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Newsletter



From the Head Teacher

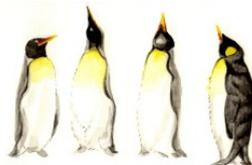


Focus on Year 4



We have a fantastic Year 4 team – pictured left to right are Mrs Embra, Miss Lyford, Miss Nicklin and Mrs Mallarky. Mrs Fortnum and Mrs Hanif are unpictured.

Both classes have made a super start to the New Year, learning about the incredible Antarctic expeditions of Ernest Shackleton. They've immersed themselves in the expedition, working outside in cold weather (!) and visiting Whipsnade Zoo to see some of the Antarctic animals. The behaviour on the trip was exceptional – well done!



Rainbows and Brownies

St Leonard's hosts Rainbows and Brownies each Wednesday. Rainbows is for girls aged 5 to 7 and Brownies are 7 to 10. There are so many activities on offer and girls make new friends, try new things and build their confidence together. Our very own Mrs Johnstone (Year 1) is one of the leaders so speak to her if you have any questions or just turn up! You can also get information at 0800 169 5901, www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus or speak to Snowdrop (aka Mrs Keane!) about Rainbows.

Fire Service



Year 1 had a fantastic time meeting real life superheroes from the Fire and Rescue service. They learnt all about the role of a firefighter, their uniform and some invaluable fire safety rhymes, including; "matches and lighters never touch, they can hurt your very much" and "stay low, and go go go" for if they should ever find themselves in a smoky room. I think we may have some future firefighters amongst us!

Best wishes,

Neil Blackwell



Subject Leaders

In order to provide the best possible learning for our children many teachers lead a subject area, which enables us to keep up with on-going changes in curriculum and assessment.

Specific responsibilities are as follows:

Writing – Mrs Lacey	Reading – Mrs Vere	Maths – Mrs Debus
Science – Mrs Nottingham	Computing – Mrs Elson	PE – Mr Clark
Humanities – Miss Moon	RE – Mrs Gregory	PSHE – Mrs Gilkes
Art / DT – Mrs Russell	Phonics – Mrs Pendle	Early Years – Mrs Pratley
Music – Miss Nicklin	French – Mrs Hobbs	Eco-schools – Mrs Mortimer



Eco-Schools

We have an incredible group of Eco School Councillors who are working hard to help the environment. They have got three main aims: to help the school save as much energy and water as possible, to keep the school free of litter, and to improve recycling. If we all do our part we could make a real difference, and perhaps St Leonard's children could help with these things at home, too! Huge thanks to Mrs Mortimer for getting the group started and we are aiming for our Silver Award.



Facebook

Facebook a popular place to share or receive information. Details of the school's parent and carers page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1629701050595376>



Dates for your diary ...

Monday 28 January	Prayer Space Week
Monday 28 January	Year 1 Family Meals Week
Monday 28 January	Play and Learn Week - Nursery
Monday 28 January	Year 3 and 4 bCyberwise Online Safety
Tuesday 29 January	Year 5 and 6 bCyberwise Online Safety



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Wednesday 30 January	Year 1 Learning Morning
Wednesday 6 February	Year 4 Learning Afternoon
Wednesday 13 February	Take On Picture exhibition
Thursday 14 February	Take One Picture exhibition
Friday 15 February	School closes for half term normal time
Monday 25 February	School reopens for children



St Leonard's Church

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

