

Friday 12th April 2024

FRIDAY POST

Our School Value: Service

"God has shown you his grace in giving you different gifts. And you are like servants who are responsible for using God's gifts. So be good servants and use your gifts to serve each other. Peter 4:10

Dear Families,

We have had a fantastic first week back in school and are all pleased to be ending it with some warmer weather! The field has finally been in use over lunch time which we know the children all love. It was also great to have a visit from Sam Ashley, Deputy CEO and Director of Learning - do check out her quote of the week!

In worship, we have begun thinking about this half-term's value of service. Thomas gave a great description of how acts of service can be small - such as passing a friend a pencil - or really big. The children have been challenged to look for both small and big acts of service around school, perhaps this is something you could also look for and discuss at home.

Another way to serve, is by charitable giving. Don't forget to have a think about how you could carry out a sponsored event to raise money for Chuckle Productions - we'd love to share stories of what you do.

Hedgehogs enjoyed getting back into Forest School this week with Susan, despite the wet and windy weather. Do remember to check the timetable as the order is slightly different to usual. Next week Year 2 will be out with Susan, as Year 1 and Reception look forward to a visit from PCSO Phil Millichap who is coming into school to talk about road safety.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss Phillips

Learn to Love, love to learn

St Leonard's First School & Nursery



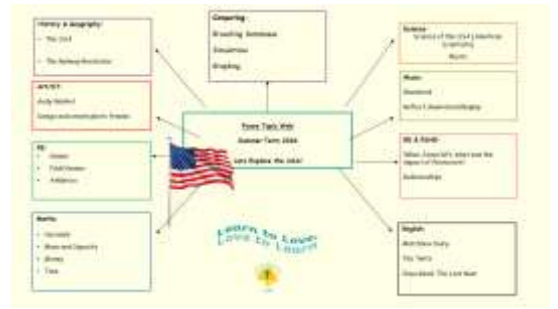


This half term we are looking at Andy Warhol, this week we have been looking at his 'blotted line technique' we used a range of watercolour and ready mixed paint to create our own interpretations.



TOPIC WEBS

Topic webs for this term are now available to view on the 'Curriculum page' our website—take a look to see what your child is learning this term. <https://www.st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk/#>



Stars of the Week



Next week during worship we are learning:

'What a mighty God we serve'

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

Please follow the link above to hear the music



*Nursery -
September 2024*

Thank you to everyone who has applied for a place in our Nursery we will email our offers next Wednesday 17th April.



God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.
1 Peter 4:10 NLT

Attendance figures

School Attendance 8th April - 12th April 2024

Hedgehogs 92%

Owls 98%

Foxes 97%

Whole School 95.8%

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

Please note fixed penalty notice referrals will be made to the Local Authority for term time holidays.

Amazon Book Wish Lists

Are you able to help us to acquire new books for our children?

Reading is at the heart of our curriculum here at St. Leonard's. We encourage children to read for pleasure and incorporate reading into every subject at every opportunity. Following a recent overhaul of our curriculum, staff are now desperate for a range of books which link to the learning which goes on in school over our new curriculum's 2-year cycle.

Each teacher has reviewed their wish list of books on Amazon and we are hoping to gradually accumulate them. If you would like to donate a book from your child's class list, we would be extremely grateful. Some children bring sweets to share with their classmates when it is their birthday – how about donating a book instead? A book really is a gift which keeps on giving and will give pleasure to many children (and their teachers!) for years to come.

If you choose to donate a book from the list to your child's class, the book will be presented to the whole school during assembly and will have a sticker placed on the inside cover stating the name of the child who kindly donated it. Please do check if Amazon sell any second hand copies of the books, as these can be picked up quite cheaply and we will be more than happy to receive them.

The books on each wish list have been prioritised and are labelled either high, medium or low priority. The high priority titles will match the topics being taught this term.

Foxes

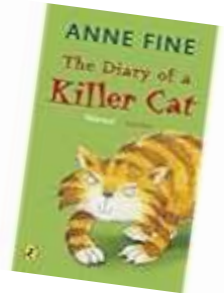
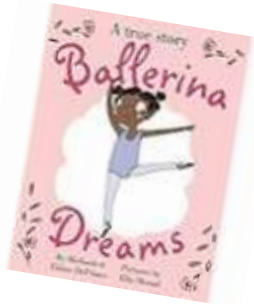
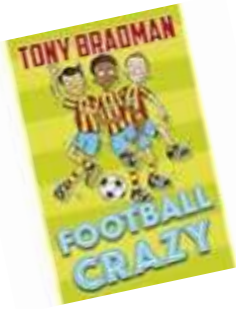
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Owls

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Hedgehogs

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THANK YOU!
for your generous donations!



