



**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! We have had an exciting first week back! We are looking forward to a very active Spring 2 with lots of great learning opportunities.

As we are now open to all children we ask that only one parent/guardian comes to school with their child.

Social distancing is supported by markings on the pavement at the front of the school building. Remember to form an orderly line outside of the school. Please arrive at school on time and avoid arriving early so that groups do not form on the pavement outside of the school. We encourage all parents to wear face masks when dropping and collecting children from school. Drop off and collection needs to be a swift process to enable social distancing and allow children to get to class swiftly.

Please be respectful and patient, as the school endeavours to keep everyone safe during this pandemic.

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

***To keep the school community safe; it is critical that families adhere to the follow guidance.***

Under **no** circumstance should you send your child to school:

- If your child is symptomatic
- If someone in your household is symptomatic
- If you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19

Remember that if **you, your child or anyone in your household** have symptoms of COVID-19 and are awaiting the results of a test, **do not** send your children into school. Children must remain at home until the results of the test have been given.

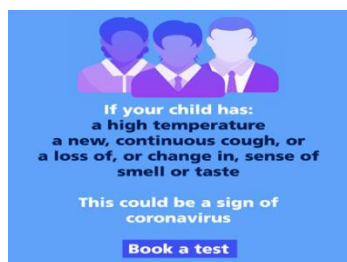
Before making the journey into school, you must stop and ask yourself these questions, do **you, your child or anyone in your household** have a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If you answer 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 are advised to follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

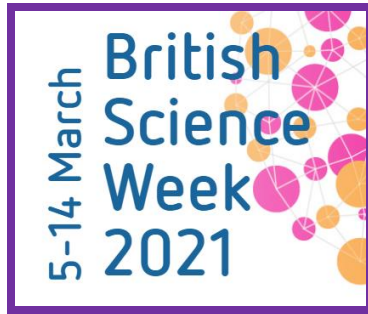
This sets out that they must:

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





**Science Week**



As a part of our launch of Science Week, EYFS/ KS1 and KS2 received a video from one of our virtual visitors from the engineering field. Our pupils were shown two videos: The first with clues and the second to reveal the identity of our virtual visitor.

Our virtual visitors were:

- Ben Osuagwu who manages the engineering team for Network Rail.
- James Simkins, a chemical engineering student who is completing his masters at Cambridge University.

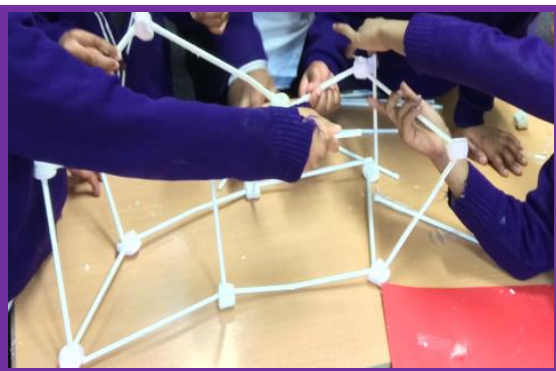
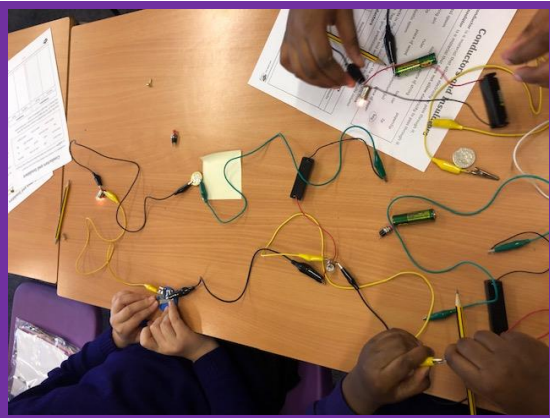
The rest of Science week was used to complete practical experiments! Take a look at some of experiments below.

