

Friday 15th September 2023

FRIDAY POST

Our School Value: Thankfulness

Give thanks whatever happens. That is what God wants for you in Christ Jesus. Thessalonians 5.18

What a busy, full week here at St Leonard's - full of learning and fun!

We have been exploring our school value of thankfulness this week. Children have learnt about the story of the man who came back to thank Jesus for curing him of his leprosy and we have been reflecting on the things we are thankful for.

As a school, we would like to say a huge thank you to the Mortimer family who have very kindly refurbished our front steps! They look very smart and we are incredibly grateful for the time that went into them.



We would also like to extend our thanks to Mrs Trumble who is coming to the end of her term as parent governor. She has been an excellent support to the school during her time on our Local Academy Council (LAC). This leaves a vacancy for a new parent governor - if you are interested in exploring this role, please contact the office to register your interest.

Next week, we will be welcoming Susan back into school for our Forest School sessions - please make a note of the dates of your child's session. We love getting into the outdoor environment and exploring our school setting.

Have a wonderful weekend,

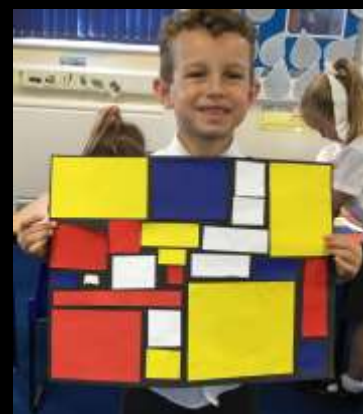
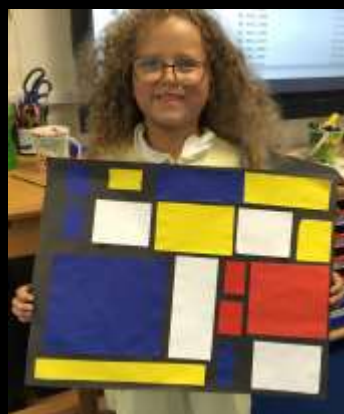
Miss Phillips

Learn to Love, love to learn

St Leonard's First School & Nursery



Piet Mondrian



Class Owls have been learning about the three primary colours in their art lessons. We looked at some paintings by Piet Mondrian who is known for painting horizontal and vertical black lines. He would then fill in some of the spaces using the primary colours and leave the rest white.

We created our own pictures in the style of Mondrian by sticking white, yellow, red and blue squares and rectangles onto black paper.



We used Purple Mash to create these fantastic Mondrian-style pictures on the ipads



Attendance figures

School Attendance 11th - 15th September 2023

Hedgehogs 97%

Owls 99%

Foxes 95%

Whole School 96.8%

The National target for attendance,
as set out in guidance from the DFE
is 95%

Stars of the Week





Owls are continuing to learn out about real-life scientists and their discoveries. This week they have found out about Louis Pasteur who did lots of work to find out how germs spread.



A few of the children dipped a hand in a tray of glitter which we pretended was germs. The children then walked around the room shaking hands with anyone they met on the way round. After a few minutes we discovered that everyone's hands were covered in 'germs'. We then discussed the importance of regular hand washing!





Leaf Team Leaders

There was much excitement this morning as children in Year 4 found out who were this years Leaf Team Leaders, congratulations go to:

Holly - Trixie & Edie

Sycamore - Jakey & Sophie

Oak - Esme & Jenson

Weekly House Point Tally



Holly

229

Oak

207

Sycamore

110

Each week the team with the most tokens gains 3 leaves on their tree, 2nd gets 2 leaves and 3rd gets 1 leaf. At the end of the term the team with the most leaves will earn a reward.



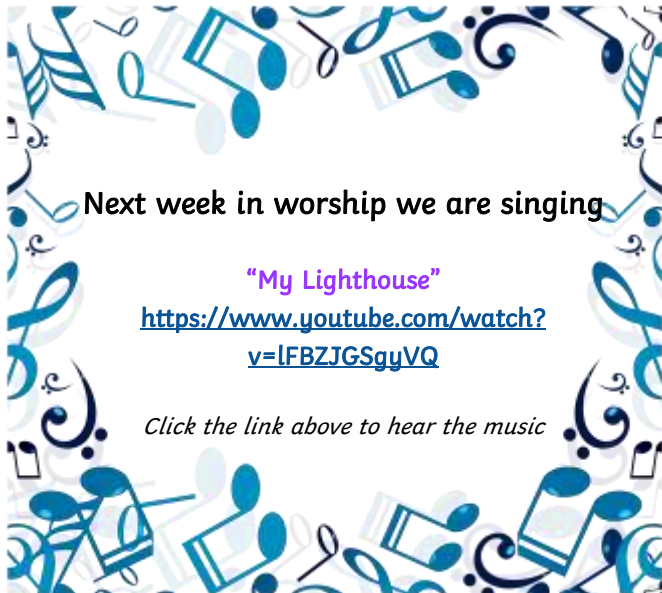
Danny was proud to become the 'office helper' this year



Medical conditions:

If your child has a medical condition, we will be reviewing the information we have on record at parents' evening later this half term. If there have been any changes over the summer, please call into the office to make sure we are up to date.





