



St. Leonard's CE (A) First School Newsletter

Friday 8th July 2022




'From a tiny spark to a bright flame'

'In him was life; and life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness'. (John 1:4-5)

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Stanesby Chair of Governors: Mrs Sue Hey and Rev Jane Held: Designated safeguarding lead: Mrs Kelly Stanesby, Deputy safeguarding leads: Mrs Julie Amos and Miss Torr

Weekly Diary

Monday 11 th July 2022	Full uniform Flames class at Laches Wood with Miss Torr and Mrs Stanesby
Tuesday 12 th June 2022	Full uniform Flames class at Laches Wood with Miss Torr and Mrs Stanesby
Wednesday 13 th July 2022 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday, all pupils -PE kit all day Flames class at Laches Wood with Miss Torr and Mrs Stanesby
Thursday 14 th July 2022	Full uniform
Friday 15 th July 2022 Fitness Friday!	PE kit

Your lunch menu for the 11th July - 15th July 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni cheese, green beans and sweetcorn	Chicken pie, mashed potatoes, peas and broccoli	Roast chicken, roasted and mashed potatoes, cabbage and carrots	Beef bolognaise, broccoli and sweetcorn	Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans
Ice cream	Brownie	Shortbread	Flapjack	Chocolate cake

School uniform

Please could we ask that if you have any obsolete or outgrown uniform at the end of the year bare the free school uniform bank in mind. Your donations are always greatly appreciated.

If you do need any items of uniform let us know and we will check our stock to see if we can accommodate.

Just a reminder of the **compulsory** school uniform.

Bottle green v-neck jumper or cardigan with school logo and gold trim

White shirt (long or short sleeved)

Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore

Purple summer dress

White/ grey socks/ grey tights

Black shoes

PE KIT

Polo shirt with school logo in house team colours

Black shorts

Black pumps

Trainers

Black joggers with logo

Black hoodie or zip though with logo.

On Welly Wednesday the children should wear their full PE kit.

All can be purchased from Something Special in Cheadle



Wraparound care

Thank you for all the responses so far requesting wraparound care from September.

Please would you be so kind as to return your requirements before the end of term to Mrs Crooks.

Your child will be booked in to each session from the information you have provided therefore the balance will be on your parent pay account at the start of each half term.

If your child does not attend for any reason but has been booked in unfortunately no refund will be offered due to staffing costs.

This is a new venture for us so please be patient if teething problems occur.

We will be monitoring intake at the end of each half term to ensure we can still provide provision, particularly for the payable after school club.

If you have any queries you can email Mrs Crooks:

Crook.E@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk



Attendance

Attendance Target 97%

Attendance this week 94.1-%

Covid is on the rise again so please be vigilant and if your child is showing symptoms please test.

Please don't forget to call or email the school before 9.00am if your child is ill.

You must inform the school every day of your child's absence.

Attendance Matters



Reading books

Please could you check you don't have any school reading books at home and bring in before the end of the academic year if any do crop up.

Going forward we are delighted to be introducing an online book scan in and out system. The system will be web based and available to parents so you will be able to see what books are available to your children and chose with them their next reading book.

More details to follow.

Since we held the reading workshop the children are absolutely flying with their reading so thank you for all your hard work and commitment reading with them at home.



Lenfest

We are fast approaching the end of the school year and there's still lots left to do. With this in mind we have taken the decision to postpone Lenfest which was originally due to be held on Friday 15th July.

We hope to hold this event in the Autumn.



Thank you

Thank you to Emily, Sophie's big sister, for joining us this week and helping out in Flickers class.

We hope you have enjoyed your work experience here.

The children have certainly enjoyed having you around.

Good luck for the future Emily.



National Online Safety

Steam also provides the facility for its 120 million monthly users to interact, chat, and swap tips and strategies, as well as trading resources for their preferred games. While this added fresh layers to the platform's functionality, it also opened the door to individuals wishing to contact young users for sinister purposes - including swindling more naïve gamers with unfair trades.

