



Week beginning: 15th January 2024

What a cold week it has been! 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	85.26%
Hedgehog	88.24%
Squirrel	95.88%
Robin	89.29%
Owl	85.26%
Woodpecker	92%
Kingfisher	97.24%
Badger	96.96%
Fox	85.83%
Rabbit	85.52%
Mole	96.43%
Otter	93.45%
Stag	88.85%
Kestrel	86.67%

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

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

The House with the most points this week is Sapphire.

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



Language of the week



Our language this week is Greek. To greet someone you would say; 'Kalimera'. Greece is made up of **6,000 islands** and islets scattered in the Greek Seas, of which only 227 islands are inhabited.

Sports updates

Netball Club was a huge success this week. Thank you to everyone who came to join Miss Bennett and Mrs Dobbs. You were amazing and we look forward to seeing you all again next week.

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:

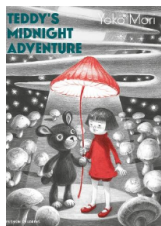
'If animals could talk, which animal would you most like to have a conversation with?'

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.

Book of the week





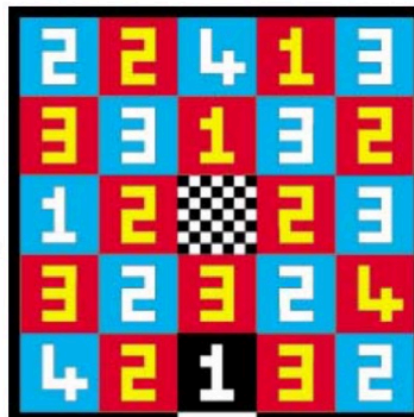
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Maths Challenge

1. Number Maze

Start at the black square with the "1" on it in the centre of the bottom row, and jump forward, sideways, or backwards, but never diagonally, the number of squares indicated by the number on the square. The objective is to find your way to the central square.
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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 devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosey around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos: this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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#WakeUpWednesday



Junior Duke

We would like to celebrate the achievements of those taking part in the Junior Duke programme. This week the following children have completed tasks. Well done and keep up the hard work.

Name	Class	Activity
Ava	Badger	Cooking Eco Challenge
Alisha	Otter	Caring for Others
Bion	Kingfisher	Cookery Creation Domestic Challenge Interest Writing Exercise Outdoors Caring for Others
Chiquesii	Woodpecker	Cookery Creation
Dolly	Mole	Cookery

Well done Bion, you have completed your Gold Mini Duke Award. We are so proud of you.

Need inspiration?

Kingfisher and Woodpecker / Gold Mini Duke families - how about playing a board game as a family? Snakes and Ladders, Connect 4 or even Chess are good strategy games. If you don't have a board game at home, you may be able to find some games online here - <https://www.arkadium.com/free-online-games/> X-box, PS5 etc games consoles do not count as part of your Interest activity it must be a board game. **Please remember to take pictures.**

Reminders

Please be vigilant when crossing the road by school. We have had a couple of children running in front of cars this week and some dubious parking making it hard to cross safely. Bromley Borough are still advertising for a Crossing Patrol Person but in the meantime, please remember to sign our petition. Thank you



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We have had a new buzzer installed on the entrance door to the School Office. This will mean that parents need to be buzzed in to talk to the Office staff and will be asked to wait outside if collecting children at the end of the day.

Highlights of the week

On a Tuesday, we have a visitor from Spinnaker coming to share Christian Bible stories with the children during assembly. Her first session was this week and the children were engaged and seemed to enjoy the story of Jesus' life as a child.

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Year 5 have been enjoying swimming and it is going really well. We now have one group doing backstroke - well done swimmers!

Limansa is our newest Play Leader who interviewed brilliantly this week and has already started her duties on the Key Stage 1 playground at lunchtime.

BMX was cold this week, but are so proud of the children as some who couldn't ride last week are now sitting and pedalling themselves around. Some children are also riding the BMX course confidently.



children



Reception have enjoyed making banana muffins this week. They followed the instructions, weighed the ingredients and loved tasting them once they were cooked!

Thank you to Rabbit Class and Mrs McNally for their fantastic Class Assembly today. The singing was beautiful. What a lovely way to end the week!

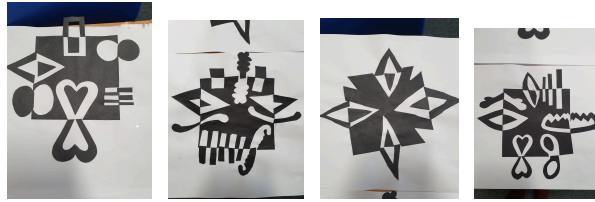


Little Orchards really enjoyed blow painting tree pictures and leaf printing this week linked to their topic on growing.

Mole Class have also been creative this week and have produced this amazing art work using the sections they have cut out to create artwork.



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What's on?

Week 4	
Wednesday - 24.01.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9am - Coffee Morning SENDReception at Fire Station
Thursday - 25.01.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Otter Library visit 1.30pm-2.30pm

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

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	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Challenge partners in school
Friday - 09.02.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Challenge partners in school• 2.30pm - 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.