Next week in worship we are singing

"My Lighthouse"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFBZJGSgyVQ>

Click the link above to hear the music

Before School Club

A reminder that our before school care starts at 8am, children can just turn up the cost is £3.50 for children in Reception-Year 4.



To develop our philosophical thinking we will be asking a BIG question each week! As a family take time to discuss the big question! Miss Phillips will listen to the children's thoughts on the question during Worship on Friday.

BIG QUESTION

What does the wind smell like?

If elephants ruled the world, what changes would you see?

Trixie: "smashed people on the ground"

Thomas H "It might make everyone eat vegetables"

Ted H "poo on the floor"

Xander "mud everywhere"

Rohan " you'd need to be in a hot country"

Thomas T "you'd be sprayed by water"

Ralph "you'd get woken up by brrrrr!"

Edie "would we be elephants?!"

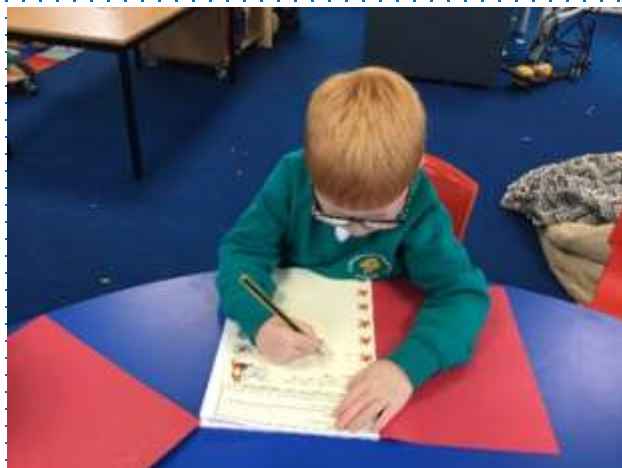
Imelda "you'd hear a lot of stomping"

Aliyah "you'd be woken up at 5am every morning"



Whole school worship

It is our first full week in Hedgehogs. The children are starting to develop new bonds with their classmates and learn through play with more confidence. The Hoglets in Nursery have been drawing self portraits as we explore what makes us special. The Hogs in Reception have been showing how they grip pencils and control the marks they make. In maths, Hogs have been learning about the difference between subitising and counting and Hoglets have been wiggling their flappers in and out during our Squiggle Whilst you Wiggle session.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 17th October	Parents evening - <i>more info to follow</i>
Wednesday 18th October	Parents evening - <i>more info to follow</i>
Friday 27th October	Inset Day
Monday 30th Oct - Fri 3rd Nov	Half Term
Friday 1st December	Christmas lights switch on
Wednesday 13th December PM	Christmas play - <i>more info to follow</i>
Thursday 14th December AM	Christmas play - <i>more info to follow</i>
Thursday 21st December	Last day school closes at 1:30pm
Friday 22nd December	Inset Day
Monday 8th January	Back to school
Friday 9th February	Inset Day
Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb	Half Term
Mon 25th Mar - Fri 5th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 6th May	Bank holiday school closed
Friday 24th May	Inset Day
Mon 27th - 31st May	Half Term
Friday 19th July	Last day of academic year
Monday 22nd July	Inset Day



On your child's forest school day, please send them to school dressed in old clothing you do not mind getting dirty. Please also ensure they have wellies to change into, if they are not kept at school. Layers and waterproofs are advised because of the wet weather.

19/09/2023

Year 4

26/09/2023

Year 3

3/10/2023

Year 2

10/10/2023

Year 1

17/10/2023

Reception

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school. Thank you for your co-operation

PE Timetable September 2023

Thursday - Owls & Foxes

Friday - Hedgehogs & Foxes







AWESOME ANIMALS

A free, flexible, 4-week online family learning course

Starting Friday 15th September
For families in Staffordshire, with children aged 3-8

Your family will receive a fantastic weekly email activity pack, full of themed ideas to try at times to suit you! From crafts, to cooking, to activities to support local wildlife, we will support you to adapt the activities for your family. Once enrolled on this course, you will receive an exclusive invitation to our live Autumn Family Event. Details TBC.

- Is your child animal mad?
- Are you looking for something flexible to do as a family around work and school?
- Would you like to support your child to develop a wide range of skills, as well as an early love of the natural world?

For more information and to reserve your place contact
Rebecca on 07525 120117 or
communityforestservices@gmail.com










FOREST SCHOOLS FOR FAMILIES

Free, 8 week, online course starting Friday 6th October.
For parents and carers with children aged 5-11.

Support your child's development in the core subjects and beyond, through fun, forest school activities. Inspire their curiosity, spark their joy for learning, nurture a love of nature. To reserve your place or for more info contact Rebecca on 07525 120117 / communityforestservices@gmail.com.

Each week we provide an email pack with ideas to try at times to suit you. We cover maths, science and literacy, the arts, and practical skills to raise confidence and build resilience. Families are also introduced to activities and resources to support mental health and wellbeing. Your family will also be invited to an exclusive Family Autumn Event - details TBC. This course is free for families in Staffordshire.




AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

For parents of children with ASD, come and chat with people that understand the difficulties and also adults with ASD, come and chat with others .
EVERYONE IS WELCOME
come and have a free cuppa or 2

on Monday afternoons
from 1pm to 3pm
at
Castlechurch Community Hub
Castlechurch Primary School