



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

Friday 11th March 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 14 th March 2022	Full uniform
Tuesday 15 th March 2022	Full uniform Mrs Stanesby - Training all day
Wednesday 16 th March 2022 Welly Wednesday 	Welly Wednesday, all pupils -PE kit all day
Thursday 17 th March 2022	Full uniform Miss Torr training all day
Friday 18 th March 2022 Fitness Friday!	PE kit Red Nose Day - Dress up as "YOU!"

Your lunch menu for the 14th March 2022 - 18th March 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni cheese, carrots and sweetcorn	Sausage, mash, gravy, peas and broccoli	Roast chicken, mashed and roasted potatoes, carrots and cabbage	Lasagne, garlic bread, Green beans and sweetcorn	Fish fingers, chip and peas or beans
Flapjack	Shortbread	Sponge	Chocolate brownie	Ice cream

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Brea who celebrates her birthday this weekend.

Have a fabulous day Brea!



Goodbye and Good Luck

We would like to wish Miss Nettel all the best on her continued teacher training. Miss Nettel joined us just before Christmas for her university placement and has been working alongside Miss Torr with year 3 and year 4. She leaves us on Friday.

We'd like to thank her for all her hard work and we hope she fulfils her ambition to be a teacher.



Office hours until Easter

From next week Mrs Amos will be out of the office on a Monday and Wednesday morning until Easter.

She will be back in the office in the afternoon so any queries will be dealt with then.

Mrs Amos is a level 3 qualified teaching assistant and will be helping out in the classrooms.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.



Cake and shake

It's back!

On Wednesday Mrs Stanesby hosted cake and shake with our star readers who had read all the way through the half term holidays.

Well Done to Oscar, Sophie, Corah Rae, Hollie, Mollie, Vienna, Lili and Megan. More to follow next week.



A CHILD WHO
=READS=
WILL BECOME
AN ADULT WHO
=THINKS=

Red Nose Day 2022

Red nose day is back on Friday 19th March 2022.

Red Nose Day is coming. And whatever you do, no matter how small, you can help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination. This includes funding organisations that are supporting people right now in Ukraine, and those attempting to cross the border. Because you have the power to change lives.

This year it's all about 'You'. Yes you!

Come to school dressed in your favourite clothes or an outfit which personifies "you"!

It could be a football kit, a horse riding outfit or even your school uniform! Wear what describes you best!

You can donate via the link below;

<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/register>



Gardening club

Mr Brightman very kindly re commenced lunchtime gardening club on Thursday with our St Luke's house team.

They were tidying the spiritual garden at the front of the building. They trimmed the lavender and thyme and did some weeding.

Thanks gardening club!

Mr Brightman will rotate house teams to ensure all children have the opportunity to take part.



British Science Week

British science week starts on 11th March - 20th March.

This year's theme is 'Growth', looking at all sorts of growth, including buildings, eco-friendly behaviours, animals and even how we can grow plants on Mars!

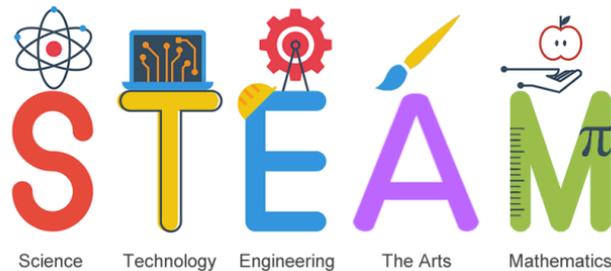
There is a poster competition which you can enter here;

<https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>

The deadline is 15th April 2022 and your "Growth" inspired poster could explore a tadpoles journey to becoming a frog or look at ways the growth of the population is affecting the planet.

Explore more STEAM, (Science, Technology, Engineering, The Arts, Mathematics), week with these free resources;

<https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/activity-packs/>



Parent consultations

This week Mrs Stanesby and the teachers have been meeting with parents one by one to discuss their child's progress and celebrate their successes.

