



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

Friday 8th April 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: Mr Matthew Welton

Designated safeguarding lead: Mrs Kelly Stanesby, Deputy safeguarding leads: Mrs Julie Amos and Miss Torr

Weekly Diary

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Monday 25 th April 2022	Full uniform
Tuesday 26 th April 2022	Full uniform
Wednesday 27 th April 2022 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday, all pupils -PE kit all day
Thursday 28 th April 2022	Full uniform
Friday 29 th April 2022 Fitness Friday!	PE kit 10.00am - Easter church service - All welcome.

Reminder of school meal price increase to £2.35 as of 25th April 2022.

Your lunch menu for the 25th April 2022 - 29th April 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pizza, carrots and sweetcorn	Sausage, mash peas and broccoli	Roast gammon, mashed and roasted potatoes, carrots and cabbage	Cottage pie, green beans and sweetcorn	Fish fingers, chip and peas or beans
Flapjack	Shortbread	Sponge	Chocolate brownie	Ice cream

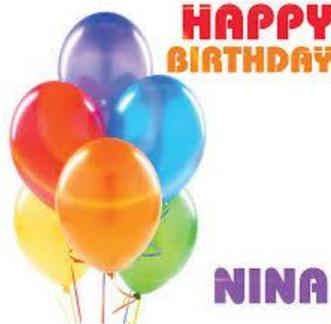
Headteacher's Award

This week the Headteacher's award goes to the whole school for your and dedication to their learning this Spring term.

Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday to Nina who celebrates her birthday in the Easter holidays.

Have a great day Nina!



Covid vaccinations for 5-11 year olds

From Monday 4th April, you will be able to get your child vaccinated at a site and time convenient for you - at either a vaccination centre, community pharmacy or GPs offering jabs for this age group. From Saturday 2 April you can view these sites and make an appointment through the [National Booking Service](#) or by calling 119.

Some walk-in sites are also available to vaccinate this age group. Simply [check the walk-in finder website](#) before attending to make sure they can vaccinate your child.

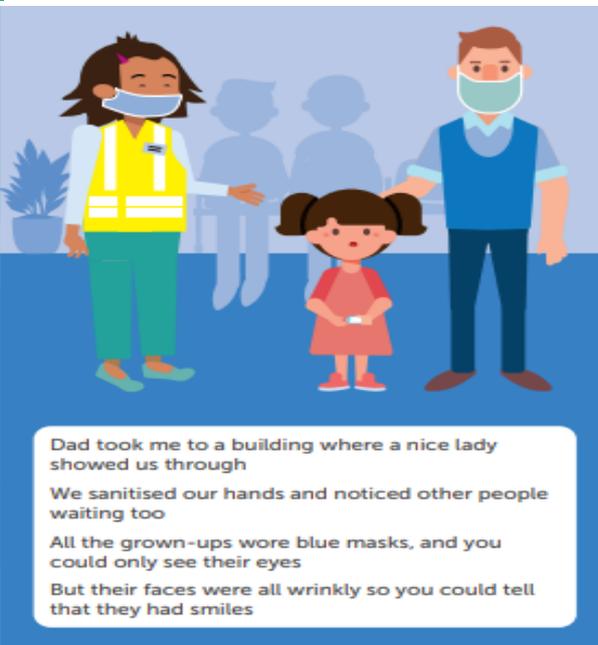
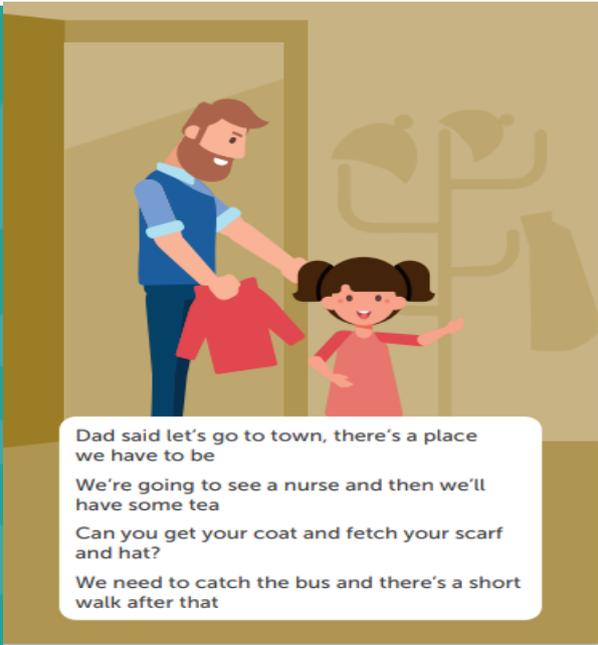
Children aged 5-11 with no other underlying health conditions will be offered two paediatric (child) doses of the vaccine, with at least 12 weeks between doses. A paediatric dose is smaller than doses given to those aged 12 and over.