Considering that items can be bought and sold on Steam for real money, this represents an obvious risk for young people. Less worldly players are also more likely to volunteer personal information if they think it will help them secure that 'unmissable' deal. This guide profiles the potential threats on Steam that trusted adults need to be aware of.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many platforms which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about STEAM

Steam is a computer gaming digital distribution platform and storefront. It is the biggest platform for desktop- or laptop-based gaming, with a range of more than 30,000 games available. The platform has become a lively social environment for many gamers, and allows people to trade, sell and buy gaming items for real money. Valve, the developers behind Steam, have also released different hardware that works with the platform, including the Steam Deck – a hand-held console that lets users play their favourite games while away from their computer.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNSUITABLE GAMES

Among the 30,000+ games on the platform, there are many that aren't appropriate for children. Individuals can view and download games featuring adult content if they verify their age – but, of course, it's easy to enter a false date of birth online. This can lead to children and young people finding games that they shouldn't have access to: featuring violence or profanity, for example.

POTENTIAL SCAMS

Sadly, Steam's immense popularity has made it a lucrative destination for internet scammers. The most common ruse is phishing: scammers send links to other users, aiming to trick them into entering their login details – which are then stolen. Once in control of the account, the scammer sends messages to everyone on the victim's friend's list, in an attempt to hijack their accounts too.

SHADY TRADERS

The Steam Community Market is a built-in trading area where players can trade resources for their games on the platform. Gamers can exchange items, or buy and sell them using real-world currency. It's possible for unwary users to be scammed through bad trade deals, and Steam doesn't usually get involved when this happens. There are also third-party trading websites, which can be risky to use.

SPARSE AGE RATINGS

Steam is a digital distribution platform for games of all kinds, including ones not rated by regulatory bodies. Getting a game rated takes a long time, and can be expensive, so developers only tend to follow that process when releasing a title that will be physically sold in shops. Most games on Steam, therefore, don't have an advisory age rating on the store page.

SPENDING SPREES

Steam hosts regular sales – including some where game prices are reduced by up to 90%. Some sales promotions also include a mini-game or event which encourages users to spend more money. The sales can be an excellent time for young gamers to purchase the titles they've been wanting, but the attractive discounts can also promote impulse buys driven by the fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Steam isn't a social media site, but it certainly shares some of their elements. Users can add other people as 'friends', for example (whether they know them in real life or not), and then communicate privately with them using text or voice chat. The platform also hosts public discussions and groups for socialising. Steam users can also leave comments on the profiles of other players.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Steam does have some limited parental controls that can restrict exactly what games someone's account can view and access. This can be set up by navigating to the 'Family' tab in 'Settings', then selecting 'Manage Family View'. The platform then allows parents and carers to share a Steam account with their child and limit them to age-appropriate games.

USE GIFT CARDS

Having payment methods (like card details or PayPal) linked to a Steam account makes it very easy for a child to purchase new games or spend money on items in the marketplace. An excellent and safe alternative would be to buy a Steam gift card and let your child make their purchases with that instead – putting a manageable cap on how much they can spend on the platform.

APPLY STEAM GUARD

Steam Guard is an optional additional layer of security that protects accounts. Enabling it ensures that anyone attempting to log in to that account also needs to provide authorisation via their phone or email. The computer that your child uses Steam on can be authorised to prevent having to provide separate authentication for each login.

SHARE A LIBRARY

Using Family Library Sharing lets everyone at home share games across accounts (while still keeping their accounts separate). The entire game library from each account is shared with the other account holders – a great way to avoid having to purchase a different copy of the game for each of your children. However, if two users want to play the same game separately, you would need to buy it twice.

SAFE MODDING

Modifying a game to customise it or to introduce new content – known as 'modding' – is common on Steam. There's nothing inherently bad about modding, but installing the wrong mods can be disastrous: they can stop games from working properly, or at all. Steam's mods are unlikely to contain viruses or malware, but it's still possible – so ensure your child reads the mod's reviews first to avoid anything dangerous.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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Forest schools

This week Mrs Goldstraw's daughter, Georgia, came in to school to deliver a forest school session with Sparks and Flickers.

They made kazoos!

After collecting thick branches they sawed the wood into shorter pieces.

The piece of branch was carefully split with a billhook and Miss Goldstraw made a slight hollow on the inside of each half with a sharp knife.

The children then found a blade of grass and placed it between the two bits of wood.

With elastic bands on either end of the branch to hold everything together the kazoo was finished.



Parent Pay

Please could you check your parent pay balance and clear any outstanding debt before the end of the school year.

The monies received for school dinners, morning drinks and breakfast club directly impact the school budget which is tight at the best of times. Therefore it is imperative that we receive any monies owing before we break up for the summer holidays, especially our year 4 children who will be leaving us.

