



Leesons Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Week beginning: 9.1.26

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all of our families! Thank you for your support and understanding with the cold weather when we returned. It has been a very busy but exciting first week back. Some of these highlights can be seen below.

The Leesons Team

Attendance and Punctuality

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

Class	Attendance (%)	Punctuality (number of lates)
Little Orchard	96.84%	0
Hedgehog	96.2%	2
Robin	97.22%	3
Owl	95.83%	1
Woodpecker	92.37%	4
Kingfisher	92.19%	1
Badger	89.2%	3
Fox	89.77%	2
Rabbit	96.2%	4
Mole	96.74%	5
Starling	96.59%	2
Otter	97.37%	2
Stag	96.88%	2
Kestrel	95.39%	2

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

Well done to the following class who won the Punctuality cup this week - Little Orchard! Both the attendance and punctuality winners will get an additional ten minutes play time.

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

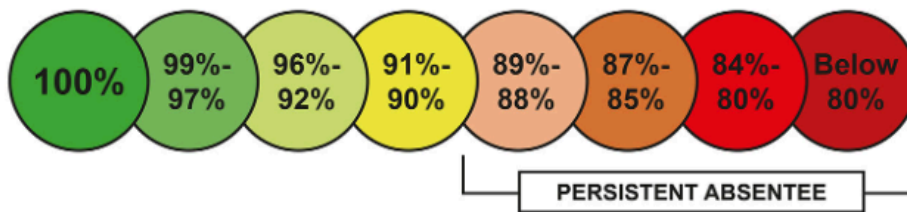


Attendance

Attendance this week is **94.88%**. This is below our school target, and every day in school really does count. Thank you to families who are prioritising regular, punctual attendance — it makes a big difference to learning, friendships and confidence. Next week, let's work together to improve: where possible, please book routine appointments outside school hours, and if you're facing any barriers to attendance, speak to us early — we're here to support.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

Oracy Talk Topic


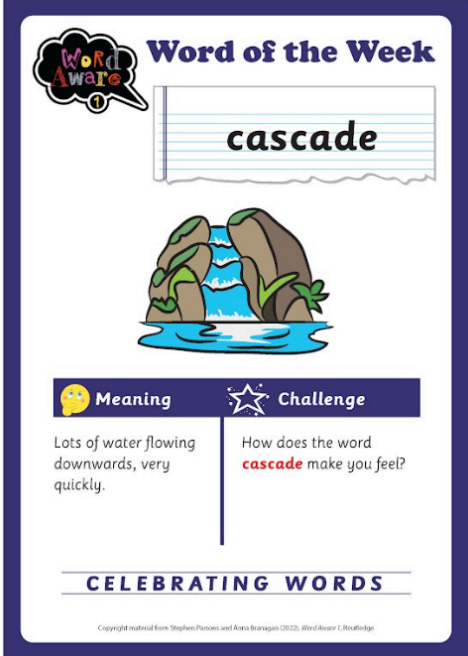
At home, we would like you to pick an evening that is convenient and come together as a family to discuss the 'Talk Topic'. In order to ensure that your child participates in high-quality talk, please remember to play devil's advocate during the discussion. Your child should not only be given the opportunity to agree and build on other viewpoints, but also challenge/disagree, explain and justify.

The 'Talk Topic' for this week is the following:

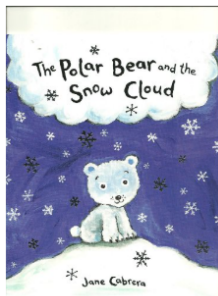
What's the funniest thing you've ever seen or heard?

Word Aware

Please discuss these words with your child at home and see if any of you can use them in conversation this week.