Highlights of the week



Star of the week:

- Nursery: Zai’Ra**  
**Reception Galaxy: Mujtaba & Rosa**  
**Reception Starlight: Mustafa & Rafia**  
**Year 1 Olive: Muhammed & Nevaeh**  
**Year 1 Holly: Isaac & Aasiah**  
**Year 2 Cherry: Akram & Aleeza**  
**Year 2 Birch: David & Suraaya**  
**Year 3 Magnolia: Umar & Nada**  
**Year 3 Pine: Muhammad H. & Isatu**  
**Year 4 Hazel: Abe & Mishel**  
**Year 4 Sycamore: Mohammad & Ellie**  
**Year 5 Fern: Nader & Cipriana**  
**Year 5 Eucalyptus: Zikra & Erfan**  
**Year 6 Mulberry: Jamie & Sara-Maria**  
**Year 6 Hawthorn: Martyna & Jahsaiah**





**LEOPOLD'S  
SCIENCE COMPETITION**

**Design a 3D model or create a poster for Science Week!**  
**Take a picture or video of your entry and upload it onto seesaw! It can be about anything you have learnt or love about Science!**

**There will be prizes for top 3 entries!**  
**The closing date is: Monday 15th March**

Pupils are encouraged to take part in our Science competition. Winner will be announced to pupils soon!

### No Idling



It has come to my attention that some parents have been idling outside of the school, especially on Outgate Road. "Idling" is when a vehicle's engine is left running while it is parked or stationary for a period of time, contributing further to already sky-high emissions in our cities' air. We are an eco-friendly school so please remember to turn your engines off while you wait for your child. Our school council and Eco-warriors have created posters to address this issue and have displayed them around our school.

### School streets

School streets initiative has resumed this week. We are reminding parents not to remove the cones in order to drive down the street. Brent Council, with TfL, have implemented a temporary 'School Street' to encourage as many as possible to actively travel to school and to aid with **social distancing measures**. This means that Hawkshead Road is closed every school day to cars from **8:15am-9:15 and 2:30pm-4pm**. This involves a temporary restriction of motorised traffic on the road during the school's pick-up and drop-off period during term-time. This is being implemented under an experimental traffic order to aid with social distancing near the school. Therefore, please park elsewhere or travel by other means.

Please be aware that residents, blue badge holders and emergency vehicles will still be allowed access to the road during the outlined times. For this reason, **do not** allow your children to play in the road.

### Parent Gym



Parent Gym supports parents to give their children the best start in life through their **free, six-week** parenting programme. The programme helps parents to develop their practical parenting skills and provide a nurturing family environment. This in turn enables **children to make the most of all the learning opportunities that you provide at school**.

Their work is delivered at no cost to state-funded schools and children's centres. As a result of lockdown, they have developed a **virtual version** of their six-week programme. They are really pleased **to offer this to as many families as possible** during the summer term.

Here's what's covered in the fun, interactive programme:



- Week One – **CHAT** – How to communicate and listen
- Week Two – **LOVE** – How to balance warmth and discipline
- Week Three – **BEHAVE** – How to be consistent in setting boundaries
- Week Four – **CARE** – How to raise physically and emotionally healthy children
- Week Five – **DISCOVER** – How to encourage a positive learning environment at home
- Week Six – **TOGETHER** – How to build a solid family support network

Parents get a free digital Parent Gym magazine, which covers weekly topics to use during the session and at home. This is a resource full of tips and strategies that parents can refer to at any time after the programme has finished.

The programme can also help develop a sense of community and support by further strengthening connections and creating friendships amongst parents – this can be within a specific year group or across the whole primary school, whichever you prefer. Parents often continue their journey together after the programme has ended.