If you have any queries about your parent pay statement please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Amos in the office.

Thank you.



SCHOOL NURSE

DROP-IN

for Parents/Carers & Young People

WHEN
Every Thursday
Time: 15.30 - 16.30

including
School
Holidays

WHERE
Your mobile phone/device
& a quiet place to chat

HOW
Scan the QR
code or type
the short URL
into your
browser:



mpft.live/schoolnurse

**ALL AGES
EVENT**

**ADVANCE
TICKETS**
£0 not required

ON THE DAY

1. Scan or enter the link into your browser between the advertised times
2. Enter your contact details
3. Wait in the private virtual waiting room (no one else will know you are waiting)
4. Your School Nurse will let you in to the virtual room

FAQS

Confidential.
Chat about anything.
Secure platform.
Not recorded.
No new app needed.



Sparks

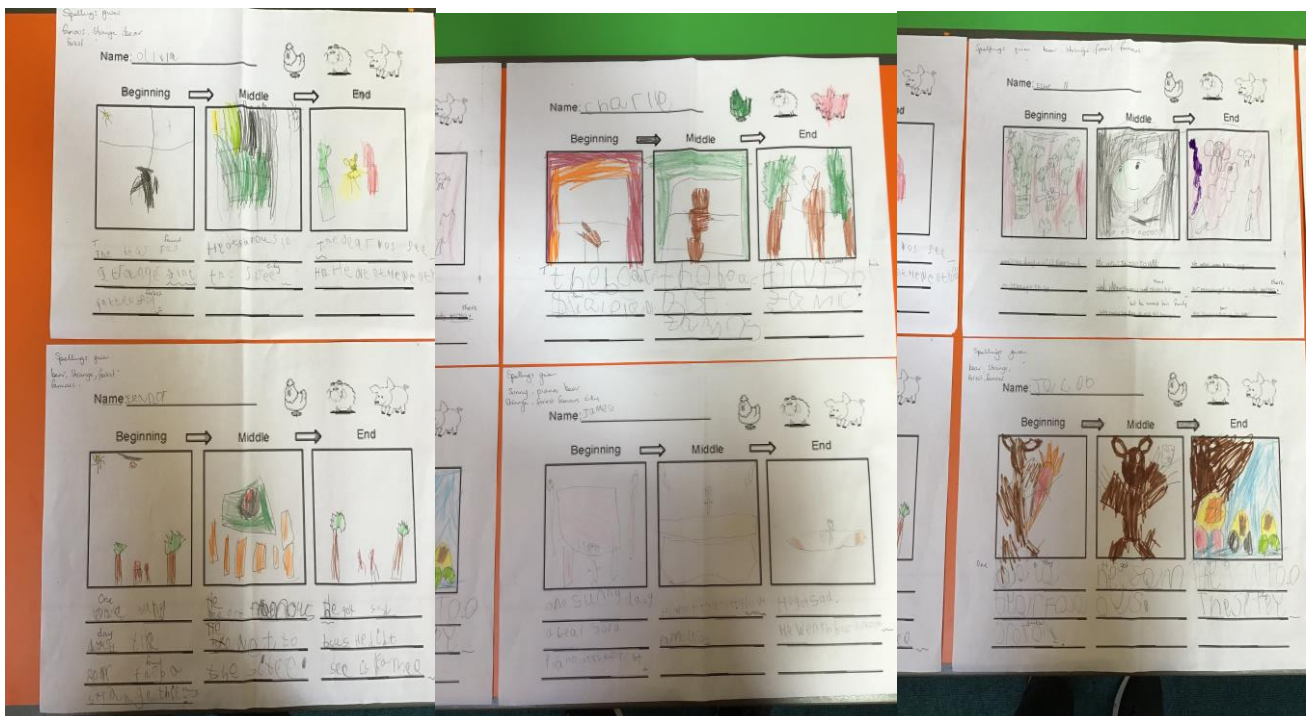
Sparks class have been learning about story structure this week. They learned how to order events that happen in the story from beginning, middle and end.

The children read "The bear and the piano" which is a story which promotes a sense of belonging, courage, perseverance and wellbeing.

"One day in the forest, a young bear stumbles upon something he has never seen before. As time passes, he teaches himself how to play the strange instrument - and, eventually, the beautiful sounds are heard by a father and son who are picnicking in the woods.

