

Thursday 11th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of another successful half term. I would like to thank all of the parent/carers for their continued support of the school and each other during these difficult times. Over this half term we have received many generous food/monetary donations from many families demonstrating the wonderful community spirit which encompasses our school. We would like to congratulate the pupils who have attended their remote lessons daily. We continue to aim for 100% attendance on our remote learning platforms.

Leopold Primary School continues to strive for excellence. We have been working hard to create an exciting new website which is now live! See the new website at the link below.

<https://www.leopoldprimary.co.uk/>

We have received so many positive emails from parents/carers during this current lockdown which continues to uplift us as staff. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to write such kind words.

We wish you a safe and restful half term. School reopens for remote learning on **Monday 22nd February 2021**.

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.

Assessment

You may be aware that the government has cancelled all statutory assessments for this academic year including the EYFS Baseline, Year 1 Phonics Reading Check, Year 4 Multiplication Check, and the SATS for KS1 and KS2.

At Leopold Primary School, assessment for all pupils happens on a daily basis and will continue to do so even though the majority of pupils are learning remotely. However, in order to get a more detailed picture of the strengths and areas for development for your child, there will be 'Assess and Review' days that will

happen once every fortnight. During that day, the live lessons will be replaced by small group sessions so that pupils can share what they have learnt, and the teachers can identify any gaps in their knowledge so they can plan accordingly to fill these gaps.

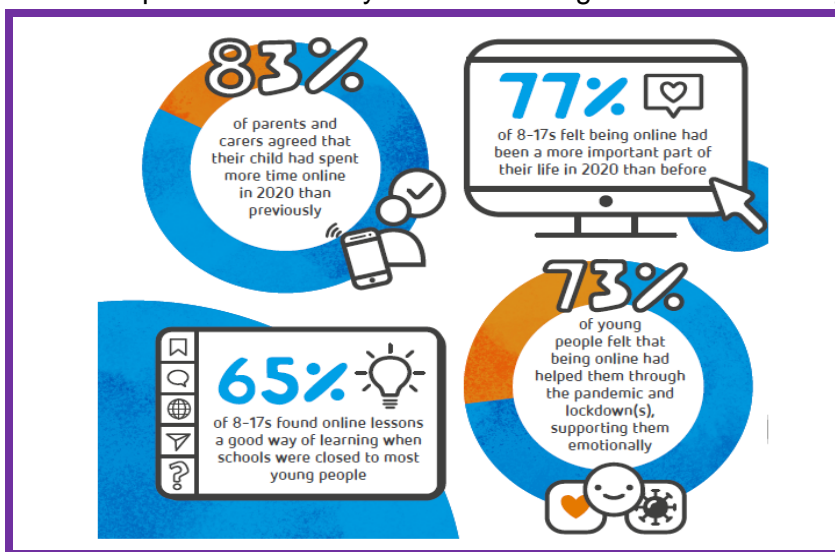
Class teachers will keep you informed of Assess and Review days.

Safer Internet Day



On Tuesday 9th February, we held our Safer Internet Day. The theme this year was to understand about the **reliability of information** online. Research highlights how many young people of all ages, from as young as 8, are regularly encountering misleading content and have experienced approaches, such as friend requests, from people they don't

know. It is vital that we are all involved in building an internet young people can trust. Safer Internet Day has helped to consult with young people to build a deeper understanding of what they are encountering, how it affects them emotionally and how they respond to it, so we can support them with the tools and skills they need to separate trustworthy from misleading content and to stay safe online.



Geography competition



Well done to all of the children who entered the Geography competition! We are so proud to see our pupils sharing their ideas about sustainability and the importance of taking care of our environment! We received some amazing submissions! See some of the fantastic entries below. Winners will be contacted later this week via Class Dojo.

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 by 8:30am.

Leopold Food bank



We will be holding our own foodbank here at Leopold. We are asking you to donate any non-perishable/ essential items. These can be dropped off to both sites during the week. We will then invite families in need of support to come in and collect some essential on a Friday between 1pm and 2pm.