EYFS and Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
 <p>Word of the Week</p> <p>damp</p> <p>Meaning A bit wet.</p> <p>Challenge Imagine your clothes are damp. How do they feel?</p> <p>CELEBRATING WORDS</p> <p><small>Copyright material from Stephen Parsons and Anna Branagan (2022), Word Aware 1, Routledge</small></p>	 <p>Word of the Week</p> <p>cascade</p> <p>Meaning Lots of water flowing downwards, very quickly.</p> <p>Challenge How does the word cascade make you feel?</p> <p>CELEBRATING WORDS</p> <p><small>Copyright material from Stephen Parsons and Anna Branagan (2022), Word Aware 1, Routledge</small></p>

Book of the week



We were all excited by the snow this week so here is a snowy story to continue the fun. How can a lonely little polar bear find a friend? The snow cloud tries to help by making animal shapes out of snow, but they're not real, and the little polar bear feels very alone. Just when he is about to give up hope, he spies another little bear, just like him. But this little polar bear is real. A friend at last. You can listen to the story here:

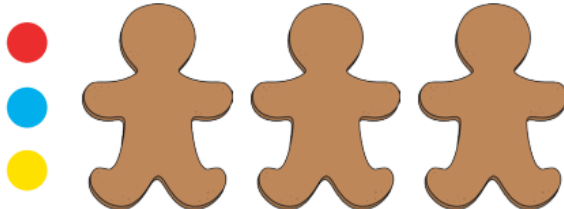
▶ [The Polar Bear and the Snow Cloud - Give Us A Story!](#)

Maths Challenge EYFS/KS1



Maths Challenge Cards

Decorate the 3 Gingerbread men with a button.
You can use a red, blue or yellow button.



How many different ways are there to do this?

KS2

Card Challenge

Maurice the Magician has chosen four different cards that add up to 20. There is a number from 1 to 8 on each card.

What could the 4 numbers be?

There are seven different possibilities.
Try to find them all.



What if Maurice has three cards that add up to 16?

E-safety

A number of children would have got new devices for Christmas so here is a guide to support you with screen time guidelines for all children.

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

Top Tips for...

MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those gumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the Internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert

Mirka Ahmed designs and delivers the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



DEVICE BOX





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Junior Duke

The following children have completed tasks in their Junior Duke booklets.

Name	Year	Task
Dominic	Owl	Domestic Challenge Reading Drama
Eleanor	Starling	Swimming

Highlights of the week

Hedgehog class has loved exploring the ice and snow and thinking about how ice forms and melts. We painted on ice, used ice in the mud kitchen for our recipes and rescued characters from the ice!



Year 6 have been learning about RMS Titanic this week. The children were all given a boarding ticket and then researched what happened to that person when it sunk.



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Freestyler, Jamie Knight, joined us at Leesons on Thursday along with his two Guinness World Records and the children and staff had a great day. You can see videos on our instagram and we will be adding these to Dojo as well.



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What's on?

Week 2	
Monday - 12.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3pm assembly - Rights Respecting
Tuesday - 13.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yr 4 bmx @ Hobblingwell (2 groups - 9:45 - 10:45 + 11-12)• 6pm New Starters Open Evening• Reception trip to the fire station - 10:30• Y6 trip - Legends of the Titanic• 3pm - Assembly - What's in the news
Wednesday - 14.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3pm Whole school assembly• RWI development day
Thursday - 15.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Singing assemblies AB - EYFS & KS1 at 1pm/KS2 at 3pm
Friday - 16.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2.45pm - Celebration assembly

Week 3 Inclusion week RSPB Schools Bird Watch Week	
Monday - 19.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3pm assembly GJ• Ethiopian Timkat Day• PCSOs in to visit Reception
Tuesday - 20.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yr 4 bmx @ Hobblingwell (2 groups - 9:45 - 10:45 + 11-12)• 1:15 - Cyber choices session Y6• 3pm - Assembly - What's in the news MM• PGL parent meeting @ 3:40 and 6 in the hall
Wednesday - 21.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Magic Breakfast presentation to Breakfast Club - Jenny King• Yr 6 BETT Trip Excel London
Thursday - 22.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computing Subject Monitoring• Singing assemblies AB - EYFS & KS1 at 1pm/KS2 at 3pm
Friday - 23.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class assembly - Mole Parents in at 2.30 for input first.

