



Thursday 22th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy half term to you all! It has been a very successful first half-term here at Leopold. We would like to thank you for all your support with our measures taken to ensure that our pupils' safety remained paramount. Although we have a 'new normal' at school, the children have shown their maturity and understanding during these unprecedented times.

As we break for the half term, we remind you to keep safe during this break. Ensure that your child reads every day and completes all homework that is upload onto the online platforms.

Following the successful parent forum held this term, and through the consideration of educational research, staff and pupil voice, we have now reviewed our home learning offer. More details of this will be included in a later newsletter.

Teaching and learning continues to improve, giving the pupils a brilliant start to the year. We hope the children have a safe and restful break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 2nd November 2020.**

Attendance

The attendance this half term has been outstanding with some classes achieving 100% attendance! We need this to continue in Autumn 2. To achieve this please bring your child to school on time each day. If your child is unwell you must inform the school office on 020 8459 5654 or send an email to attendance@leopold.brent.sch.uk.

Black History Month



This week, year 5 pupils ran a mile with Natasha Thompson. In April 2019, Thompson founded [Black Girls Do Run UK](http://BlackGirlsDoRunUK.com), 'a small running family who are all about encouraging, inspiring and motivating' Black women to

run, jog, and take part in events. Natasha has created a community for members to find support, motivation and most importantly, fun, in the sport they so love.

Highlights of the week



Stars of the week:
Nursery Starlight: Dinero
R Galaxy: Salma and Raheem
R Starlight: Mohamed and Samira
Year 1 Olive: Dante and Aniso
Year 1 Holly: Aasiyah and Jack
Year 2 Birch: Inaaya and Elwood
Year 2 Cherry: Fahiima and Mila
Year 3 Pine: Ridwan and Alma
Year 3 Magnolia: Tresiah and Erin
Year 4 Hazel: Abdullahi and Jessica
Year 4 Sycamore: Roan and Tahani
Year 5 Eucalyptus: Kobi and Darcey
Year 5 Fern: Torianne and Abdul
Year 6 Hawthorn: Milena and Hekma
Year 6 Mulberry: Ali and Rihanna

Pupils with outstanding achievements in writing were given books to celebrate their achievement. Well done to Sara (6 Mulberry), Shaiel (6 Mulberry). Jontae (5 Fern) was awarded for outstanding Black History knowledge!



Natasha showed the pupils the many medals that she has received and encouraged the pupils to get running!

Whilst Leopold recognises and celebrates October as Black History Month, we are keen to acknowledge the life, history and achievements of Black people who changed society in the UK and the World throughout the year as part of the national Black History 365 campaign. Black History is therefore incorporated throughout our curriculum. Please see further newsletters for updates of Black History 365.

Nursery places



There are Nursery places available at our school. Please contact the school office or Zena Meigan our Early Years coordinator for more information. You can also see a virtual tour of our Early Years on the school website. <http://www.leopoldprimary.co.uk/early-years-tour/>

Reminder- Secondary School Admissions Deadline



If your child is in Year 6, you will need to apply for a place at your preferred secondary schools. The deadline for completion is Saturday **31st October 2020**. We strongly recommend you do not leave it last minute to apply. All secondary schools in Brent have open evenings or mornings for parents. We would recommend that you visit all the schools that you are thinking of applying for to find out more about the school. Due to the current situation, most of the open mornings/evenings will be held virtually.

Please visit our website for more information. <http://www.leopoldprimary.co.uk/secondary/>

You can email admin@leopold.brent.sch.uk if you still require assistance in the half term break.



Attendance 12/10-16/10

What an excellent week it has been with attendance! Congratulations to *Galaxy, 1 Holly, 3 Pine* and *4 Sycamore* who all achieved 100% attendance. Well done!



Dates

Half Term: Monday 26th-Friday 30th October
Clocks go back: Sun 25th October
Year 6 Secondary Application Deadline: Sat 31st October



New Absence Email

Parents can now email pupil absences via the email address: attendance@leopold.brent.sch.uk
Please submit absences with the following details: Pupils name, class and reason of absence/illness by latest 9AM.



What to do if your child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID 19)

Before making the journey into school, you must stop and ask yourself these questions:

1. Does your child have a new, continuous cough?
2. A high temperature?
3. Loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If you answered YES to any of the above, you must not come to school- you must call 111 for advice.

If your child becomes unwell during the school day, they will be sent home and you are advised to follow the guidance for households with possible, or confirmed Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

As per guidance, the household must:

- self-isolate for at least 10 days
- arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

**This could be a sign of
coronavirus**

Book a test

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

**These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP**

Yours Faithfully

Ayo Octave
Acting Head of School



LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL

HIGH

YOU MUST:

- ◆ Not meet people socially anywhere indoors
- ◆ Only meet people outdoors in groups of up to six
- ◆ Work from home if possible
- ◆ Reduce the number of journeys you make

Find all local restrictions and laws at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES