



Thursday 8th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a new whole school theme of **Aspirations** this year! By aspirations, we mean the things children hope to achieve for themselves in the future. To meet their aspirations about careers, university, and further education, pupils often require good educational outcomes. Throughout this year children will explore their aspiration and link this to their Growth Mindset (please see below).

Growth Mindset

10 Growth Mindset Statements

What can I say to myself?

<p>FIXED MINDSET</p> <p>I'm not good at this. I'm awesome at this. I give up. This is too hard. I can't make this any better. I just can't do Math. I made a mistake. She's so smart. I will never be that smart. It's good enough. Plan "A" didn't work.</p>	<p>INSTEAD OF:</p>	<p>GROWTH MINDSET</p> <p>TRY THINKING:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 What am I missing? 2 I'm on the right track. 3 I'll use some of the strategies we've learned. 4 This may take some time and effort. 5 I can always improve so I'll keep trying. 6 I'm going to train my brain in Math. 7 Mistakes help me to learn better. 8 I'm going to figure out how she does it. 9 Is it really my best work? 10 Good thing the alphabet has 25 more letters!
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As a school, we are continuing our focus around Growth Mindset. We will continue to use the acronym A.S.P.I.R.E. to promote learning behaviours that we would like to see this year. These behaviours are: **Ambition, Self-belief, Perseverance, Independence, Reflection and Effort**. Children with a growth mindset tend to see challenges as opportunities to grow, because they understand that they can improve their abilities by pushing themselves. If something is hard, they understand it will push them to get better. Look out for future competitions around Growth Mindset throughout the year.

Black History Month

Black History Month in the UK celebrates the history, arts and culture of black British people. Black History Month UK is a celebration of black history every year. This year (2020), the 33rd UK Black History Month will be celebrated. The first was in 1987.

This week, the children have been taking part in many exciting lessons linking in Black History Month cross-curricularly throughout the school. We have seen beautiful pieces of art work being created and displayed, the exploration of immigration taught and links to Black History in Music.

Highlights of the week

Stars of the week:

- R Moonbeam: Manha & Khalil
- R Sunshine: Hussain & Yasmine
- Year 1 Ash: Suhib & Kenashah
- Year 1 Oak: Malique & Precious
- Year 2 Maple: Sadaf & Khadijah
- Year 2 Palm: Ahmed & Zahra
- Year 3 Cedar: Haydar & Daniella
- Year 3 Elm: Grace & Rosa
- Year 4 Aspen: Mohamed S & Nakaysia
- Year 4 Teak: Jaden & Chloe
- Year 5 Chestnut: Mousa & Mia
- Year 5 Juniper: Shayaan & Courtney
- Year 6 Bonsai: Abdullah & Shivani
- Year 6 Willow: Jad & Rae'Elle



Brent Music Year 2-6

Parents of pupils in Year 2 -6 are invited to sign their children up to the Brent Music Service evening ensemble. There is a mix of different ensembles including a Recorder Ensemble for children who learn recorder in school - Y3 upwards. For more information please visit:

<https://sites.google.com/view/bmsinformation/home>



MacMillan Cancer Support

I am delighted to announce that Leopold raised £173.20 during our MacMillan cake sale. This money will help to fund their specialist nurses who work with cancer patients and their families, financially, physically and emotionally. We will also host a MacMillan own clothes day on Friday 23rd October. Pupils can donate £1 and wear green, purple or white in support of McMillan Cancer research.



Nursely 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

If your child is in Year 6, you will need to apply for a place at your preferred secondary school. The deadline for completion is **31st October 2020**. 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/>



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 you 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

Somali, Arabic and Gujarati videos explaining NHS Test and Trace

The new Test and Trace app is an important new tool to control the spread of Coronavirus. As Brent's Public Health Director Dr Melanie Smith recently said, "the app will allow us all to know more quickly if we're at risk of the virus – so we can take action fast and protect our communities and the ones we love."

To help encourage as many people as possible to download the app, we have put together explainer videos in some of the most commonly-spoken languages in Brent:


- Somali – <https://youtu.be/ygzPDpUPF9s>
- Arabic – <https://youtu.be/23pOR6NwL2c>
- Gujarati – <https://youtu.be/FnQC2v7BMqI>

An English version is also available, with Dr John Licorish – <https://youtu.be/B94-OYTSnoY>.

We advise all parents to social distance outside of the school gates and wear PPE.


Yours Faithfully

Nkechi Obinwanne
Head of School



Attendance

Congratulations to year 5 Chestnut(98%) and Year 6 Willow (99%) with the highest attendance last week!



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.



Dates

Half Term: Mon 26th-30th October

Year 6 Secondary Application Deadline:
Sat 31st October

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