After School Clubs

REMINDER: payment for after school clubs for the HALF term should be paid using ParentPay by tonight to secure your child's place at the club.

PLEASE NOTE that there are a few places left in all clubs

Monday - Gardening, Tuesday - Art
Thursday - Rounders/Cricket, Friday -
Dodgeball

Please contact the office if your child would like to join in.



April Invoices

All invoices for The Ark after school care have now been issued. Reminder that payment is due by tonight.

If you need after school care and have not yet booked in, please contact the school office.

IMPORTANT ParentPay Accounts



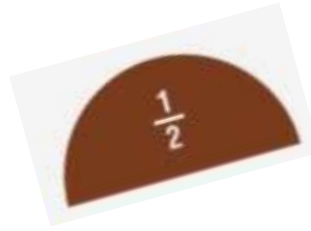
ParentPay®

Please note that ParentPay accounts need to be topped up regularly if your child uses 'Before School Club' or if they have a school meal and they are in Nursery, Y3 or Y4.

Invoices are only issued for After School Care, due to bookings being based on individual needs and **MUST** be paid in advance.



Owls have done some fantastic work on division in maths this week. They have been solving a range of division problems using both sharing and grouping strategies.



Achievements from home



Football

If your child has recently received an award they would like to share with us, eg swimming, football, dance, Beavers, Brownies etc please send them into school & we will share them during our Celebration Worship on Friday.

Quote of the Week

"The children at St Leonard's as always showed exemplary attitudes towards their learning, it was lovely to see them"

Sam Ashley - SUAT Director of Learning and School Improvement & Deputy CEO

ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants)

We are really pleased to share that Mrs Trumble has begun the ELSA training. This will help us improve the support we offer to pupils with their emotional development. Mrs Trumble will be working with children from across the school and we are excited to see how this role grows as she completes the training over the coming months.

Road Closure Update:

We have heard from Amey that the planned date for the road to be re-opened is sometime in June. **When the road re-opens**, we will be trialling a late drop-off for morning club to help ease congestion. This will be at a charge of £1 per pupil for drop-offs from 8.25am - 8.35am. Following our trial, we will review usage ahead of the autumn term.



Church services

Reverend Amanda welcomes any families to join in with her services at St Leonard's church, Dunston.

Dunston service is weekly at 11am with communion and the first Sunday of every month is an all age service without communion.



Foxes have been writing a sequel to the story of 'FARThER' we enjoyed reading our stories to our class partners.

School Meal Price Increase

Edwards & Ward, our catering service, have announced an increase in the cost of a meal. After Easter children in **Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4** will be charged **£2.95** for a school dinner, an increase of 4%.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is in Reception or above you might be eligible for free school meals. Please visit Staffordshire County Council's online checking tool where, if eligible, you can apply today. Here is the link: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

Lunchtime Menu - next week is week THREE

The children get asked each morning what they would like to eat at lunchtime.

Please note we will **NOT** be offering a sandwich option during winter.

