



Week beginning: 11th September 2023

It has been another busy week at Leesons. 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	N/A
Hedgehog	85%
Squirrel	100%
Robin	96%
Owl	94%
Woodpecker	90%
Kingfisher	90%
Badger	97%
Fox	91%
Rabbit	93%
Mole	98%
Otter	93%
Stag	90%
Kestrel	88%

Well done to Squirrels 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 our language of the week is from Barbados - Bajan. Good morning is pronounced Mawnin'! Did you know that Barbados is named after a tree? When the Portuguese first discovered the island in 1536 the Bearded Fig Tree was found all over the island. "Los Barbados" is Portuguese for "The Bearded One."

Sports updates

This week many clubs were due to start but unfortunately the turnout was very disappointing. So...

Cricket will continue to run and any child from years 5 or 6 can drop in for a session to see if they like it. (Monday 3.30 to 4.30)

Netball will be having another taster session this Monday 18th, 3.30 to 4.15

Due to a timetable clash running club will be on a Thursday 12.15 to 12.45 but boys team football will be moving, please see Miss Isac for the day.

The girls football team for years 5 and 6 still has plenty of spaces. Come on girls, it's not just for the boys!

Lacrosse was a good success for years 5 and 6 but years 3 and 4 was disappointing so Mike the coach has agreed to do some taster sessions for years 3 and 4.

Multi sports for KS1 started with success and children will get a chance to join in when they want on a Tuesday Lunch time.

All these clubs are free so please encourage your children to join in with the fun.

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:

'Should school lunches include desserts?'

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



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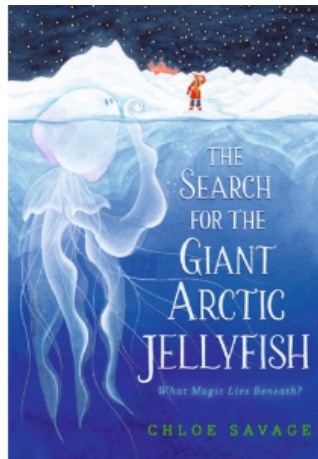


and 100 books) and a golden ticket which enables them to receive a book from the vending machine.

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 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

A number of children have expressed concern this week at things they have watched on YouTube. Please be aware of age restrictions as not everything the children find is age appropriate.

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.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.

WHERE IS IT FOUND?

SOCIAL MEDIA

Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular with young people but is arguably best known for clips featuring sexualised dancing or profanity. Some social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

GAMING

Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks normalising to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat.

STREAMING

The range of video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nudity, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately, these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

ADVERTS

Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content: usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity, although adverts for alcohol or e-cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are responsive to your search history: so if you've recently looked up a new horror movie, shopped for lingerie or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screen could reflect this the next time your child borrows your device.

18 Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT THROUGH

Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.

CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT

If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake – but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.

BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL

After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.

GET SPECIALIST HELP

Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.

STAY CALM

Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.

Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is a Registered Counsellor with The Health Professions Council of South Africa, and she runs a private practice offering counselling to children, teenagers and families. Her main focus is creating awareness and educating the community on the mental health pressures of today's world, as well as resources and techniques to understand and cope better.



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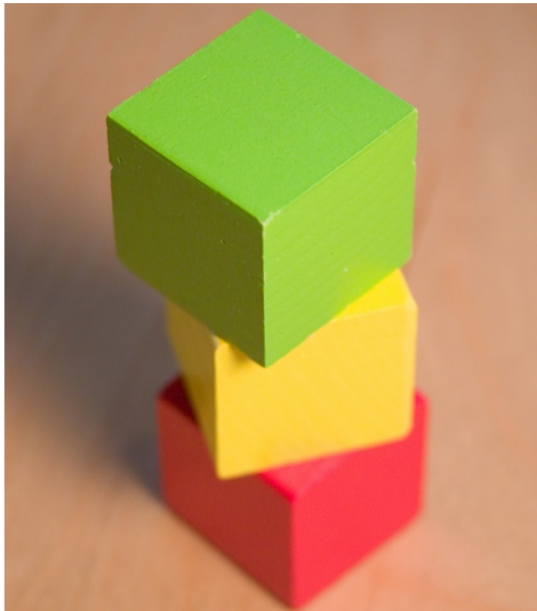
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Maths Challenge

Three Block Towers



How many different towers can you make using one red, one blue and one yellow block?

How many can you make if you have a green block as well?

nrich.maths.org

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	Make a baking soda rocket - https://www.science-sparks.com/baking-soda-rocket/
Science Question	Which mammals lay eggs?
Scientist	Ada Lovelace



Highlights of the week

Thank you to everyone who brought in items for the Rainbow Raffle. We will start to sell tickets from next week and the children will receive more information on the raffle and Junior Duke in Assembly on Monday.

We started 'Game of the Week' this week and will be introducing a different game each week for the children to play with staff at break and lunch times. Our game this week was 'Duck Duck Goose'. <https://www.wikihow.com/Play-Duck-Duck-Goose> this link shows you how you can play it at home.

We were delighted to welcome our Reception children to school this week. They have completed their first full day of school today and they have all settled extremely well. Well done Squirrels and Hedgehogs!

We also need to say goodbye to Miss Reis. She has been with us for a number of years, but is sadly leaving us on Wednesday to move to a different school nearer her home. We know that you will join us in wishing her well in her next chapter.

What's on?

Week 3	
Monday - 18.09.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">TTRS/NUMBOTS Day - dress up as either a number robot or a rock star
Wednesday - 20.09.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9am - Coffee Morning - come and find out how to apply for Pupil Premium funding for your child
Friday - 22.09.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Y6 (Kestrel) visit to Library - 1:00 leave

Week 4	
Wednesday - 27.09.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9am - Coffee Morning - RWI



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3.30pm RWI parent workshop - ALL teachers who teach RWI to attend(CP/RD/GD to lead)
Friday - 29.09.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">World's biggest coffee morning - Mcmillian (GD and Year 6 to run)2.45pm - Stag class assembly (new beginning)

Week 5

Monday - 02.10.23	<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 to school on this day - more details to follow
Tuesday - 03.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parents Evening
Wednesday - 04.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9.30am - New parents open morning (year 6 to support)Y6 to Chislehurst Caves - one class leave at 9.30 other at 10:30
Thursday - 05.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parents Evening

Week 6

Tuesday - 10.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Young Minds Mental Health Day #HelloYellow
Wednesday - 11.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9am - Coffee Morning Social Eyes - Autism
Friday - 13.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2.45pm - Badger class assembly (Diwali)

Half term - 16.10.23 to 27.10.23

Autumn 2: Week 1

Monday - 31.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Children return to school
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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 24th November - INSET Day - school closed to children