



**Week beginning: 18th September 2023**

Thank you to everyone who dressed up for our Times Table Rockstars Day on Monday. It started the week well and has encouraged the children to continue using TTRS and Numbots. 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	94%
Hedgehog	88%
Squirrel	100%
Robin	98%
Owl	96%
Woodpecker	96%
Kingfisher	98%
Badger	98%
Fox	96%
Rabbit	96%
Mole	96%
Otter	90%
Stag	88%
Kestrel	91%

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

Well done to Hedgehogs, Squirrels, Badger and Fox Class who won the Punctuality cup this week!

The House with the most points this week is Sapphire

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



### Language of the week



Our language of the week is Mandarin, the greeting is Nǐ hǎo. Did you know that the Mandarin language has almost a billion users?

Fun fact about China: Put together, all of China's railway lines could **loop around earth twice!**

### Sports updates

Thank you to all the children who joined Miss Bennett and Mrs Dobbs at Netball Club. We only had 6 but we definitely have the start of a great team. If anyone else would like to join us, please come to Miss Bennett's classroom after school on Monday and the Club will finish at 4.15pm.



The cricket team is off to a great start but we still have some spaces left! If you would like to join please come to the hall on Monday at 3.30 and it finishes at 4.30.

### 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:

'Are superheroes good role models?'

### 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.



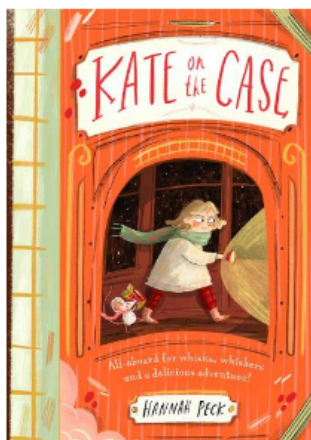
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Name	Class	Certificate
Ava Ebanks	Badger	5 books
Billie Sissons	Badger	5 books
Sophia Khanzada	Badger	5 books
Evie Northam	Badger	5 books

### 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.



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

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

Go and dive into a good book.



### Game of the Week

Our game of the week this week was Hopscotch. The children have really enjoyed playing this and the bonus is that we could draw as many hopscotch outlines as we needed on the playground. This video shows how to play the game.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUi0V6\\_ROW](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUi0V6_ROW)



### Maths Challenge

Have a go at playing this game at home with your children!



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## 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

This week we bring your attention to the fact that YouTube is not always filtered for the age of your child. Different links may appear which the children can click on and they may not match the age of the video they were originally watching.



YouTube is a video sharing site/application that enables you to upload, view, rate, share and comment on a wide variety of videos. Consisting of a huge resource of information, advice and entertainment, YouTube now has 1.9 billion logged-in monthly users who watch a billion hours of video daily. Most of the content on Google-owned YouTube is uploaded by individuals, but organisations and media companies also offer some of their content via this platform.



# What parents need to know about YouTube

## SPENDING A PREMIUM

YouTube Premium (formerly YouTube Red) is a new paid streaming subscription service in the UK, offering a three-month free trial to new subscribers on a £7.99 monthly plan. This includes the ability to download videos, stream videos with the app in the background, gives exclusive access to original content and a separate music streaming service and gaming app.

## SHARING VIDEOS

As well as watching videos, many children are keen to share their own videos online, emulating their YouTube heroes, such as Smurphy or DanTDM. However, if they post something on YouTube, they may later regret it or feel embarrassed about what they have shared. There is also a risk that they will receive harmful or insulting comments, especially on their content, but also their appearance. YouTube's comment system is infamous for being one of the most opinionated on the Internet.

## AGE-INAPPROPRIATE VIDEOS

As YouTube is the biggest video sharing website in the world, there is content available for all ages, meaning that some content will not be appropriate for your child. If you think that content is unsuitable, there is a flagging feature to submit it for review by YouTube staff, but you will need to ensure that just because video is not appropriate for a younger audience, it may not violate YouTube's policies. YouTube has mechanisms in place to automatically remove explicit and harmful content, yet offensive content may still slip through.

## DAINGEROUS 'CHALLENGE' & VIRAL VIDEOS

On YouTube, 'challenge' videos are shared quickly and can be very dangerous. One person may post a video of themselves doing something unusual like eating a hot chili or jumping in a river and before you know it, the video goes viral and everyone wants to join in and share their videos. The speed in which challenge videos spread across the Internet makes it difficult to keep up with the latest ones.

## IN-APP MESSAGING

When your child is logged into their Google account and browsing the YouTube website, they can share and talk about videos with their friends using the chat bubble. This can be found at the top right of the desktop site or through in-app messaging on their mobile or tablet. When they tap on the 'friends' icon, they have a list of suggested people from their contacts - which can be any contact they've had on Google or somebody who has sent them an invite link.





# Top Tips for Parents

## TURN ON 'RESTRICTED' MODE

'Restricted Mode' is an optional setting you can use to help control what your child sees on YouTube. It may restrict your child's view to see Restricted Mode works on the browser or device level, so must be turned on for each browser or device your child uses. To do this, follow these steps:

- Desktop:**
  - Go to the bottom of any YouTube page and switch 'Restricted Mode' to 'ON'.
  - To make it more difficult for this to be turned off, you will be given the option to lock restricted mode onto your browser.
- Mobile:**
  - Tap the three vertical dots at the top-right on the screen and press 'Settings'.
  - Click on 'Restricted mode filtering'.
  - Press 'Restrict'.

Please note that you can't 'lock' restricted mode on a phone in the same way that you can on a desktop. You will need to turn this on each time your child uses it.

## BLOCKING ACCOUNTS

When using YouTube, there may be instances where your child receives negative comments. If somebody is using your child's account to post comments, you may want to block them. Here's how to block them and prevent future comments:

- Go to their channel/account by clicking on their name.
- Click on 'Block'.
- Tap the dropdown box with an image of a flag on it.
- Press 'Block'.
- Tap 'Submit'.

## MONITOR WHAT YOUR CHILD IS WATCHING/POSTING

The only way to truly know what your child may have been watching is to regularly monitor them. You can do this by checking their viewing history. YouTube videos can also be easily downloaded, so it is important that your child understands the associated danger of content that is not uploaded and that it could harm their online reputation in the future. Show them how to set their videos to private or choose a small network of YouTube friends who will be trusted. If your child can use YouTube to share their videos, they should understand that they must not use their real name.

## OPT FOR A FAMILY PREMIUM PLAN

A YouTube family Premium plan may be a cost-effective option if you have more than one child. For £17.99 a month, it allows you to share a YouTube paid membership with up to five other family members - aged 13 and older - living in the same household. As the account holder, or family manager, you must create a Google account.

## MANAGING IN-APP MESSAGES

If your child is accessing YouTube via your account, bear in mind that they may be contacted by Google contacts who are complete strangers to them. You can remove someone from the suggested contacts list by pressing and holding the person's name and tapping on the red 'x'.

## POPULAR YOUTUBE GAMERS

There are hundreds of YouTube videos which show other people playing and commenting on games. These are called 'Let's Play' videos. While YouTube can be a great resource for hints, tips and news for gamers, it is a good idea for parents to keep a close eye on what YouTube is all about. Often, the games they are playing will contain strong language and violence. A few examples of popular YouTube gamers for you to have a look at are:

- Stampy
- Wagtail Lewis & Simon
- PewDiePie
- ElonmCarter
- Markiplier
- Popperz001s
- CaptainSparkles
- Jacksmp
- Licorice
- DanTDM

## CREATE A FAMILY GOOGLE ACCOUNT

By having a shared family Google account, checking the history will enable you to see exactly what your child is watching and sharing on YouTube. To see the history on a computer, on the right hand menu under the Library section, click 'History On Mobiles', the viewing history can be found by clicking on the 'Library' tab.

## \*NEW FEATURES\* DIGITAL WELLBEING

YouTube has launched a new feature called 'Digital Wellbeing' that allows you to see how long has been spent on the platform. Once you have discovered how much time has been spent on the app, there is the option to set a time limit. Once the limit is reached, a reminder will pop up on the screen. You can also disable sounds and vibrations to help reduce the urge to check for notifications.



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## **YEAR 6 TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL, SEPTEMBER 2024**

A reminder to all our Year 6 families that this is the time of year when you need to be making decisions about which secondary schools you want to apply for, for your child. The application deadline is 31st October 2023. Further information can be obtained from the London Borough of Bromley website:

<https://www.bromley.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions/secondary-school-places>

Please can we draw your attention to the "Applying for a School Place Booklet" (a link to this is via the link above). This booklet contains very important information about the process of applying as well information on the individual secondary schools in Bromley. Details of all open morning/evening events run by each of the secondary schools should now be available on their individual websites.

### **Highlights of the week**

#### **TTRS Relaunch**

The Rockstars Timestable and Numbots day on Monday was a great start to the week. Thank you to all the children who looked amazing - thank you parents and carers for all your hard work creating the wonderful costumes. It was a fun filled day with lots of maths and TTRS activities taking place.



#### **Music**

We are delighted to announce that LPS will be participating in Young Voices 2024. More information to follow soon. As we need 25 - 30 children to take part at O2 Arena next year.





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### What's on?

Week 4	
Wednesday - 27.09.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9am - Coffee Morning - RWI</li><li>3.00pm RWI parent workshop - Please note that this training will be in year groups so you will be directed to the correct room.</li></ul>
Friday - 29.09.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>World's biggest coffee morning - Macmillian ADD MORE DETAILS</li><li>2.45pm - Stag class assembly (new beginning)</li></ul>

Week 5	
Tuesday - 03.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Parents Evening</li></ul>
Wednesday - 04.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9.30am - New parents open morning (year 6 to support)</li><li>Y6 to Chislehurst Caves - one class leave at 9.30 other at</li></ul>



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Thursday - 05.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Parents Evening</li></ul>

Week 6	
Monday - 9.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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</li></ul>
Tuesday - 10.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Young Minds Mental Health Day #HelloYellow</li></ul>
Wednesday - 11.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9am - Coffee Morning Social Eyes - Autism</li></ul>
Friday - 13.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2.45pm - Fox class assembly (Diwali) PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN CLASS</li></ul>

### Half term - 16.10.23 to 27.10.23

Autumn 2: Week 1	
Monday - 31.10.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Children return to school</li></ul>
Wednesday - 01.11.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9am - Coffee Morning Maths</li></ul>
Thursday - 02.11.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.30pm - New parents open morning - more details to follow</li></ul>

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