



Week beginning: 22nd January 2024

This week has been warmer and we have survived the storms. 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	78%
Hedgehog	89%
Squirrel	87%
Robin	92%
Owl	90%
Woodpecker	88%
Kingfisher	87%
Badger	94%
Fox	92%
Rabbit	92%
Mole	90%
Otter	91%
Stag	90%
Kestrel	82%

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

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



Language of the week

 This week our language is Danish from the country Denmark. To say hello you would say 'Hej'. Did you know that During the Iron Age, the Danes traded goods  such as amber and animal furs with the Roman Empire. Denmark is known as the home of Vikings who ruled from about 800 - 1050 AD.

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 more important to be book smart or street smart?'

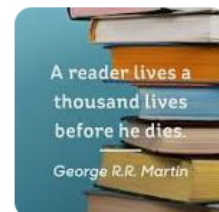
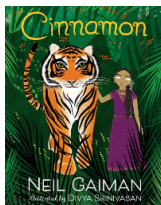
Leesons Reading Challenge

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
Adelina	Fox	5 books

Book of the week






Word Aware

EYFS/KS1	KS2
<div><p>Word of the Week</p><p>terrified</p><p>Meaning Really scared.</p><p>Challenge Some people are terrified of spiders, snakes, high places or dogs. How do you feel when you are terrified? How do you show it?</p><p>CELEBRATING WORDS</p><small>Copyright material from Stephen Parsons and David Thompson 2020. All rights reserved.</small></div>	<div><p>Word of the Week</p><p>treacherous</p><p>Meaning When something is dangerous and unpredictable.</p><p>Challenge Have you been somewhere or done something that was treacherous?</p><p>CELEBRATING WORDS</p><small>Copyright material from Stephen Parsons and David Thompson 2020. All rights reserved.</small></div>

Maths Challenge


Decimal Time



In France in 1793 decimal time was introduced, then abandoned only two years later.

Look at these pairs of times. The ones on the left are our time, and the clocks on the right show the corresponding French decimal time.

Can you decipher how French decimal time works?



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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 apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

MYLOL

AGE RESTRICTION
13-19

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MyLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

FLIMSY AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in filthy or sexually explicit conversation.

POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users 'vote' on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being 'catfished' until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or WiFi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or 'fence' and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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Junior Duke

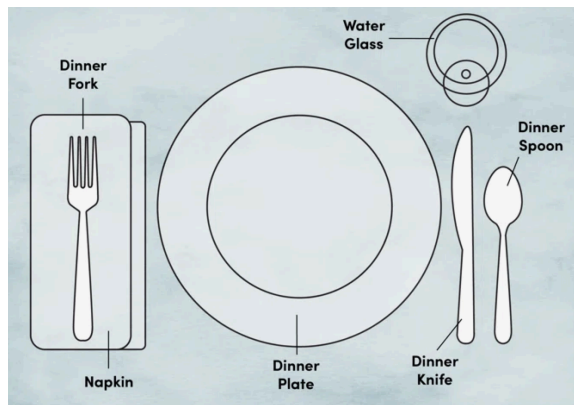
Don't forget booklets can be brought into school after every activity that is completed, no need to wait until all 7 are done. Please bring them to Fox class at lunchtime.

Need inspiration?

Kingfisher and Woodpecker / Gold Mini Duke families - Writing activity - Have you written your Christmas thank you letters yet or have you had a birthday recently? Practice writing friendly letters to family members thanking them for gifts or a fun day out. I have attached some fun printable letter templates.