The bear's piano playing makes him a huge star, but he misses the friends and family he has left behind. Could it be that money and celebrity are not everything?"

The children wrote their own wonderful versions.

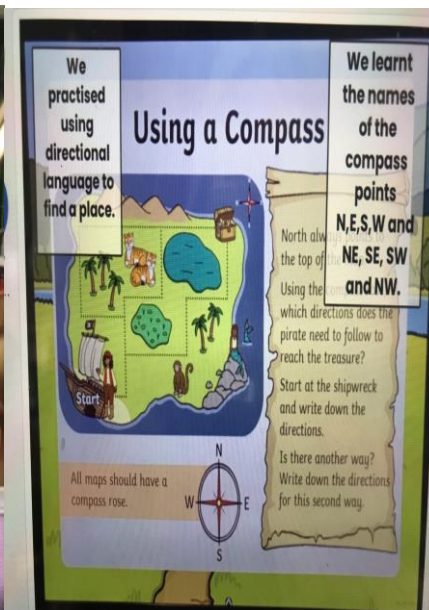
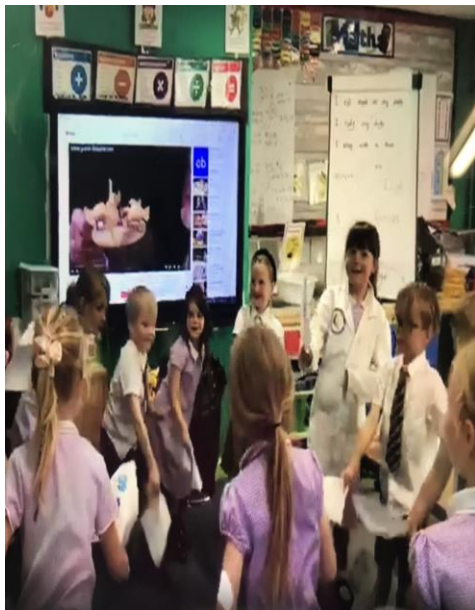
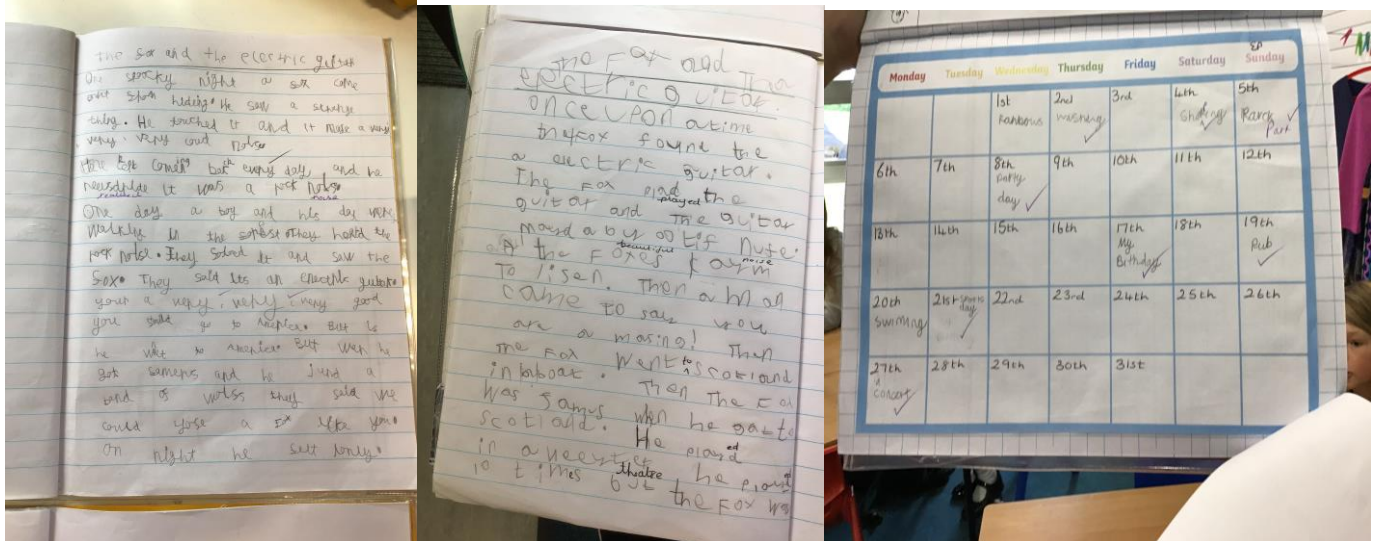


Flickers

Flickers have been writing some amazing stories this week. Tobias and Kallum's stories about "The fox and the guitar" were so marvellous they earned them both a phone call home.

