

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a great first week! Thank you everybody for all your words of support on the gate. It has been lovely to meet you all and your children. The children have been fantastic - warm, and welcoming and a pleasure to be around - you should be very proud!

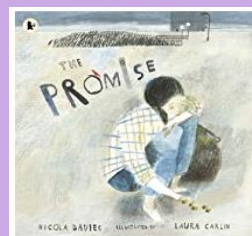
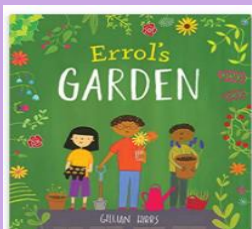
Next week I will be at Hawkshead every morning and Gwenneth Rickus every afternoon so if you have any worries please come and speak to me. As you know I have an open-door policy so don't hesitate to come to the school office if you need me.

This week our focus is reading and we need your support. All staff have been trained in Read, Write Inc - a phonics teaching program that is used at Leopold to teach reading. Every child has a book and a reading record. Please hear you child read every day and complete the reading record. The reading record must come to school every day as well so we can use it in school. Please encourage your child to read as much as possible at home as reading is so important.

Miss Rachel Mollett
Executive Headteacher
Leopold Primary School

English

Leopold have started the academic year together with a whole school focus in English. Pupils across the school have been reading brand new class stories based around the theme of 'Growing Our Future'. This theme raises awareness of current issues including global warming, and the importance of nature. Pupils will be using key messages from these stories to write letters to our Prime Minister, as a request to help protect our environment. We will be looking forward to hearing a response!



Maths



Our focus this term In Key Stage 1 and 2 are times tables. Counting on is key to times table recall and each year group is practicing their times tables every day in school.

Counting will start before beginning to develop understanding and reasoning but will continue long after, until all times tables can be counted through sequentially at speed. We are grouping our times table chanting with quick fire questions and setting appropriate challenges every day.

In school, we use manipulatives that range from everyday items to counters and number lines to support recall. Students also find it fun to use our platforms such as Purple Mash to reach incredible speeds recalling their times tables.



It has been a pleasure being back at school this week; seeing the children back looking so smart and happy has been uplifting.

Every day when I leave my office, I am greeted by the gorgeous self-portraits from Year 1. So talented; well done children!

Nkechi Obinwanne
Head of School
Leopold Gwenneth Rickus



It is so lovely to see you all back looking so smart with such positive attitudes.

Thank you for your continued patience with changes to the gates.

- Year 1-3: 8:30am- 08:45 Front Playground
- Year 4-6 8:30am- 08:45 Back Playground

Children are on time by quarter to nine. Please note that gates close at the new time of 3:15pm.

Pupils should be dressed smartly every day. Uniform consists of a white shirt. Uniform is available to buy at Rumbles Wembley.

<https://www.rumblesuniform.com/leopold-primary-school-harlesden-136-c.asp>

Angela Harvey
Head of School
Leopold Hawkshead

Attendance



This year we are encouraging all children to be an Attendance Hero! An Attendance Hero will be **H**ere, **E**very day, **O**n time and **R**eady to learn!

In Tuesday assemblies we will reveal the class with the highest attendance for the week. **The class reward will be a multi-day!** Children in this class can wear their own clothes to school on Wednesday.

If your child is unwell you must inform the school office or email attendance@leopold.brent.sch.uk by 8:30am. Thank you for your support.