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)(WG) Veggie Penne with Vegballs in Tomato Sauce (Ve)(WG) Choice of Jackets, _____ or Tomato Pasta Green Beans, Sweetcorn St Clement's Shortbread (Ve) <i>Better Health</i>	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)(WG) Veggie Beany Chilli with Rice (Ve)(WG) Choice of Jackets, _____ or Tomato Pasta Green Beans, Sweetcorn Lime Shortbread (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)(WG) Veggie Penne with Veggie Bolognese (Ve)(WG) Choice of Jackets, _____ or Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn, Green Beans Vanilla Iced Shortbread (Ve)
TUESDAY	Penne with Beef Bolognese (WG) Veggie Cottage Pie (Ve) Choice of Jackets, _____ or Tomato Pasta Broccoli, Garden Peas Apple Crumble (Ve)(WG) with Custard (V)	Cottage Pie Veggie Chow Mein (Ve) Choice of Jackets, _____ or Tomato Pasta Broccoli, Garden Peas Chocolate & Pear Sponge with Chocolate Custard (V)	Pork or Chicken Sausages with Mash & Gravy Veggie Sausage with Mash & Gravy (Ve) Choice of Jackets, _____ or Tomato Pasta Sliced Carrots, Garden Peas Toffee Apple Sponge with Apple Custard (V)
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roasties, Stuffing & Gravy Veggie Homemade Veggie & Stuffing Roll with Roasties & Gravy (Ve) Choice of Jackets, _____ or Tomato Pasta Cauliflower, Sliced Carrots Chocolate Mousse with Pears (V)	Roast of the Day with Roasties, Yorkshire & Gravy Veggie Roasted Butternut Squash with Roasties, Yorkshire & Gravy (V) Choice of Jackets, _____ or Tomato Pasta Cauliflower, Sliced Carrots Jelly (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties, Stuffing & Gravy Veggie Quorn Fillet with Roasties, Stuffing & Gravy (Ve) Choice of Jackets, _____ or Tomato Pasta Cabbage, Carrot Batons Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)
THURSDAY	Mild & Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (WG) Veggie Mac & Cheese (V) Choice of Jackets, _____ or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Banana Bread (V)	Breakfast for Lunch with Diced Potatoes Veggie Veggie Breakfast for Lunch with Diced Potatoes (V) Choice of Jackets, _____ or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Cooked Tomato Flapjack (Ve)	Chicken with Golden Vegetable Rice (WG) Veggie Mac & Cheese (V) Choice of Jackets, _____ or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Jammy Dodger Flapjack (Ve)
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Veggie Quorn Hotdog with Chips (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Vanilla Ice Cream with Peaches (V)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Veggie Garden Vegetable Goujons with Chips (Ve) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Vanilla Ice Cream with Banana (V)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Veggie Quorn Dippers with Chips (Ve) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit Cocktail (V)
	15/01, 22/01, 19/02, 11/03, 01/04, 22/04, 13/05, 05/06, 24/06, 15/07	16/01, 05/02, 26/02, 16/03, 06/04, 29/04, 20/05, 10/06, 01/07, 22/07	22/01, 12/02, 04/03, 25/03, 16/04, 06/05, 27/05, 17/06, 08/07

Freshly baked bread, fresh fruit, yoghurts and fresh drinking water available daily.

V - Vegetarian, Ve - Vegan, WG - Wholegrain



NO NUTS!

Please note do not send children to school with any items containing nuts due to children who have allergies. Thank you



Class Owls have finished their D&T unit on Fruit and Vegetables by making their fruit salads this week. During the week before the Easter the children worked together in small groups to design a fruit salad, taking into account the likes/dislikes of each member of the group. This week the children worked in their groups, following their designs to make their salads. Each group's salad was different. The children then evaluated their salads, and obviously had to eat them first! Some great evaluations were discussed. Thomas, for example, said 'I liked it but I don't think the orange went very well with the other fruits, so next time I would swap the orange for pineapple'.



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

Our next BIG QUESTION

How do you know if you're getting jealous?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/whats-the-big-idea-jealousy>

What does it mean to have hope?

Alex "When you say I hope they will be ok, it's like saying a prayer"

Aria "it's wishing something could happen"

Thomas T "it's when you believe something good is going to happen"

Aoife "If you hope for something and it happens, then it's like a dream come true"

Sophie "if the question was what does it mean to have belief, it would mean hope"

Myla "When you hope something is going to happen and it does, then you have hope"

Fran "Hope can be for positive and negative things eg I hope it won't rain but it does!"

Weekly House Point Tally

Holly

192



Sycamore

106

Oak

165

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.



For our new topic I wonder.... How could we get there? We went for a walk to find the Spring Lambs with the help of our expert farmer, Miss Beckett. We read the Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson and thought about the different places that the snail went to and how he got there. Nursery created some silvery trails for a craft activity. They also showed how good their number recognition and writing was. Reception had a windy Forest School but it didn't stop them whittling wood or going on the slack line. Reception were also thinking about previous learning in maths and decided to make a height chart.



ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK IS COMING UP!

