



Thursday 15th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another great week at Leopold! We have had a number of visits from the Local Authority who congratulated the school on its inclusive and calm learning environments. They also positively noted the measures taken to ensure the safety of pupils on their return back to school. Our attendance last week was 97% over the two sites, which is a fantastic achievement! Given our excellent attendance, our pupils are making good progress in their lessons and remain calm and happy. Pupils are focused on their learning and although there are a few gaps we are beginning to close these. We would like to thank the Leopold community for its commitment to the education of our pupils despite the new challenges that we now face. We are committed to supporting our school community to ensure that our pupils can continue to thrive.

Living History



Pupils have been exploring the History of Leopold Primary School this week. They have been working with our History coordinators (Ms Rachel and Ms Cece), researching the History of Leopold by looking through the school's archives and liaising with the Brent Museum and Archives. Both sites have created Living History displays that follow the schools' journey from 1897, when it was first opened, until the present day. Did you know that the school has survived two World Wars? Did you know that Leopold's original building was on Leopold Road? Continue to read our weekly newsletters for further information into the History of our school.

Highlights of the week



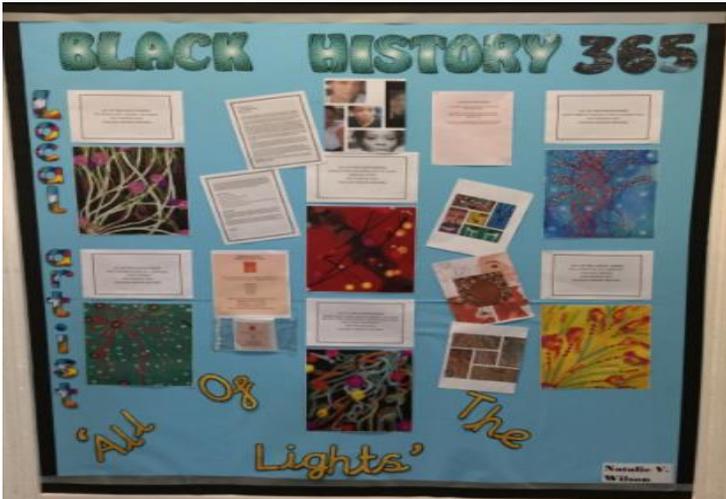
Stars of the week:

- Nursery Starlight:** Safa
- R Galaxy:** Yasmeen, Ahmad
- R Starlight:** Nell, Ilyas
- Year 1 Olive:** Waseem, Phoenix
- Year 1 Holly:** Jaevan, Kaashini
- Year 2 Birch:** Talon, Tamera
- Year 2 Cherry:** Amelia, Ayman
- Year 3 Pine:** Taylan, Fatima
- Year 3 Magnolia:** Maryam, Maher
- Year 4 Hazel:** Tom, Anouk
- Year 4 Sycamore:** Ellie, Abdi
- Year 5 Eucalyptus:** Erfan, Darcey
- Year 5 Fern:** Iain, Safa
- Year 6 Hawthorn:** David, Ieva
- Year 6 Mulberry:** Gibreel, Sara

Pupils with outstanding achievements in creativity were given books to celebrate their achievement. Well done to Elsa (5 Eucalyptus), Frank (2 Birch) and Ishaq (1Olive)!



Black History Month



This week, the school has displayed the work of Natalie V. Wilson, a local artist. Her current series of paintings 'All Of The Lights' is attracting the attention of both staff and pupils. We encourage parents or friends of the Leopold community to contribute to our celebration of Black History. If you know of anyone with a migration story that they would like to share with school, please contact the school office. For further information on migration in Britain, please visit: <https://www.ourmigrationstory.org.uk/>

No Idling



It has come to my attention that 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 off your engines when you wait for your child. Our school council and Eco-warriors will be working on posters to display around our school.

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



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 **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/>



Cycling



Dear Parents

As you are aware, there are many restrictions which prevent us from offering cycle training during school time. Our cycle training providers, Cycling Instructor Ltd, offer several options to encourage both adults and children to access free cycle training in our borough.

Please use the following links to apply for the cycle training option which suits your needs.

Individual adult or family training; Cycling Instructor can train 1, 2 or 3 members of the same family. Adults together, primary aged children accompanied by a parent or secondary aged children unaccompanied by a parent. Children who can cycle well, and are aged 9 and above, are able to train on road. Please select Brent borough on the booking form <http://bit.ly/Ind-cycle>

Children's group training; Parents of children in school year 5 and above can group together and arrange a bikeability level 2 on road course. Courses can be arranged for a maximum of 6 children. Cycling Instructor will liaise with the organising parent, and schedule suitable dates and venue, to train the group. Booking form <http://bit.ly/GroupCroy>

Half term children's courses; there are a few spaces remaining on the half term public group courses, for children in school years 3 & above. Booking form <http://bit.ly/BT-HOL>

Thank you

Lynda

www.cyclinginstructor.com

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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**



COVID – 19 RELATED PUPIL ABSENCE

A quick reference guide for parents

Last updated from Government Guidance: 08.09.2020

What to do if....	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has COVID - 19 symptoms (cough, temperature, loss of taste or smell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us Self-isolate the whole household Get a test Inform school immediately about test result 	...the test comes back as negative
...my child tests positive for COVID 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us Agree the earliest date for the child to return to school - minimum of 10 days Self-isolate the whole household 	...they feel better. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last several weeks
...my child tests negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact school to inform us Discuss when your child can return to school (same day/next day) 	...the test comes back negative
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID – 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Follow the school policy to notify the school of absence Contact your GP if concerned 	... Follow the school policy and contact the school for advice if necessary
...someone in my household has COVID – 19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us Self-isolate the whole household Household member with symptoms to get a test Other household members should only test if they develop symptoms Inform school immediately about test result 	...the test comes back as negative of the person with symptoms
...someone in my household tests positive for COVID – 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us Agree the earliest date for the child to return to school - minimum of 14 days Self-isolate the whole household 	...the child has completed the 14 days of isolation
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed COVID – 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us Agree the earliest date for the child to return to school - minimum of 14 days 	...the child has completed the 14 days of isolation
...we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree the earliest date for possible return - minimum of 14 days from return date Self-isolate the whole household 	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again
.... my child's bubble is closed due to COVID – 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL At home support your child with remote education provided by the school Your child will need to isolate for 14 days 	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened



Attendance

Congratulations to year 1 Holly and year 2 Birch who both achieved 100% last week! 4 Sycamore and reception Galaxy achieved 99%! Well done!



Dates

Half Term: Mon 26th-30th October

Year 6 Secondary Application

Deadline: Sat 31st October

Friday 23rd Oct: McMillan own clothes day. Pupils can donate £1 and wear green, purple or white in support of McMillan Cancer research.



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.

Yours Faithfully,

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Acting Head of School