They have also learned how to use a calendar, they have been learning about compass points and made their own thunder clappers out of folded paper to create a thunder storm in class!

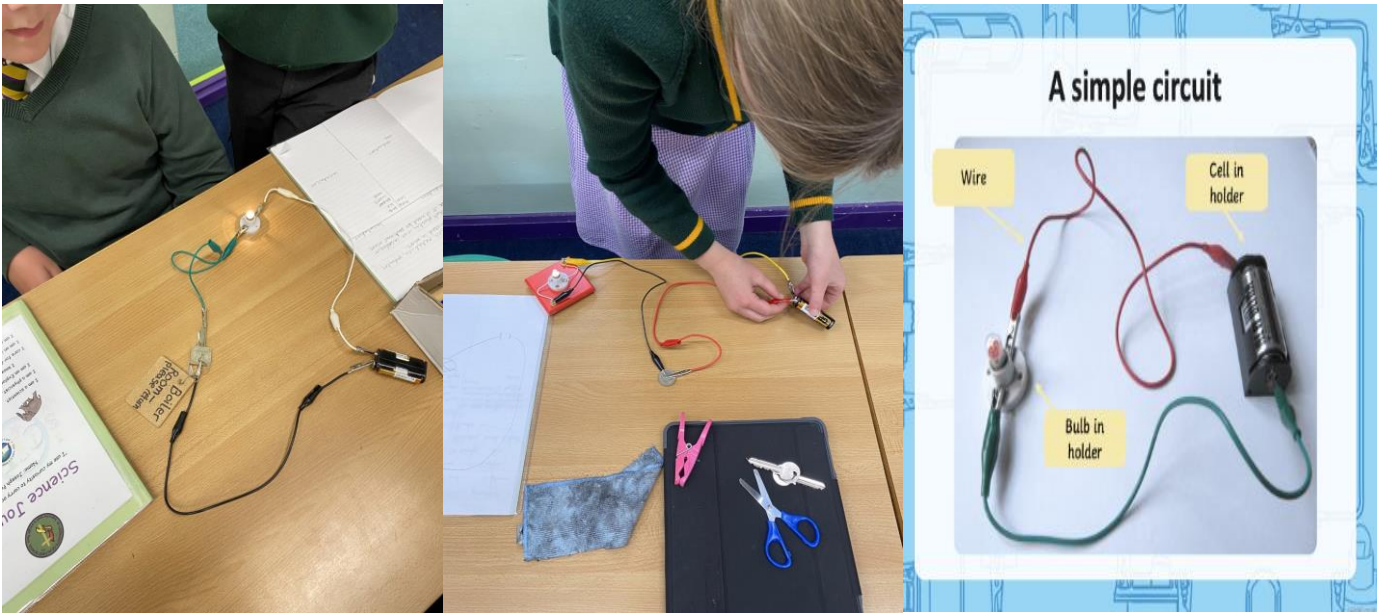
They are also building their own Hundertwasser house out of card board boxes.



Flames

Flames have been making circuits in Science.

They tested lots of materials to see which one the circuit would pass through and conduct electricity.



Miss Torr has also found some genuine WW2 pieces of history which she shared with the Flames class.

The discovery was completely by accident but a lovely surprise as Miss Torr found it buried in her cupboard and it is in keeping with Flames WW2 learning this term.

There was a gas mask, egg powder, old coins and an ammunition tin. They found it fascinating to see and actually touch something that was actually used during the war and has been around for eighty years.



Thank you to Alfie for modelling for us!

Diary Dates

Monday 11th July - Wednesday 13th July - Flames class visit to Laches Wood

Monday 18th June - Leaver's treat - Bowling

Tuesday 19th July - Leaver's Service-2.15pm

Tuesday 19th July - Break up for the Summer holidays - Wednesday 20th July - Friday 2nd September.

INSET Days - Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September, Children back in school on Wednesday 7th September 2022.

