



Thursday 24th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an action-packed week at Leopold, filled with wellbeing workshops in classrooms, exciting music lessons and amazing art work! We welcomed back the Brent Music Service who provided whole class music lessons as well as small group sessions in drums, guitar and violin.

Mental Health week

This week we celebrated Mental Health week here at Leopold. Our Imago therapist delivered wellbeing workshops to pupils which they thoroughly enjoyed. Mindfulness lessons were taught by teachers throughout the week. A five or ten-minute daily mindfulness practice can see pupils reduce stress and anxiety, increase concentration and engagement, sleep better, improve social skills, and develop problem-solving and decision-making skills. Please see some of the resources used below.



Meet Ekin Bernay (Creative therapist).



Black History Month

From 1st October, we will be celebrating Black History Month. Black History is now incorporated throughout our yearly history curriculum, which reflects the diverse community in which we live in. During Black History Month, pupils will participate in workshops, competitions and projects. Each year group will focus on a different aspect of Black History.

Year 1: Children’s own history (family trees); history of Harlesden

Year 2: Heritage and timeline of important events in black history

Year 3: Empire Windrush – London Transport and rebuilding Britain

Highlights of the week



Stars of the week:

- Nursery:** Arthur
- R Galaxy:** Lewis
- R Starlight:** Hannah
- Year 1 Olive:** Ishaq
- Year 1 Holly:** Mina
- Year 2 Birch:** Anais
- Year 2 Cherry:** Fryal
- Year 3 Pine:** Isatu
- Year 3 Magnolia:** Nada
- Year 4 Hazel:** Japan
- Year 4 Sycamore:** Imaan
- Year 5 Eucalyptus:** Kiyen
- Year 5 Fern:** Poppy
- Year 6 Hawthorne:** Jahsaiah
- Year 6 Mulberry:** Shaiel

Pupils with outstanding achievements in writing were given books to celebrate their achievement. Well done to Rihanna (6 Mulberry), Imaan (4 Sycamore) and Rosa (Reception Galaxy)!



Year 4: Effect of Windrush on cultural diversity – NHS

Year 5: History of Somalia

Year 6: History of Syria and importance of true representation in UK politics

Look out for more information in the coming newsletters.

Jeans for Genes Day



Last week we celebrated Jeans for Genes day. Jeans for Genes Day is all about raising money to help some of the most vulnerable children in the UK. This money will transform the lives of children affected by a genetic disorder. Across the two site we raised £412! Thank you all for your contributions!

MacMillan Cancer Support



As in previous years, we would like to show our support for the MacMillan charity. This will be led by Ms Jacqui, our welfare officer. With your support and generosity, we can make this another successful event. Please could you bake or buy a cake and send it to school by Wednesday 30th September. Without you this event will not be possible.

It will be a little different this year but never the less it will be an opportunity for us to show our support for this wonderful charity.

Cake will be on sale after school, in the front playground (Hawkshead Road) between 2:45pm and 3:45pm. Whilst in the playground, we encourage you to wear PPE and adhere to 2-meter distancing when queuing. We will also be running a raffle. If you would like to enter the raffle please bring in £1 by Thursday 10th October. If you would like to order cake in advance, please send your child to school with £1 and we give your child cake to take home. Please put money in a small envelope with your child's name and clear state if the money is for the raffle, cake or both.

Nursey 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/>

Year 6 secondary transition

If your child is in Year 6 you will need to apply to a secondary school by 31.10.2020. 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:

Does your child have a high temperature, or have a new continuous cough, or have 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 you 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)- Ring 119


 <p>If your child has: a high temperature a new, continuous cough, or a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste</p> <p>This could be a sign of coronavirus</p> <p>Book a test</p>	<p>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</p> <p>These are not normally symptoms of coronavirus</p> <p>Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP</p>
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Public Health England have produced a letter for parents which explains when a person requires a coronavirus test and what the symptoms of coronavirus are. The intention of the letter is to help prevent children being taken out of school unnecessarily and answer some of the questions parents may have around testing. Please see the link to the letter below.

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/UKDFE/2020/09/23/file_attachments/1553140/23rd%20September%20-%20PHE%20letter%20to%20parents%20and%20guardians.pdf



Attendance Congratulations to Year 1 Olive & Holly who achieved the highest attendance with 99% 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.

Mental Health Resources

 <https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/>

 <https://www.place2be.org.uk/media/yesltwzt/primaryschoolresources.pdf>