We will be inviting all parents in to school over the next weeks to feedback how your child is performing at school. This will be a much longer meeting than usual for a thorough catch up of your children's learning over the last two unsettled years and a chance to have a look at their wonderful work.

We will be in touch soon to arrange!

We look forward to catching up with you all.



Dates for the diary

These are a way off yet but we just wanted to make you aware that the Laches Wood trip this year will take place on Monday 11th July 2022 to Wednesday 13th July 2022.

This year Mrs Stanesby and Miss Torr will be taking both year 3 and year 4 children.

The cost is £169. This will be a payment item on parentpay and it will be set up to allow parents to pay off a bit at a time rather than in one single payment should you wish to.

The trip is not mandatory and there will be financial help available to help cover the cost.

More information will be provided nearer the time.



There is a whole school trip to The Open centre to take part in the Derby Faith Trail on Thursday 19th May. On this trip the children will visit different places of worship like a Mosque - Muslim place of worship, Mandir - Hindu place of worship, Gurdwara - Sikh place of worship, Church (Baptist church), Synagogue - Jewish place of worship. This is a school funded trip.



On Friday 10th June the year 4 children will be attending the Inspire event at Lichfield cathedral.

This is an event hosted by the Diocese. The themes they are following for 2022 fit with the Cathedral's values of hope, healing, hospitality, and holiness. As the pupils engage with each of the interactive stations, they will explore what each value means for people of faith as well as what it means for us to practically live out these values in our everyday lives.

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In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and flimsy age gates.

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 apps 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 YUBO

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AGE LIMIT 13+
Users 17+ must have parental permission to create an account

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FLIMS Y AGE GATES
Yubo states it is only for over 13s, but there is no credible age-gate to prevent an even younger child joining the platform. An undercover journalist investigating dangerous content reported spending 10 days posing as a 15-year-old on the app without any age verification. This law, and the fact that it's impossible to verify a user's true identity on Yubo, raises serious concerns over potential grooming.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Yubo has experienced problems with inappropriate content being displayed to children and teens. Although the app's developers claim to monitor profiles and messages for adult-themed or unsuitable material, a *Sunday Times* investigation found young users being exposed to sexual harassment, racism and bullying, with many chats referencing self-harm, suicide and drug use.

LIVESTREAM RISKS
Due to Yubo's lax age verification, children are able to launch live video streams which strangers can then view and interact with via real-time text chat. Not only is the thought of strangers watching children's livestreams extremely worrying (they could also use these as a means to establish the child's location) but text chats might result in a young person disclosing personal information.

ON AIR
BULLYING POTENTIAL
Yubo users 'swipe' to accept or decline the chance to talk with each other. These decisions are entirely based on someone's profile picture, raising the potential for children to be left with low self-esteem if declined repeatedly. Negative feedback about their appearance can seriously damage a child's emotional wellbeing, causing a loss of confidence in how they look or how interesting they are.

EXTENSIVE ACCESS
Users of Yubo, no matter what their age, are required to grant access to their device's microphone and GPS. This means they are potentially revealing highly sensitive information, including their exact location. In addition, new users of the app are asked to provide personal details such as their name, date of birth and phone number, which - in the case of young people - represents a clear risk.

'GATEWAY' EFFECT
Yubo's swiping system (right for 'yes', left for 'no') works much like Tinder and various other dating apps. This could lead to children exploring similarly designed apps that aren't intended for a young audience. Users can also link their Yubo account to social media such as Snapchat and Instagram, making it easier for a stranger to track them down on various platforms.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCOURAGE USE
We don't often advise totally avoiding an app, but due to the concerns that Yubo has generated of late (the February 2022 *Sunday Times* exposé and a recent abduction case in which the alleged perpetrator met a teenage girl through the app) and the fact that inappropriate content has been proved to be circulating on the platform, you may decide that the safest option is to dissuade your child from downloading it altogether.

DISCUSS IN ADVANCE
If your child is absolutely determined to join Yubo (perhaps their friends all use the platform, for instance), then it's essential to talk to them about the dangers of this type of app *before* they install it. It's vital they understand not to disclose personal information to people they don't know, for example, and that they're warned about the type of mature content they may be exposed to on the app.

