



Thursday 4th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at Leopold! Well done to all the pupils who are attending their live sessions daily and uploading work onto seesaw. *Take a look at the amazing work that our pupils have been completing over the last 5 weeks below!*

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank the entire school community (staff, pupils and parents) for all the effort that has been put in over the past few weeks and months to ensure that the children do not miss out on their education.

COVID updates

The government announced last week that schools were to remain closed to most pupils except for key worker children and those that have been identified as vulnerable. However, the Prime Minister did mention the 8th March as a potential date for the wider opening of schools providing that there is a significant decrease in the rate of infection and the number of patients being admitted to hospital. For the country to be able to come out of lockdown, we must continue to adhere to government guidelines surrounding good hand hygiene, social distancing and not mixing of bubbles. Please view the latest guidance at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

Mental Health week



Children's Mental Health Week took place this week. Our focus has been on the three themes: **Kindness-Gratitude-Resilience.**

On Wednesday 3rd of February, we hosted our "inside out day" to raise awareness of unseen/ unidentified children's mental health problems. During the day pupils attended online mindfulness workshops provided by



Highlights of the week	
Star of the week:	
Nursery:	Ezra
Reception Galaxy:	Kai & Salma
Reception Starlight:	Ilyas & Rafia
Year 1 Olive:	Dante & Aniso
Year 1 Holly:	Antoni & Myah
Year 2 Cherry:	Adam & Sofie
Year 2 Birch:	Amira & Christopher
Year 3 Magnolia:	Maher & Maryam
Year 3 Pine:	Cristian & Isatu
Year 4 Hazel:	Abdullahi & Nirali
Year 4 Sycamore:	Kaleem & Mahia
Year 5 Fern:	Salvador & Lorine
Year 5 Eucalyptus:	Ahmed & Danay'j
Year 6 Mulberry:	Noha & Kasiah
Year 6 Hawthorne:	Joao & Emily



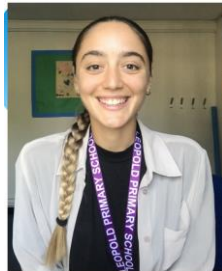
The workshop leaders were very impressed with the behaviour of our pupils. See some of their response below.

'I thought the kids were amazing, so engaged and focused.' - **Ciaran**

'The kids were an absolute delight. Congratulations to them and all the teachers . What a very lovely and well behaved group of children. I really hope they enjoyed our little tale of friendship.' - **Fiorella**

Well done to all our staff and pupils who wore an item of clothing inside out!

Remember our schools' therapist is currently supporting families during these challenging times. If you would like to discuss any concerns or queries with our therapist please contact the schools' office.



Ekin Bernay (Creative therapist)



Music lessons



We have a fantastic lockdown opportunity for you to share with your Year 5 pupils and above. BMS Lockdown Beats is a series of 4 online workshops designed for drummers and percussionists and led by our own expert BMS drum tutors.

The workshop dates are from 22nd February to 15th March and the deadline for applications is **Thursday 18th February**.

Click on the link below to find out more about this amazing opportunity!

<https://sites.google.com/view/bmsinformation/live-academy/lockdown-beats>

Many thanks

Caroline Morris
Head of Brent Music Service

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 Meal Vouchers

Children entitled to free school meals will be issued with a £15 voucher every week from Edenred. Remember to check your emails and update the school office if your details change.

The voucher scheme is separate to the Food bank.

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**. 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 pupils. 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 Octave
Acting Head of School



New Website & Twitter

Check out our new website:
www.leopoldprimary.co.uk

We also have a new Twitter handle: #PrimaryLeopold



Dates

Mon 15th - 19th Feb: Half term

Thurs 11th Feb: Parent Forum

Thurs 25th Feb: SEND Parent Forum (for SEND parents only)

Thurs 1st - Fri 16th April: Easter break



Absence Email

Please remember that you can email pupil absences via:

attendance@leopold.brent.sch.uk

Please submit absences with the following details: 1. Pupil's name 2. Class and 3. Reason of absence/illness by latest 9AM.