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# Newsletter



From the Head Teacher



## Mental Health



There was a fascinating meeting with Nadhim Zahawi, MP, Minister for Children and Families just before half term. Place2Be have funded a Mental Health Manager for five Banbury Schools, including St Leonard's, and the Minister wanted to know what difference this was making. Annie Evans is doing a fantastic job, helping us to meet children's needs and providing school leadership with strategic direction in this most difficult and sensitive of areas.

## Governors' Behaviour Report

Six governors spent time in school last week monitoring behaviour throughout the school. Learning behaviour was impeccable and the respectful atmosphere noted. Behaviour in the lunch hall was also fantastic, children and staff eating and socialising together. Transitions between activities and playground behaviour were also very positive, making for a very orderly and happy school. This is what all our visitors regularly see and comment upon. Well done, everyone!

## Aspirations

Following on from our very successful Aspirations Week in May, Year Six had two excellent events this week:

On Thursday Peter Nottingham from Listers Audi visited to talk about working in the car industry. He discussed job roles, how working hard in school is important for gaining a job of their choice and even brought a brand new Audi Q8 with him to show the children.

A small group of Year Sixes wrote letters to apply for a place on a visit to see Victoria Parkin, owner of India Rose Therapies (<https://www.indiarosetherapies.co.uk/>). During the visit the children found out about different routes into the beauty therapy industry, saw some of the treatments available and designed their own 'nail pops'.

A big thank you to both Peter and Victoria for giving up their time and providing these inspirational experiences for our children.



Best wishes,  
*Neil Blackwell*



## Kingswood

On the last day of term, Friday 24th May, 43 children and 6 adults went on a residential visit to Kingswood, an outdoor activity centre in Staffordshire. The children had the opportunity to face their fears by completing a zip wire, abseiling and scaling to the top of a climbing wall. They also worked on their teamwork by completing an obstacle course blindfolded! The children had fun by participating in laser quest, shooting arrows in archery and learning how to fence. The children were a joy to take away and represented all the values of St Leonard's brilliantly. Many Thanks to Mr Clark, Miss Hill, Mrs Malik, Miss Packham and Mrs Nurden for giving up two days of their half term to support the residential.



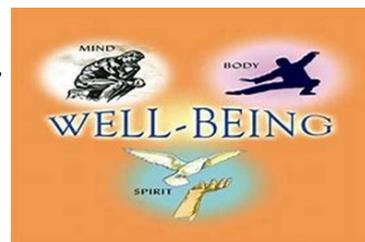
## 5 Steps to Wellbeing for Children

A Million & Me is an early action programme from BBC Children In Need, aiming to support children aged 8-13 with their emotional wellbeing. Research shows that there are five simple ways which can make a big difference to a child's happiness –the wellbeing equivalent of '5 fruit and veg per day'! Try and build these simple actions into everyday life:

The first step was to **Connect** (see last week!)

The second step is to **Be Active**

- Go for a walk together, or a bike ride, or swimming – whatever they may enjoy, indoors or outdoors
- Find a local group sport or activity that they can join – school has lots of clubs!
- Exercise is a mood booster and a great way to feel good



We'll share the third step next week.



## Year 1 Learning Afternoon

Huge thanks to all the parents who visited school on Tuesday afternoon to see the children's work from the year. The main comment, which I heard time and time again, was just how much work the children had done and how much they were improving. Well done to all the children and their teachers, and also to our parents for all your support at home.



## Cherwell FAST Cards

How many of you have got a Cherwell District Council FAST Card? The aim is to encourage more Grimsbury families to access sports facilities. An example of the discount is a family all day swim pass at Woodgreen is £25, but with a FAST card it's £3.50.

<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/3/leisure-and-culture/107/be-active-more-often/2>



## Dates for your diary ...

Wednesday 19 June	Nursery and Reception Sports Day
Wednesday 19 June	Year 2 Learning Morning
Friday 21 June	non-uniform day in return for Summer Fete donations
Monday 24 June	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 25 June	New Parents meeting and tour
Wednesday 25 June	Y1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park



## ...continued

Friday 28 June	Summer Fete
Friday 12 July	Sports Day Years 1 to 6



## St Leonard's Church

Find out what is happening in our church by going to their website:

<http://saintleonards.org>



## Summer Fair



This year's Summer Fair is straight after school from 3.15-5.30 on **Friday, 28 June** and there is a vintage Country Fair theme. School will finish at 3.00pm for all year groups so that we can be ready to start at 3.15pm.

We'll be accepting donations for the fair next **Friday, 21 June** in return for not wearing school uniform. We need items for the tombola or raffle please - this can range from alcohol to confectionery. Items such as unwrapped DVDs, books and beauty products are also really useful.

Raffle books have been sent home this week and we do hope that you can support us. This is our main fund raiser of the year and your attendance at the Fair would be much appreciated. Many thanks in advance!

