

Your News



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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This week at LPPS

This half term our focus school values are empathy and unity. As we already know what these mean, we will use these to focus on kindness and friendship. During the half term we will be talking about the importance of being kind as well as the impact that it has on others when kindness is not chosen. We will be looking at creating class lists for random acts of kindness so that we have some clear examples. We will also be looking at friendship and solving friendship problems. All of the children will talk about what makes a good friend and key stage 1 are going to go on to make a friendship recipe. In key stage 2, we will begin to introduce the concept of positive and negative peer pressure to help support the choices that we all make.

In week 3 it is anti-bullying week and we will be discussing this as a whole school and reminding children that kindness is contagious and this is what we all aim to focus on. We will be reminding children what to do if they have any concerns and encourage them to speak to us when something takes place so that we can sort it straight away.

Please support your children by talking about the importance of being kind in our words, with our hands and feet and online. Each child plays an important part in making the school a happy and safe place to learn and grow.

Mrs Kluzek

Resources support

Our covid-19 related expenses are huge as you can imagine so I would like to ask a for a little help. Cleaning costs are huge and they are not being covered by the government for this academic year. We are getting through paper towels at a rate of knots when the children dry their hands. They are surprisingly expensive. Last half term this cost the school.....£712.80!

As much as we would want to use something reusable, it is not hygienic to do so. If you imagine 30 children washing their hands several times a day, you can then imagine how much paper towel is used in just one classroom each day. The children are able to use the hand dryers when using the toilets but it is not practical for the children to all use the toilet to wash their hands several times a day.



If you are able to donate— regularly if possible, kitchen rolls to your child's class, it would be of huge help. We don't need the expensive stuff but we need a lot of it. One roll tends to have about 50 sheets so you can see that any regular donations would be of a huge help to your child's class. Of course, we will still be buying the rolls for their dispenser but if we can make even a small saving here, it frees more funds up to be spend on curriculum.

Thanks in advance – we will all be making a contribution as a staff team too.



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Mental Health and wellbeing

In just the same way that we look after our physical health, we need to do the same for our mental health. Sometimes we only think about this when we or someone we know is in a mental health crisis. It is important that we take care and support our own mental health so that we can have a healthy mind and healthy body.

How do you look after your mental health?

How do you support your child to learn strategies to support their mental health?

50% of mental health illness in adults started by the age of 14 years old. The rises to 75% of mental health illness in adults started by the age of 18 years old. This shows the importance of supporting our young people now.

YOUNG MINDS

Young Minds is the UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people and empowering their parents and carers. The link below will take to their site and the parent page where there are contact details for you to use if you are worried about your child.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-helpline/>

When thinking and talking about mental health, it can stir up difficult emotions in ourselves. If you feel that you need support there are a range of services that you can turn to.

SAMARITANS

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

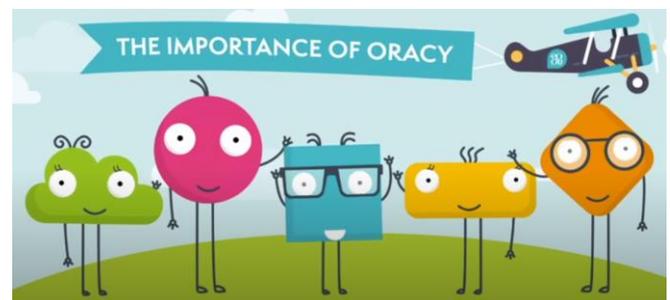


www.langleyprimary.org.uk

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental-health-helplines/>

Supporting your children at home

The importance of oracy is explained really clearly in this short clip from ESU. We are not promoting ESU or affiliated in anyway, but I felt that this explains why oracy is a real focus at school.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QYmr9pVtryo>

How you can help?

- Talking to your child and modelling good listening skills
- Encourage your child to talk through their interests and ideas and ask them questions to help them to explain their ideas further
- Introduce new vocabulary to your child in conversation and through reading books that are vocabulary rich
- Ensure that your child has time away from the screen so that they have the chance to think and be creative in their mind
- Talk about experiences that you have had, maybe a walk in the park or woods, and listen to check that your child is expressing the event clearly and correctly remembering all of the detail

These are just a few ideas but oracy has a strong link to writing and this will really help your child.

