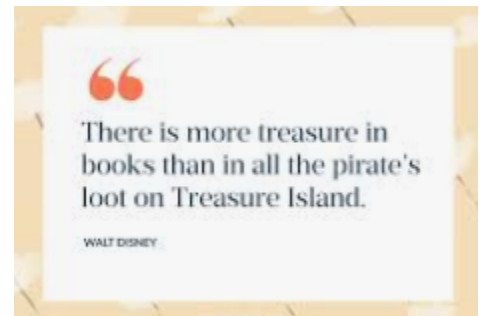
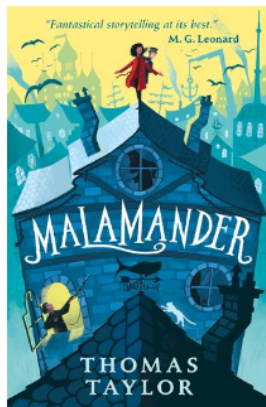
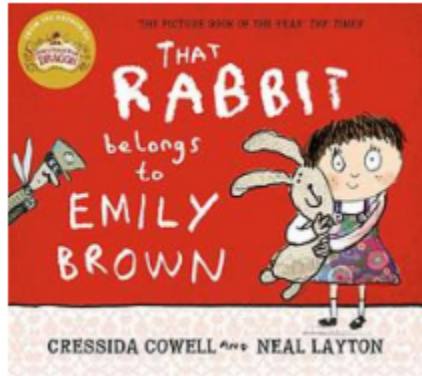
Book of the week

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



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become successful readers and be able to meet the challenges within school they need to practice reading everyday.



If you are not yet a member - join the library!

<https://prism.librarymanagementcloud.co.uk/bromley/join>

Go and dive into a good book.

E-safety

Please see the poster below as a reminder to stay kind online.

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 issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert

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Maths Challenge

Can you solve this?

$$\text{Black Ball} + \text{Black Ball} = 2$$
$$\text{Red Ball} + \text{Red Ball} - \text{Black Ball} = 3$$
$$\text{Pink Ball} + \text{Pink Ball} - \text{Red Ball} = 6$$
$$\text{Black Ball} + \text{Red Ball} + \text{Pink Ball} = ?$$

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Science

Each month we will be sharing a link to a Science experiment which you could do at home and a Science questions which the children need to research and send into their class. Answers are then collected by the Science Ambassadors and an overall winner is randomly selected to win a prize. Every term, a famous Scientist linked to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) will also be focussed on.



Science Experiment	How do you make an egg bounce? https://www.science-sparks.com/make-an-egg-bounce/
Science Question	Who discovered Mars?
Scientist	Ada Lovelace

Highlights of the week



October is black history month, which honours the history, traditions, arts and culture of black people in the UK and across the globe- the nursery children have been learning about important figures, one of whom is Mae Jemison, who was the first black woman in space. The children decided the kinds of things they would take to space if they went and demonstrated this through their mark making and drawings. We decided we would definitely need

food in space, pyjamas and shorts to wear and a boat to sail around the moon and stars! 🌙 🚀 ✨

Thank you to all the parents who came to meet their teacher at Parents Evening. If you have not yet seen your teacher, please book an appointment with them for next week.

Crossing petition

Our E-petition link is live!

Please share it far and share it wide! 🗣️💬

Let's get as many people on board with this as possible - we need every signature we can get!

<http://cds.bromley.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=500000014>

Leesons children & families deserve to be able to cross to and from school safely! 📌



What's on?

This week, Mrs Kippin joined our Midday Supervisor Team. We welcome her to Leesons and are pleased to have her as part of the Team. We also welcome Miss Bryant back to Leesons on Monday as she is joining Nursery as an HLTA. We are sure you will make her very welcome.

Week 6	
Monday - 9.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9.15am - Assembly in hall (harvest - every class to prepare a donation box and something to share e.g poem/song) Please send donations of tinned soup and tinned potatoes to school on this day• Street Dance assembly
Tuesday - 10.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Young Minds Mental Health Day #HelloYellow - see details on Dojo, but wear a splash or a lot of yellow• LaCrosse Taster sessions - Years 3/4/5
Wednesday - 11.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9am - Coffee Morning Social Eyes - Autism
Thursday - 12.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Street Dance trail sessions for classes
Friday - 13.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Break up for half term

Join us at Breakfast Club for a fun themed week. Costs and sign up information are on the school website. We look forward to seeing you.



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Autumn 2: Week 1	
Monday - 31.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Children return to school
Wednesday - 01.11.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9am - Coffee Morning Maths
Thursday - 02.11.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1.30pm - New parents open morning - more details to follow
Friday - 03.11.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2.45 - Fox Class Assembly (Fox parents and carers are welcome to join us in the hall to watch)

Week 2	
Monday - 06.11.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provisional Trust Multi-skills tournament for Year 2
Tuesday - 07.11.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provisional Trust Multi-skills tournament for Year 2
Wednesday - 08.11.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9am - Coffee morning English WM



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Thursday - 09.11.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provisional Trust Multi-skills tournament for Year 2
Friday - 10.11.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11am - 2 minute silence for Remembrance Day• 2.45pm - Kestrel Class Assembly (Remembrance)

Friday 24th November - INSET Day - school closed to children