STAY AWARE
It's important to stay attuned to how your child is using social media. If they only access Yubo in private, for example, you might reasonably question what they're potentially using it for. It's also important to watch for warning signs that they may be over-using the app: prioritising it over everyday routines like meals and homework, for instance, or showing signs of irritability and a lack of concentration.

ALTER THE SETTINGS
After the recent high-profile controversies surrounding the app, Yubo's developers have increased its security controls. Users can now choose to block profiles, screen out nudity in live streams and keep their location private. There's also an option to report inappropriate content, so make sure your child knows that they can now flag up anything they find disturbing via the app's Safety Centre.

Meet Our Expert
Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.

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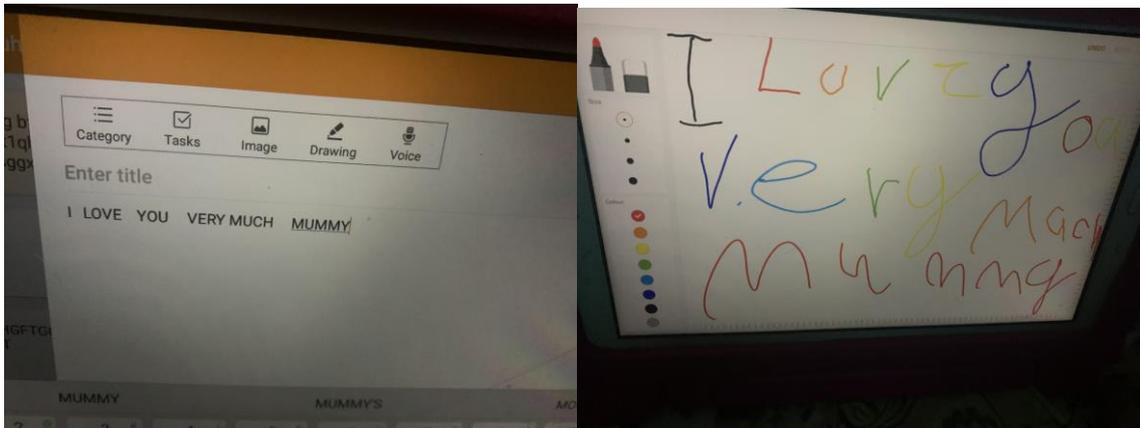
Sparks

This weeks Sparks class have been learning about the sound "ear".

They wrote letters to their families and loved ones which started with "Dear".

Mrs Stanesby was really impressed with their writing, what they wrote and the amount they wrote!

Ezme has been practising her writing on her tablet at home and doing an amazing job! Mum sent in these pictures so we could see for ourselves her fantastic writing.



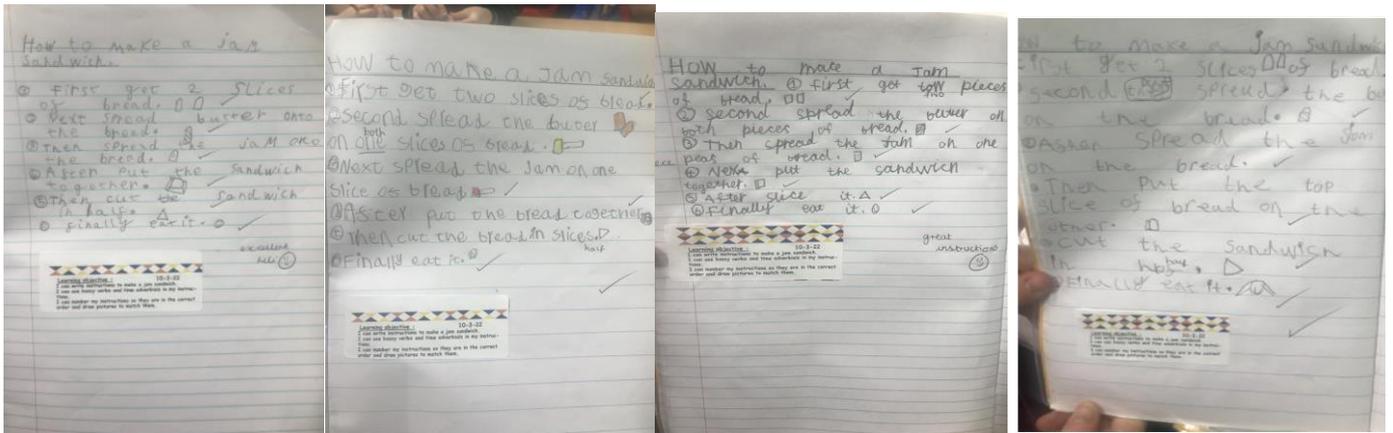
They have been using the new kitchen to role play .Last week the read the book "Mr Wolf's pancakes" so they have been re-enacting the tale!