Tel: 020 8639 5300



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Community Support

Applying for the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)

You may be aware that all schools receive a 'Pupil Premium Grant' via which schools are allocated additional funding into their school budget. This premium provides funding specifically for children from low-income families that have registered. The purpose of this grant is to raise achievement and improve outcomes for these children.

In common with most schools, it is likely that a number of families whose children attend our school fail to claim Free School Meals (FSMs) which is part of the Pupil Premium Grant, even though they are entitled to them.

As the school will receive additional funding based on the number of children who receive FSMs, I would ask all parents and carers to check if they are entitled to claim for their children.

If you believe you may be eligible, please speak to Mrs Nokes in the School Office, who will be able to give advice on how to apply for Free School Meals (Pupil Premium Funding), or follow the link on the Bromley Council website.

https://www.bromley.gov.uk/site/xfp/scripts/xforms_form.php?formID=180

Science Rocks!

Here at LPPS we are science mad. KS1 and 2 have learned so much since coming back from their summer break.

Year 1 have been 'on holiday'. They have looked at a range of different animals that they might find at the seaside and discussed ways to protect the environment.

Year 2 have learned how to stay healthy. They discovered what exercise does to our bodies, what germs are and how to protect themselves against them.

Year 3 spent some time looking at plants and investigating the requirements for plant life and growth.

Year 4 have been exploring sound. They have been looking for patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.

Take a look at some of the incredible learning.



Investigation time

Fireworks in a jar!

November brings Fireworks night where we all wrap up warm and brave the cold to enjoy wonderful displays of colour! What if we could bring fireworks indoors? (not literally!)

What you need:



Warm water



Glass jar



Fork



Oil



Food colouring
(multiple colours)



Bowl

What you need to do:

1. Fill your jar 3/4 of the way with warm water.
2. In a separate bowl, use a fork to gently mix 2-4 tbsp of oil and several drops of food colouring (different colours).
3. Pour the oil mixture into the jar of warm water.
4. Carefully observe what happens! Look closely! What happens to the food colouring when it meets with the water? What happens if you use hot or cold water? Do different colours react differently? Does the type of oil make a difference?



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Take a Science selfie

Science is all around us! It is in the woodlands when you go for your walks, in the kitchen when you are cooking delicious food and it is in your radio when you are listening to music. Take a selfie of you taking part in a science activity and explain why it is science and what you learned. Please send your contributions to office@langley-primary.org.uk.

They will then be put together in a special LPPS science powerpoint and shared by each teacher in class.



This woman is Mae C Jemison. She is a famous scientist.

Can you find out why she is so important?

Can you find the answer to these questions?

How many teeth do adults have?

How long does it take the earth to fully orbit the sun?

What gas do trees produce?

PTA News & Updates

PTA Key Stage 1 Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Our Key Stage 1 pre-loved uniform sale that took place on Friday 16th October was a success. Lots of parents got a real bargain on the purchase of good quality clothing and the PTA transacted £135 in sales on the day. If we add this amount to the individual sales that have been made since the beginning of the Autumn term, this brings our total so far to £250 in profit for our PTA. A fantastic result, which simply couldn't have happened in the current climate without the hard work and organisation from **Suzanne Thompson** and her team of parent volunteers. On behalf of our PTA, I would like to extend our thanks to Suzanne and to the group of Year 3 parents who took on the task of washing and ironing each item of uniform donated. We would also like to thank our group of parent volunteers who helped with organisation and with sales on the day. Last, but by no means least, we would like to thank all those parents who kindly donated and, of course, to those that purchased items at our sale. A great effort all round, well done to everyone involved!

PTA Christmas Cards

A reminder that our online shop closes on **Wednesday 18th November**. Please help, if you can, to raise funds for our school by purchasing your child's design on a variety of Christmas items. Should you have any queries, or experience any difficulties with the ordering process, please feel free to contact **Katie Helt** on 07764 500295.