<https://www.kiddycharts.com/printables/free-christmas-thank-you-letters/> **Remember to pop a copy of the letter in your Junior Duke booklet.**

Rabbit and Mole / Silver Junior Duke families - Domestic Challenge activity - Do you know how to set the table for a family meal? Use the attached image to lay your table this weekend. **Remember to take photos and put them in your Junior Duke booklet.**



Mole and Otter / Gold Junior Duke families - Cookery activity - Baking bread may sound scary but it just takes 4 ingredients and can be fun getting your hands in the mix. Follow this simple recipe to have a go at baking a loaf this weekend. **Remember to take photos and stick them in your Junior Duke booklet.**



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How to Make Bread



Ingredients

1.5kg bag plain flour
2 sachets dried yeast
900ml warm water
1 tbsp salt

Method

1. Sieve flour, salt and yeast into a bowl.
2. Add the warm water.
3. Mix together to form a dough.
4. Knead the dough.
5. Leave the dough to rise in a covered bowl.
6. Line a baking tray with baking parchment, roll the dough into a ball and put it into the tin.
7. Bake in an oven at 220°C for 25 to 30 minutes until the loaf is golden brown. It should sound hollow when tapped from underneath.
8. Leave the bread to cool then slice it and enjoy!

Highlights of the week



Little Orchards had a visit from the dental nurse, they learnt about good dental hygiene, brushing techniques, healthy and not so healthy foods for their teeth and they practiced brushing the cuddly toys' already very shiny teeth!

Reception had an exciting trip on the bus to the Fire Station. They met lots of Fire Fighters, tested the hoses, tried on the uniforms and explored the engines. The Fire Fighters also got a call while they were there so had to rush off!





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The A and B Team enjoyed lunchtime football training with Miss Isaac at lunchtime today. Hooray for the brighter weather!



A note from Miss Nabdoo about Magic Breakfast at Leesons

**magic
breakfast**
fuel for learning

We have 7 new Breakfast Monitors who will be delivering the Bagels and Bread to every classroom, each morning!

This means that every single child has access to breakfast in their class, with their peers, at school.

“Magic Breakfast makes a difference to over 200,000 children and young people every day by offering breakfasts and expert advice to tackle morning hunger in schools across England and Scotland. We exist to make sure no child or young person is too hungry to learn.”

We are very grateful to these special delivery helpers and they have all received their badges in celebration assembly, this afternoon.

- Riley (Kestrel)
- Tyler (Mole)
- Ben (Rabbit)
 - Lily (Fox)
- Elvis (Badger)
- Gavin (Badger)
 - Kari (Mole)



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Photos of the Breakfast Monitors in action and a new Magic Breakfast page will be added to the school website very soon!



Attendance Matters - every session counts!


Thank you all so much for your efforts in approving your child(ren)s attendance - there have been **huge** improvements especially with latenesses!

Thank you - keep up the hard work!

If you have any problems, worries or concerns please get in touch -

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS




WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 89%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons



- 89% & Below**
Drastic effect on academic achievement
- 95%-90%**
Cause for concern
- 100%-96%**
Excellent



What's on?

We have been asked to share the advert for the School Crossing Patrol for you in case anyone is interested. Thank you.

<https://careers.apcoa.co.uk/vacancies/2546/school-crossing-patrol--lollipop-person.html>

Week 5	
Tuesday - 30.01.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1.15 Caroline Rous from Spinnaker full school assemblyLPS Choir performing at O2 Arena
Wednesday - 31.01.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9am - Coffee Morning Pupil PremiumMole Library visit 1.30pm-2.30pmYears 3 and 4 (selected children) at Coopers for New Age Curling Tournament
Thursday - 01.02.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rabbit Library visit 1.30pm-2.30pm
Friday - 02.02.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Numbers Day - dress up as something maths related - More information on Dojo

Week 6 Children's mental health week	
Tuesday - 06.02.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1.15 Caroline Rous from Spinnaker full school assemblyYear 6 trip to Biggin Hill Airport
Wednesday - 07.02.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">E-safety dayChallenge partners in school9am - Coffee Morning E-safety
Thursday - 08.02.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Challenge partners in school
Friday - 09.02.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Challenge partners in school2.30pm - Kingfisher class assembly (Mental health week)Challenge partners in school

Half Term - 12.02.24 to 16.02.24

Monday 19th February is an INSET Day. Children will return on Tuesday 20th February.