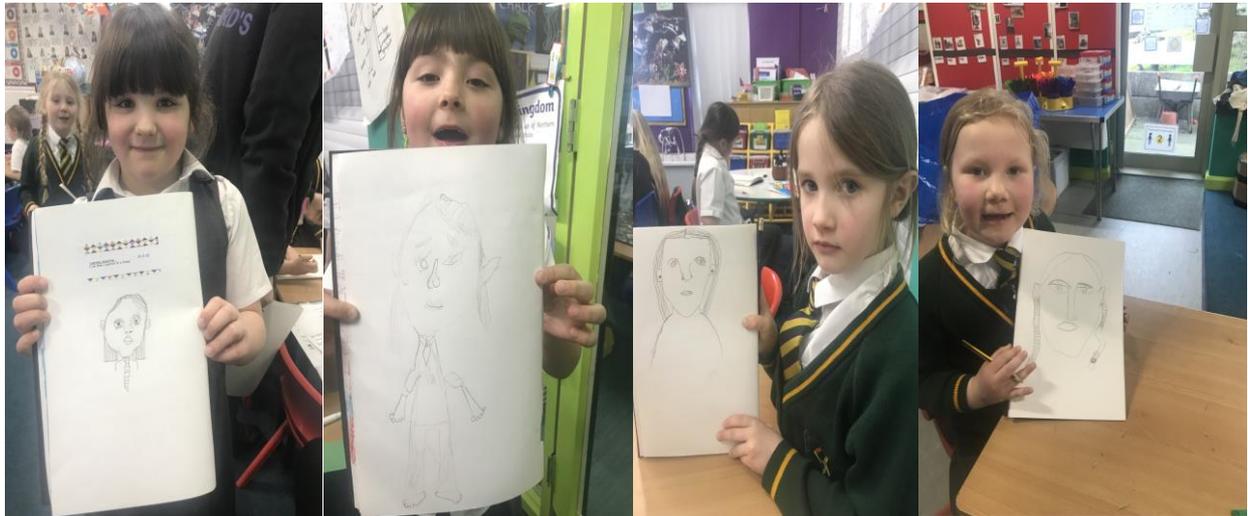
Flickers

Flickers have been very busy this week.

They have written baking instructions for yummy jam sandwiches. Mrs Appiah chose four fabulous pieces of work to share. Well done to Lili, Taya, Jack and Harriet.



Flickers have also been drawing portraits of each other. Rosanna drew Nina, Corah drew Eva, Annie drew Harriet and Sophie drew Emily.



They also created a healthy food pyramid.



Flames

Flames have continued to learn about The Ancient Egyptians.

They built their own pyramid with Ancient Egyptian facts underneath each flap.



The children have also recently been studying Peru and today a news story has broken that an ancient mummy has been discovered in Peru which fits in very nicely with both topics!

"Archaeologists have unearthed a mummy dating back around 1,000 years at the site of Cajamarquilla in Peru. The researchers discovered the mummy lying in a fetal position and bound by rope."

On Welly Wednesday the children were writing hieroglyphics in the sand and with natural materials practising their Egyptian writing.

They have also been making Egyptian jewellery and gems using resin, clay, glitter, gold card and wire.