*More information will follow in future newsletters.*

## **Red nose day**



We will be taking part in Red nose day on **Friday 19th March 2021**. Children can wear their own clothes and bring in £1 for an excellent cause. Read more about Comic Relief/Red nose day here: <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/>

## **School Uniform**

Please ensure that your child wears the correct school uniform every day. Every item of clothing must have their name written on labels inside. Uniform can be purchased from RUMBLES UNIFORM SHOP, 598 HIGH ROAD, WEMBLEY, MIDDLESEX, HA02AF or online. Trainers are not part of the school uniform, this includes black trainers. <https://www.rumblesuniform.com/leopold-primary-school-136-c.asp>

## **Safeguarding**

At Leopold Primary School, we work hard to ensure all our children are safe. The school has a duty of care to report all safeguarding concerns. On some occasions this may involve working in partnership with the Local Authority, the safer neighbourhood police and outside agencies. During these challenging times, we are acutely aware of the additional pressures that families are under and the potential risks and challenges they face. In the current situation, we felt it important to signpost families to sources of support, if they are needed. These are in addition to the many resources that we have available in-school and those that we have made available on our website during this period.

*If you believe a child is in immediate danger you should phone the police. Call **999**.*



If you have any concerns about a child being harmed or at risk of harm please contact Brent Family Front Door on **020 8937 4300** (option 1) to discuss your concern.

If you are calling outside normal office hours (9am - 5pm) please call the emergency duty team on: **020 8863 5250**.

The **NSPCC** Helpline is always available on **0808 800 5000**, if you have concerns for your own, or another child's safety. You can also report concerns to the police on their non-emergency number 101.

## **Attendance**

As per government guidelines, school attendance is mandatory. To achieve this please ensure that your child attend live sessions or the provision daily. If your child is unwell you must inform the school office on **020 8459 5654** or send an email [attendance@leopold.brent.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@leopold.brent.sch.uk) by 8:30am.

## **Feed Me Good**



The school have formed a partnership with an organisation called Feed Me Good <https://www.feedmegood.co.uk/>

Its main purpose is to combat health inequality in Black and Ethnic communities by supporting individuals to improve their health & wellbeing; by increasing their aspirations; and developing sustainable life skills. The organisation will be delivering a programme over the next few weeks which will include the following:

- One-hour PSHE lessons for pupils in Year 4 and 5 for this half term (delivered remotely)
- An 8-week online programme for parents focused around cooking, sustainability, health and wellbeing topics, and employability skills training.
- As well this, Feed Me Good will be supporting those who are seeking employment with CV clinic sessions, focusing on developing employability skills including how best to prepare for an interview, what to expect from an interview and what happens after the interview has taken place. Please sign up at the following link if you are interested in taking part: <https://www.feedmegood.co.uk/new-programme-sign-up>



Feed Me Good Students Get 10%  
OFF Boxed Tropics Food Delivery  
Service  
"FEEDMEGOOD10"

## FEED ME LIFESKILLS FREE ONLINE

Starts Monday 2nd February

This FREE 8 week programme teaches you essential lifeskills you need in health, nutrition, sustainability and employment to support you in your bright future. The modules that are included is as follows:  
Weeks 1-8 modules.

- Habits
- Healthy Eating Made Easy
- Labelling Detective
- Think Ingredients
- Indoor Gardening
- Healthy Switch and Save
- Lifestyle and Diseases
- Fresher For Longer
- How to be Employable Programme

If you want to enrich your life by having the right life skills to save money on your food shopping and adopt an holistic way of Health and Nutrition that is tailored to different ethnic backgrounds.



### RSE Parent Forum

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the RSE Parent Forum. The Forum addressed the changes announced by the Department for Education to relationships and sex education (RSE). These changes were meant to come into effect from September 2020. However, due to the current pandemic, schools will need to have an updated RSE curriculum by the summer term 2021.

During the Forum it was agreed that working parties would be created to specifically look at the RSE curriculum. The dates for these working parties are as follows:

**Nursery & Reception** on Weds 10th March 2021 at 4pm

**Year 1 & 2** on Thurs 11th March 2021 at 4pm

**Years 3 & 4** on Weds 17th March 2021 at 4pm

**Years 5 & 6** on Thurs 18th March 2021 at 4pm

If you would like to be involved in these working parties, please email [admin@leopold.brent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@leopold.brent.sch.uk) to register your interest. Please be aware that the school is may not be able to accommodate all parents who register interest. The school will aim to have a diverse network of parents to support with the working parties.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Octave  
Acting Head of School