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Newsletter

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From the Head Teacher



This week is one of our three 'focus' weeks for the year, and Key Stage 2 have learnt about the exploitation of children through slavery and, in more recent times, the use of chimney sweeps and pit boys. Sadly, the criminal exploitation of children has still not gone away and children as young as 11 and 12 have been used to carry drugs in Banbury. Please be vigilant for children:

- Having new, older friends who possibly don't attend school
- Being given gifts of phones or trainers or money
- Changes in behaviour, swearing or aggression, being secretive or not telling you where they have been

Any concerns at all please contact Thames Valley Police or pass the details onto us so that we can help you.

Full Circle

From September we will be working with Full Circle, a registered Oxfordshire charity, to bring older and younger people together on a weekly basis. This has been proven to have great benefit for all concerned. Typically the older volunteers will have lunch with some of our children and take part in activities together, providing a "great resource for children who might have no access to such wisdom". Activities will be supervised by Mrs Embra and Mrs Hancock and any possible adult volunteers can contact ruthstavis@fullcircleoxon.org.uk

Collins Aerospace

Thank you so much to Collins Aerospace who have gifted the school over 100 plastic chairs. This is very valuable community support for the school and we are extremely grateful.



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Learning Journey

This term's Learning Journey is attached and it's History all the way! Year 2 have already learned lots about castles, dragons and shields and Year 3 are fascinated by the Romans. Year 4 are Walking Like an Egyptian whilst Year 5 study Ancient Greece and the Olympics. I can't wait to find out which countries everyone is learning about during Global Learning Week!

Reception trip

We had such a fantastic day at the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford! The children learned so much and one child was overheard saying "this is the coolest day ever"! A member of the public commented "your children are exceptionally well behaved" as we tiptoed through. It was a good job that we remembered our coats!



Best wishes,

Neil Blackwell



5 steps to Wellbeing for children

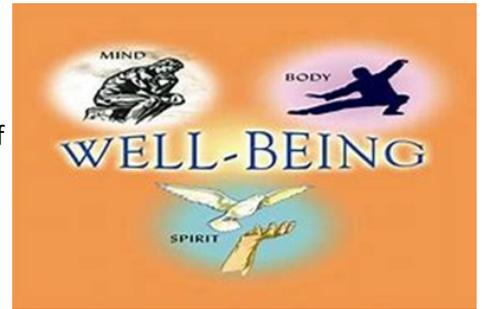
A Million & Me is an early action programme from BBC Children In Need, aiming to support children aged 8-13 with their emotional wellbeing. Research shows that there are five simple ways which can make a big difference to a child's happiness –the wellbeing equivalent of '5 fruit and veg per day'! Try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

The first two steps were to **Connect** and **Be Active**

The third step is to **Take Notice**

- Take them out to a park, woods, the canal or just a different part of Banbury so that they can enjoy a different environment
- Encourage them to notice just how they are feeling and how they can process their emotions in a positive way

We'll share the fourth step next week.



Eco Schools

The Eco Schools Council has a message for parents: Recycle more and litter less !! Many of our children are extremely committed to doing their part to help the environment and they are asking families to do their bit at home. At school we have separate collection boxes for recycling and weekly 'Monitors' who empty them. Get the children to help you at home!



Governor Vacancies

The Governing Body is an important part of the leadership of the school. It ensures that the school meets all its statutory duties and supports the school to take the steps needed to continually improve.

There are two unfilled vacancies at the moment. One is for a Parent Governor, from September, and we'll be seeking nominations nearer the time.

The other is for a Foundation Governor, not necessarily someone who attends St Leonard's Church but someone who can show that they are broadly supportive of the aims of a Church school. This would also be from September and can be someone from the wider community.

If either of these vacancies are of interest to you then please contact Mr Blackwell at school for an informal discussion.



Dates for your diary

Monday 24 June	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 25 June	New Parents meeting and tour
Tuesday 25 June	Year 1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Friday 28 June	Summer Fete from 3.15pm
Tuesday 2 July	Year 4 Parent Assembly 9.00am
Wednesday 3 July	Nursery and Reception Sports Fun Day
Friday 12 July	Sports Day Years 1 to 6
Sunday 14 July	People's Park Centenary 10.30-3.30



St Leonard's Church

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

