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Newsletter



From the Headteacher

Y6 SATs

Thank you to the many parents who attended the Y6 SATs presentation last Thursday. The national Expected Standard is higher than ever and your support is valuable in helping children to do their best in the tests. It is also fantastic preparation for secondary school. For those of you who were not able to attend you can find out more information about the test at

<https://michaelt1979.wordpress.com/>

Nursery Places

The Nursery is an important part of our Early Years provision which was rated Good by Ofsted and there are places available for September. You are welcome to visit to see what we can offer at any time, and please let friends and neighbours know too!

Publicity Photos

Ward Hendry are in school soon taking photographs for our publicity material, which will be used to revamp the school website, our Rugrats promotion and our Letterbox advertisements. Please contact the school office if you **do not wish** your child's image to be used in publicity photographs. Many thanks.

Asthma inhalers

We recently received asthma training from the school nurse. If your child has asthma they should have an inhaler **in school**. The nurse also recommended that they should have a spacer (a large, empty plastic tube to help them get the best from their asthma medicine). They are available on prescription from your GP. Please ensure that inhalers are in-date, both at school and at home, and that spacers are cleaned regularly to ensure effectiveness.

Enjoy Learning!

This week's Star of the Week certificates will all acknowledge children who typify our Learning Power "Enjoy Learning". Whatever a child's ability this is the first step towards getting the most out of learning; it means not being disheartened by mistakes and using them to learn and to move forward. All winners are listed on our website each Friday.

Best wishes,
Neil Blackwell



St Leonard's Church

Find out what is happening in our church by going to their website: <http://saintleonards.org>



What we are doing!

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Focus upon Year 1

Year 1 are enjoying their Superhero topic. They have written a superhero poem and given themselves their own superhero name, using alliteration, and written a story where they are the main character. This week they are writing lists and instructions for a healthy Superhero sandwich which they are making. They have looked at Andy Warhol Pop Art and created their own Superhero Pop Art. They have also been learning about 'real life' Superheroes and have had a visit from the Fire Fighters and the Police.

Year Two Maths Morning

This week's Maths learning morning was really well attended, thank you. There were lots of activities going on including activities to support basic addition and subtraction, place value to one thousand and a million (!), plus fun activities such as maths games and skittles. It was great to see how positive children and parents were and several parents said that they didn't know that maths could be such fun. Please carry on practising at home including money work and telling the time. Every little helps!

Focus upon Year 3

This term Year 3 are learning about the Stone Age. They have written stories based on the book Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura and this week are focusing upon the skills of proof reading and editing to develop their stories further and improve on them.

As part of the school's 'Take One Picture' theme they have used the painting Stonehenge by John Constable to inspire artwork in watercolours and pastels.

This week in Science they will truly 'feel the force' by investigating what happens when we stretch and compress springs and elastic bands.

Year 4 Visit to the Mosque

Year 4 visited the mosque this week to learn about the Islamic pilgrimage of Hajj, as a part of their RE topic this term. They were met by Mr Hussain (Brother Anser) and he told them all about his experience with Hajj. He also showed the children how Muslims meditate and then they completed the session with a prayer. In the afternoon the children wrote up the experience in the style of a newspaper interview and this complemented their work on newspaper reports in English sessions.

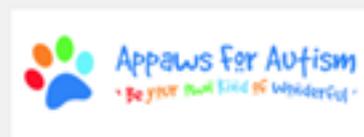
Athletics

Last week Mrs Nottingham and Mrs Dunwoody took a team of children from Years 5 and 6 to a Sportshall Athletics Competition at Banbury Academy. There were 11 teams taking part, representing schools from the Banbury area and St Leonard's won the speed bounce competition.

Autism Support

A parent from Dashwood has set up a group to support children with Autism / ASD. If you would like to attend then the first session is this Sunday, 29 January from 1.00-3.00pm at Hanwell Fields Community Centre. (See right)

Appaws for Autism



- Play sessions for children with Autism / ASD, the last Sunday of every month.
- 1pm-3pm. £4 per child (£1 for each sibling). Children under 1 years old are free.
- For children up to 16 years old. Separate room for teenagers.
- Various areas set out: 'Twinkle Stars' (for under 5 yrs), arts & crafts tables,
- Soft play and toys, sensory toys and lights, black out tent and more.

Hanwell Fields Community Centre, Rotary Way, Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX16 1ER



Dates for your diary

Friday 27 January:	Sheldonian Theatre trip
Mon 30 January:	Assessment Week
Tuesday 7 February	Safer Internet Day
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Thursday 9 February	Take One Picture Exhibition in the hall
Thursday 9 February	Tiny Tickers Cake Sale 3.00pm
Wednesday 1 March	Deadline 500 Words Competition
Monday 20 March:	Parents evening 6.00-8.00pm
Tuesday 21 March:	Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm



Problem of the Week

Last week's problem: There is a three digit number. The second digit is four times as big as the first digit, while the third digit is three less than the second digit. What is the number? The answers were 141 or 285.

This week's problem: What word looks the same backwards and upside down?