We thank you for your continued support.

Free School Meals vouchers & WINTER COVID SCHEME GRANT

Parents in receipt of free school meals would have received the DFE free school meals voucher for w/e 5/2/21.

Winter COVID grant from Brent Council for the February half term will be sent out to parents in receipt of free schools on Monday 15th February 2021.

Special Educational Needs/Disabilities (SEND)

The school will host a SEND parent forum on **Thursday 25th February 2021**. The forum will **only** be for the parents of SEND pupils, who attend Leopold Primary School. This forum will address remote learning and the schools current SEND offer. Parents will be invited to this meeting individual.

RSE Parent Forum

We will be hosting our Spring Parent Forum on **Thursday 11th February 2021 at 4pm**. The Forum will address 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 start of the summer term 2021. All schools will be required to comply with the updated requirements. This means that we will be reviewing and updating our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their age; physical and emotional maturity; religious and cultural backgrounds; and special educational needs and/or disabilities.

Devices

This week we have sent out our first wave of devices to families. Although we have allocated a number of devices to families we are still in need of more. If you like to make a donation to this fund please speak to the school office.



Broadband

If any of our families require a SIM card for internet access please contact the school office and arrange to collect one. These SIM cards are only useful for children who are accessing remote learning through mobile phones and who are not connected to a WiFi network. Please note that the school only has a limited number of these.

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

Free and regular coronavirus tests are now available for everyone in Brent aged 12 upwards, even if you don't have symptoms.

If you don't have symptoms of COVID-19, you can book a free rapid Lateral Flow Test, with results available in less than 40 minutes.

This type of testing is being offered as part of a six-week pilot run by Brent Council with the Department for Health and Social Care, until 24 January 2021 when it will be reviewed. Use the link for more information.
<https://www.brent.gov.uk/covidtesting>

Please 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)

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,

Mrs Obinwanne
Head of School

I took a picture of the beautiful green grass,
But the following year it couldn't stay it had passed.
Below the sea all the creatures around,
The next year I went I couldn't hear a sound.
No life no splash not even flipper,
Just another rubbish bag with a yukky old slipper.
I ride my bike down the hill and breath in the once
clean air.
But now I cough cause there pollution everywhere.
So let's come together and treat our earth right,
Because I love my earth and my future is bright.
This world is so amazing, beautiful and free,
Mother nature is so good to us can't you see.
Lockdown is a lesson that has made me realise
something new.
Our environment is important for me and for you.



Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.
Words that we all know.
We might only be children.
But we will try, you'll see.
We recycle what we use.
Separate things, and you
should too.
Glass and paper, plastic, tin,
All go in the recycle bin.
We must start now.
We can't wait.
Quick.
Or it will be too late.
We can save this planet.
It starts with you and me.

Have you ever thought?

Have you ever thought of the sun?
What if it couldn't rise,
The Earth was filled with darkness,
Because you weren't wise.

Have you ever thought of walking?
Without getting in your car,
One step could change everything!
Just take your walks far.

Have you ever thought of breathing?
What if all the trees got cut down,
Where will your oxygen be?
You will just lose your crown.

Have you ever thought of the ocean?
Without all of the plastic,
It was once free and clean,
But now, that phrase just sounds sarcastic.

Have you ever thought of animals?
What if all of their homes got smashed,
Then their babies pass and they all get extinct!
Then all of those memories are trashed!

Have you ever thought of the Earth?
Without all the sea and land!
We need to take care of our planet,
Snuggle it in the middle of your hand!



Thank you so much to everyone who participated in our latest Geography competition! We received so many fantastic entries from children in every year group and are so proud to see our students sharing their ideas about sustainability and the importance of taking care of our environment. Certificates have gone out to all participants via Seesaw and the winners will be contacted soon on Class Dojo. Well done to everyone who submitted an entry - all of your work will be display in our school foyer!