If a child has had COVID-19 they will still get extra protection from the vaccine, but they will need to wait 12 weeks before getting vaccinated.

Those 5-11 year-olds who are more at risk from the virus can already get two paediatric (child) doses, eight weeks apart, and their GP or hospital specialist should have been in touch to arrange this, if not parents will be able book an appointment on the National Booking Service from 2nd April.

NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent have created a booklet for 5 to 11 year olds, that has a simple poem about a child who goes to a vaccination centre to receive their COVID-19 jab. The aim is to help younger children understand what to expect when the vaccines are made available for 5 to 11 year olds, and when they attend a vaccination centre.

Please see booklet below;



NHS Booklet continued:



Anyone aged five and older can receive the COVID-19 vaccination. If you are a parent or carer who would like more information about the vaccine, for yourself or your loved one, you can get in touch with twb.comms@nhs.net via email or see www.twbstaffsandstoke.org.uk

Random reading spot

This holiday we are challenging you, once again, to read in the most random spot you can find!

If you're going on holiday, great! Just take your book with you and take a picture in an unusual place.

If you're staying at home, perfect! Make yourself a comfy reading corner or den, grab your book and take a picture.

If you're out and about use the opportunity to take your book with you. You never know when you might want to get your book out for a little read.

Please feel free to send them in to the school office and happy reading!



Football superstars!

Well done to all our football superstars who earned themselves a special medal, from Ade our Leek Town football coach, for their footie skills this term.

Well done to Oscar, Jack, Dylan, Alfie, Kallum, Ewan and Joseph.



Easter crosses

We have had some amazing crosses brought in to school so thank you very much to all who shared their creations with us.

They are all so amazing it's been really difficult to choose between them.

Here are the children's fantastic crosses;



After much deliberation Mr Walker chose the following winners, so congratulations to;

Olivia

Emily

Rosanna



Ewan

Polly



School uniform

Please could we ask that children wear the St Leonard's PE hoodie and joggers for PE. If they don't have the uniform for PE they can wear black leggings or black jogging bottoms but we do ask that they wear the hoodie please.

Something special, based in Cheadle, are our uniform providers. They will be offering a zip through option as well as the pull over. They can make these to order so just give them a call.

If your child is in year 4 it won't be necessary to purchase new PE uniform but black leggings/joggers and a black hoodie should be worn.

Their PE polo shirt should be in the colour of their house team.

As Summer is approaching just a reminder also that the summer dress is purple gingham.



Easter services and activities

<p>EASTER AT ST LEONARD'S 11.00am 10th April Palm Sunday 7.30pm 14th April Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 10.30am 15th April from church— Good Friday Walk of Witness 2.00pm 15th April Stations of the Cross 11.00am 16th April Easter Activities 11.15am 17th April Easter Sunday Holy Communion</p>	<p>family@ipstones 16th April 11.00am-1.00pm EASTER SATURDAY St Leonard's Ipstones</p> <p>EASTER ACTIVITIES Egg decorating bonnet making wreath creating</p> <p>Come along and have fun</p>
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The postponed school Easter service at church will now take place on Friday 29th April at 10.00am.

All welcome!

National Online Safety

Most people probably won't be greatly surprised to note that cyber-bullying, screen time and age-inappropriate content remain among the chief concerns about children's wellbeing online. You might not have realised, however, how great the disparity is between how well teens *think* they can spot fake news and how effective they actually *are* at recognising it.

This guide also condenses Ofcom's findings to illustrate which platforms and apps were used most by children in 2021; how many young people engage with social media and live streaming (either their own content or viewing others'); and the proportion of children who play online games at various ages.

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 issue of many 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 THE OFCOM CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES REPORT 2022

ONLINE LIFE

99% of children went online in 2021

Who owns a mobile phone?

24%

of 3 to 7-year-olds

60%

of 8 to 11-year-olds

98%

of 12 to 17-year-olds

GAMING AMONG CHILDREN

18% of 3-4s **38%** of 5-7s **69%** of 8-11s
76% of 12-15s **73%** of 16-17s

ONLINE SAFETY

42% of parents know the minimum age requirement for using social media

90% of parents had high awareness of parental tools and controls, but only **70%** use them

89% of children got online safety guidance from parents

69% of children got online safety guidance from teachers

ONLINE BULLYING

4 in 10 children were bullied. How many of them were bullied online?

74% of 8-11s

92% of 12-15s

84% of 16-17s

FAKE NEWS

NEWS

Save the Tree Octopus!

72% of teens said they could tell real from fake – but in tests, **only 11%** chose reliable identifiers that a post was genuine.