(22nd-28th April)



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 16th April	School offers day - Primary & Middle school
Thursday 25th April	Foxes Laches Wood Parent meeting @ 3.10pm
Monday 6th May	Bank holiday school closed
Friday 10th May	Academy Photography - Class photos & Leavers
Wednesday 15th - 17th May	Foxes - Laches Wood Residential
Thursday 23rd May	Church service
Friday 24th May	Inset Day
Mon 27th - 31st May	Half Term
W/C Monday 3rd June	Y4 multiplication checks
Friday 21st June	Sports Day - afternoon
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., or sunhats should the wear be on our side!

16/04/2024	Year 2
23/04/2024	Year 1
30/04/2024	Year 3
7/05/2024	Year 4
14/05/2024	Nursery

Laches Wood



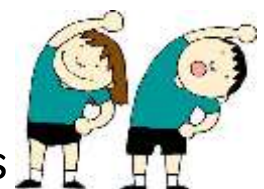
A reminder to parents in years 3 & 4 that payment for their over night residential visit to Laches Wood is now due, payment is via your ParentPay account. Staggered payments can be made.

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

PE Timetable - Summer Term

Thursday - Owls & Foxes

Friday - Hedgehogs, Owls & Foxes



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CLICKBAIT

Clickbait is a controversial online marketing strategy which uses sensationalist (and frequently misleading) headlines to encourage engagement with an article, image or video – often playing on users' emotions and curiosity, while much of the actual content is of questionable accuracy. Clickbait is also sometimes used to disguise scams, phishing sites and malware.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

HARMFUL MISINFORMATION

Clickbait tends to play fast and loose with the truth, opting for eye-catching content over objectivity. This is particularly dangerous for younger internet users, who are generally more susceptible to that type of material. A child could be presented with fake news, misleading articles and – in some cases – outright lies without fully understanding what they're viewing and why it's harmful.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Due to the misleading nature of many examples of clickbait, what may seem to be innocuous and child-friendly could actually contain age-inappropriate material such as extremist political views or violent, pornographic or sexually explicit content. This is clearly a hazard for young people, who could be upset, disturbed or influenced by exposure to such subject matter.

HIDDEN MALWARE

While most clickbait is simply trying to promote engagement to earn companies additional revenue, some of it does redirect to dubious sites with the potential to infect devices with viruses or malware. This could put a child's sensitive data – such as their name, their location and their date of birth – at risk of being accessed and exploited by malicious hackers.

PRIVACY PROBLEMS

Some clickbait leads to sites which could coak a child into volunteering their personal data – using pop-ups to ask them for their email address and phone number, for example, in exchange for accessing additional content or subscribing to various services. Normally, this harvested information is then sold to third parties, who often utilise it for targeted adverts and other sales schemes.

A DRAINING DISTRACTION

Clickbait encourages spiralling consumption of online content, which could easily result in a young person spending hours scrolling aimlessly instead of doing something productive or interacting with family and friends. This can leave them tired, social and lacking focus – and, in the long term, can negatively impact their social skills, education and mental wellbeing.

IMPACT ON BEHAVIOUR

Depending on the type of clickbait a child is interacting with, you might notice negative changes in their behaviour. Weight loss scams, for example, are common among clickbait and have the potential to influence eating habits and body image – while deliberately inflammatory 'rage bait' articles can leave impressionable young people feeling irritable, restless or argumentative.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START A CONVERSATION

The sheer volume of clickbait can make protecting children against it quite challenging. It's vital to talk to young people regularly about the types of content they encounter online, so that they understand the risks of engaging with clickbait. If you're still concerned, it may also be wise to keep an eye on children's online activity to ensure they're not being tempted by clickbait headlines.

PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Encouraging children to question the legitimacy of sensational headlines and too-good-to-be-true promises will help them to become savvy online – and far less likely to be drawn in by clickbait content. These critical thinking skills will also serve to protect them in other areas of the digital world where misinformation is becoming increasingly common.

SPOT THE TELLTALE SIGNS

There are certain common elements in clickbait, including headlines and images that use shock and outrage to grab people's attention – as well as numbered lists, such as "8 Facts You Won't Believe Are True". Some clickbait combines several of these tactics to snag users' interest. Learn to recognize these techniques for yourself so you can teach children to notice them as well.

TAKE CONTROL

Many parents opt to place limits on how long their children can spend online each day, which obviously reduces the chance of exposure to clickbait. Alternatively, most internet-enabled devices have built-in controls that allow parents to manage what sort of online content their child can access – including filtering by age, which can screen out a percentage of inappropriate material.

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