Week 4	
Monday - 26.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3pm assembly



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bengali Republic Day/Indian Republic Day
Tuesday - 27.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 4 bmx @ Hobblingwell (2 groups - 9:45 - 10:45 + 11-12) • Yr 3&4 New age curling @ Coopers School AM • 3pm - Assembly - What's in the news
Wednesday - 28.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trust KS1 Multiskills @LPS • PJ/NT@ Coopers to visit old Year 6 children
Thursday - 29.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinese New Year • Netball match against SMC • Singing assemblies AB - EYFS & KS1 at 1pm/NT - KS2 at 3pm
Friday - 30.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.45pm - Celebration assembly • Class assembly - Rabbit Parents in at 2.30 for input first (MTC)

Week 5 Review Pen Portraits and Plans Year 1 Assessment opens (4 weeks to complete)	
Monday - 02.02.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm assembly GJ
Tuesday - 03.02.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 4 bmx @ Hobblingwell (2 groups - 9:45 - 10:45 + 11-12) • 3pm - Assembly - Oracy
Wednesday - 04.02.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 1&2 mixed football @ Kent county ground AM • Yr 3&4 girls football @ Kent county ground AM • Yr 5&6 girls football @ Kent county ground PM • 3.45pm Staff Meeting Steplab GD • Sri Lankan Independence Day • Chinese New Year assembly
Thursday - 05.02.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singing assemblies AB - EYFS & KS1 at 1pm/KS2 at 3pm
Friday - 06.02.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSPCC National Numbers Day • 2.55pm - Celebration assembly

Week 6 2 Greenwich University Students (Year 1, 2 & 5) Children's Mental Health Week	
Monday - 09.02.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm assembly GJ



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Tuesday - 10.02.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual School Photos • Yr 4 bmx @ Hobblingwell (2 groups - 9:45 - 10:45 + 11-12) • Safer Internet Day • 3pm - Assembly - What's in the news
Wednesday - 11.02.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 5&6 Boccia @ TBC AM
Thursday - 12.02.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singing assemblies AB - EYFS & KS1 at 1pm/KS2 at 3pm
Friday - 13.02.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.45pm - Celebration assembly • Class assembly - Robin Parents in at 2.30 for input first (RWI)

Children's Concert

with BROMLEY YOUTH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Saturday 7 February

3pm

We would like to welcome young children (EYFS & KS1) to our children's classical concert. Children will have the opportunity to listen to BYCO perform, learn about string instruments, have a chance to try an instrument & be inspired to be the next generation of musicians.



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Menu

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WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1
WEEK 2
WEEK 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	THEME DAYS
MAIN	Creamy Pesto Pasta (MK, G/W)	Mexican Chicken	Butcher's Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy (MK, SO, SU, G/W)	Chicken Kebab with Pitta (G/W)	Battered Fish & Chips (F, G/B*, W)	
VEGGIE	Vegetable & Lentil Spaghetti Bolognese (G/B*, W) V S	Mexican Quorn & Veggies (CE, E, MU, G/B, O*, R*, W*)	Veggie Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy (MK, G/W)	Vegetable Kebab with Pitta (G/W) V	Margherita Pizza & Chips (MK, G/W)	
SIDES	Mixed Green Salad & Coleslaw (E) V	Steamed Rice & Green Beans V	Roasted Carrots & Parsnips V S	Homemade Potato Wedges & Green Salad V	Beans or Peas V	
PASTA & JACKET	Vegan Roasted Vegetable Pasta (G/W) V	Jacket Potato & Salad	Tomato & Basil Pasta (CE, G/W) V	Jacket Potato & Salad	Mac & Cheese (MK, G/W)	
PUD	Vanilla Shortbread Biscuit (G/W) V	Iced Vanilla Sponge (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Chocolate & Orange Brownie (E, MK, SO, G/B, W)	Yoghurt (MK)	Cinnamon Swirl (G/W) V	
DAILY SALAD BAR HOMEMADE BREAD FRESH FRUIT						

DATES
12 JAN / 02 FEB
02 MAR / 23 MAR /

ALLERGENS

CE = CELERY F = FISH G/O = OATS L = LUPIN MU = MUSTARD SO = SOYA * = MAY CONTAIN
 CR = CRUSTACEAN G = GLUTEN G/R = RYE MK = MILK N = NUTS SU = SULPHUR V = VEGAN
 E = EGGS G/B = BARLEY G/W = WHEAT MO = MOLLUSCS P = PEANUTS SE = SESAME SEEDS S = SEASONAL VEG

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