PARENTAL CONCERNS

4 in 10 parents were concerned about their child's screen time

18 CENSORED

7 in 10 were concerned about age-inappropriate content

6 in 10 were concerned about content promoting self-harm

5 in 10 were concerned about extremist content online

POPULAR PLATFORMS

What percentage of children used...

YouTube: 89%	Facebook: 40%
WhatsApp: 53%	FaceTime: 32%
TikTok: 50%	iMessage: 15%
Snapchat: 42%	Zoom: 14%
Instagram: 41%	Twitter: 13%

NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Source: <https://www.ofcom.gov.uk/consult/condocs/childrens-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2022.pdf>

SOCIAL MEDIA AND LIVE STREAMING

Age groups	Children who use live streaming apps	Children who use social media
3 to 4-year-olds	32%	21%
5 to 7-year-olds	39%	33%
8 to 11-year-olds	54%	64%
12 to 15-year-olds	73%	91%
16 to 17-year-olds	79%	97%

Spring has sprung!

We have been sent in these lovely pictures from Rosa Bella's mum.

Rosa Bella and Harriet witnessed a lamb being born this week. They were super quiet and sensible whilst mummy sheep did what she had to do and they even got to cuddle the brand new baby lamb.

Lambing time usually means that Spring is in full swing! Let's hope the weather remembers for the holidays!



Sparks

Sparks class have been learning about the bones and joints in the human body and the brain this week.

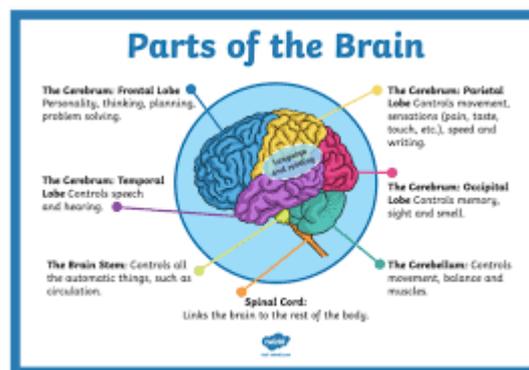
They learned that we have 206 bones in our body, why we have bones, that you can break a bone, you need to have lots of calcium to keep your bones strong, and the biggest and smallest bones in our bodies.

They made their own skeletons and learned the proper names of bones.

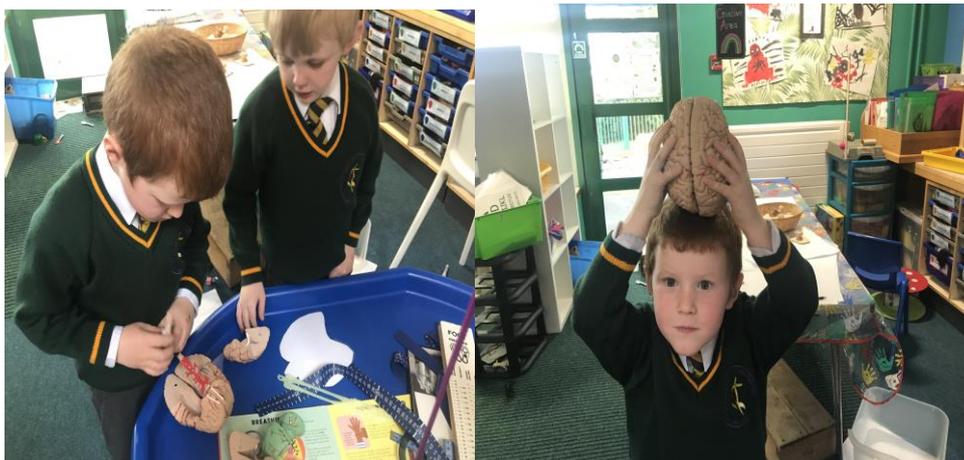


They have also learned brain facts!

They learned about the different parts of the brain and what they were responsible for.