With thanks and best wishes,

Beverley Lee
LPPS PTA Chair



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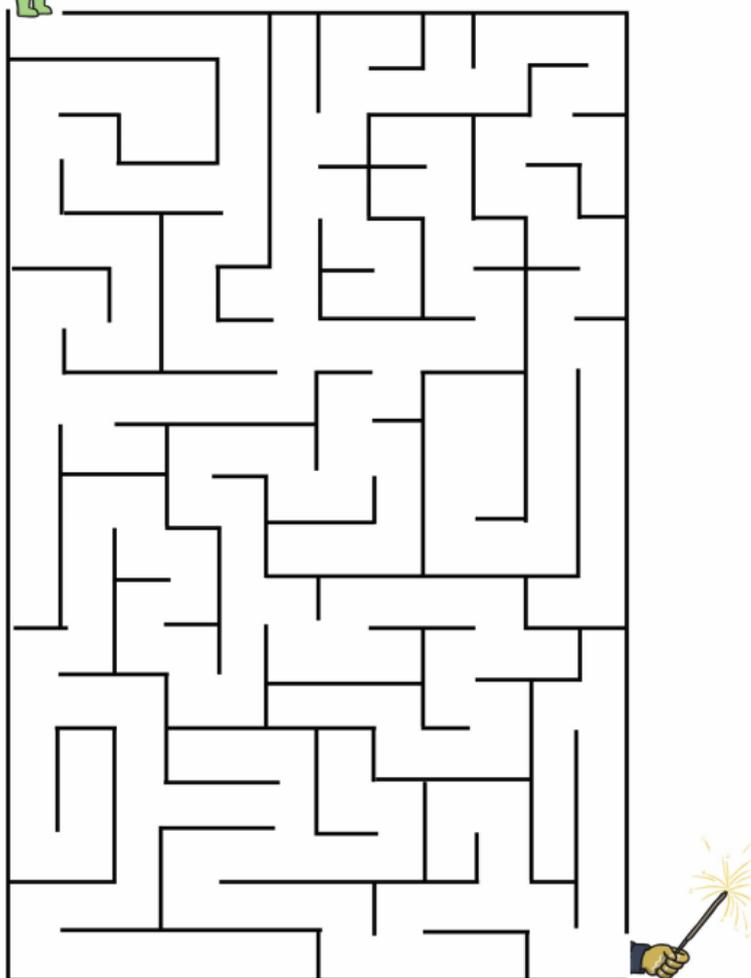
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Little LPPS

Can you help the children find the sparkler?



Can you think of some rules should you remember when holding a sparkler?



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Achievements



Noah Reilly (Swans) received an award at his Rugby Club (Beckenham RFC) for upholding the club values of respect and teamwork, and for displaying great skills during last weeks training session.

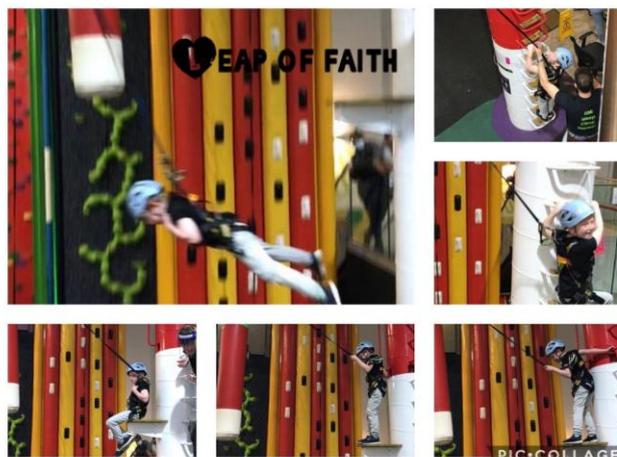


Grayson won man of the match when playing for his Sunday team at the beginning of half term and is so excited to tell everyone about it



Lucas and Jack, both in Herons, took part in inter-age group matches at rugby training on 01 November. They were both awarded Green Laces for demonstrating the rugby union core values of teamwork, respect, enjoyment,

discipline and sportsmanship (TREDS). Their coaches were very impressed with their playing and we are very impressed too. Well done boys!



Lucas has been busy. Well done for overcoming your fear and taking the 'Leap of Faith' at Clip n' Climb. You were certainly braver than many of us. Your determination is so impressive.



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Dates for your diary

- **9th & 10th November** – EYFS & Key Stage 1 Virtual Parents Evenings
- **11th & 12th November** – Key Stage 2 Virtual Parents Evenings
- **13th November** – Children in Need Own Clothes Day (suggested donation £1)
- **Week Commencing 16th November** Anti-bullying week
- **16th November** – Odd Socks Day
- **20th November** – 9am and 4pm RSHE Virtual Meeting
- **27th November** – Flu Nasal Spray Immunisations
- **Week Commencing 7th December** – Loom parent Information Reading Sessions
- **11th December** – Year 2 Royal Dress Up Day