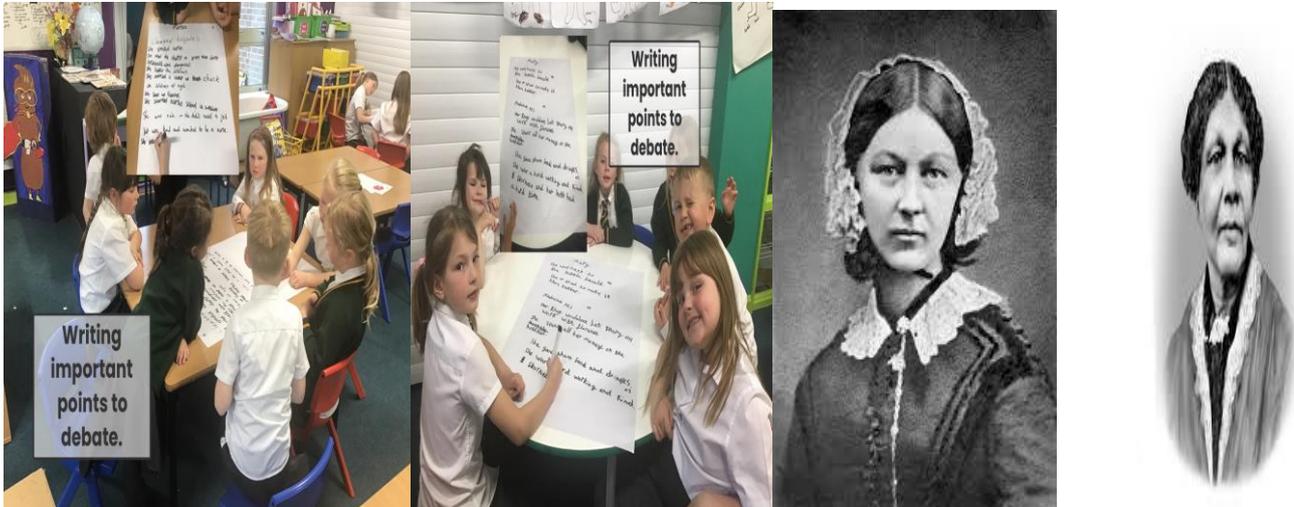
James even built a 3D brain!



Flickers

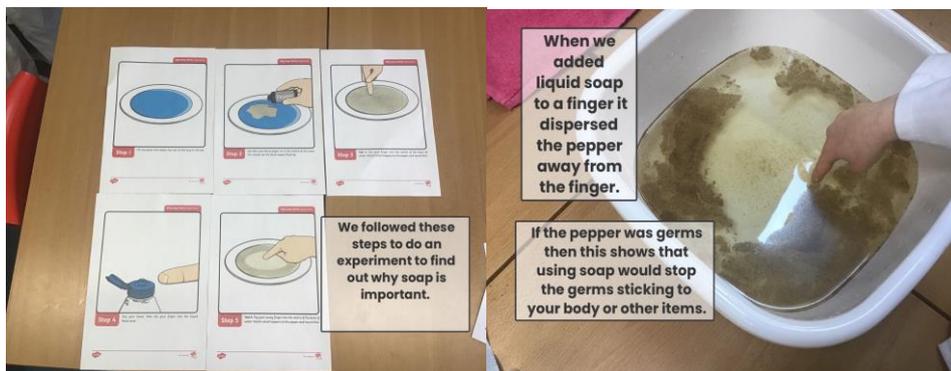
This week Flickers class have continued learning about Florence Nightingale. They have also been learning about Mary Seacole. Mary Seacole was a British-Jamaican nurse and businesswoman who set up the "British Hotel" behind the lines during the Crimean War. Although her offers to serve as a military nurse were refused she still assisted with the wounded at military hospitals.

The children watched a "Horrible Histories" clip about the two nurses then had a debate to discuss who was most important.



They have also been learning about the importance of hygiene using the water and pepper experiment.

- First they got a bowl of water, black pepper, and dish soap.
- Then they sprinkled some pepper into the bowl. These were the "germs" on the skin.
 - They then covered one finger with dish soap.
- Next they stuck their finger into the water, in the centre of the bowl.
 - Finally they saw the pepper "germs" scatter from the soap!



Please could we ask that if anyone still has bowls from the hummus the children brought home could they be returned to school. Thank you.

Flames

Flames class have been making 3D models of Peru. They have been learning how Peru is a country in South America that's home to a section of Amazon rainforest and Machu Picchu, an ancient Incan city high in the Andes mountains.

This makes Peru unusual because of the several different environments so close together, deserts, snowy mountains and Amazon rain forest.



They have also been doing taste bud mapping!

They found out that our tongues have four basic types of taste buds: bitter, sour, salty, and sweet.

Our taste buds are located in specific areas on our tongues.

They did an experiment where they dyed their tongues blue using food colouring, then pressed a piece of plastic against their tongue to make their taste buds visible.

They then dipped a cotton bud in various sweet, sour, bitter and sweet foods to see whereabouts on the tongue these areas were located.



Special shout out!

Miss Torr would like to give a special shout out to Joseph who named 37 countries on a world map! These included some quite obscure countries like Tasmania and all from memory and what he had learned in his Geography class.

Amazing knowledge Joe, well done!



Easter raffle

Thank you to all who took part in the Easter raffle. The amount raised was a fabulous £130.

Rosa Bella and her older sister Poppy drew the winning ticket and that was.....

Steve Derrick who does lots of fundraising for the village so well done to him!



On the same fundraising note Mrs Goldstraw's total raised for The Ukraine is £185.

We're very proud of her and her talents which have raised so much money for this worthy cause.

Well done Mrs G!

Happy Easter

We wish you all a very Happy Easter and we will see you back in school on Monday 25th April.

