

East Ardsley Primary Academy Newsletter

10/3/2023

Menu No. 1



Attendance: Congratulations to Class 8 who have 99.2% attendance this week - you were our attendance stars.

What we have been up to this week:

It has been a mixture of hard work and lots of fun in school this week. The children have started their assessments across school. Some year groups will soon be finished and others will be continuing over the next fortnight.

We will be sharing the results of the assessments on Tapestry for you and then sending the test papers home with the children for you to see what they have found easy and what we will be working on next to support them.

Straight after the Easter break we have our next set of Parents Evenings when you will be able to discuss your child's progress and ask any questions you have about the assessments and areas your child needs to focus on next.

Parents and carers with children in Year 2 were able to join us on Thursday for their children's Celebration Assembly. The children presented lots of examples of the work they have been doing in the hall before taking their parents back to their classroom to share their books and learning as well as some fruit kebabs they had prepared. Thank you to everyone who came along and joined in. It was wonderful to have the opportunity for the children to share their learning with you and to have you in school looking at all their amazing work.

Check the diary and do try and come for your child's Celebration Assembly when it is their turn. They are a great opportunity to find out all about their learning and to see it in their books and the classroom.

As well as the children in Year 2 presenting for themselves, the children in Year 6 went to watch the dress rehearsal of the Woodkirk Academy production of 'Kinky Boots'. As always they loved it and it gave them a real opportunity to see one of the fabulous things they can get involved in when they move up to high school.

What a shame Friday ended with school being closed, although I know the children loved being out in the snow on Thursday so I'm sure they had even more fun when it snowed enough to make a snowman.

Please remember that next week the children will be able to make a special gift for someone special in their life for Mothers Day next Sunday (19th March 2023). They can bring £2 any day next week and make something wonderful and personal.

Ms Talbot

Dates for your Diary:

13.3.23	Mothers' Day Gift Shop
14.3.23	Judo Taster Sessions
15.3.23	Year 1 Trip
15.3.23	School open-(Strike Action by Teachers)
16.3.23	School open-(Strike Action by Teachers)
20.3.23	Rock Steady Concert
23.3.23	Year 3 Celebration Assembly
27.3.23	Music Assembly 2.30pm
29.3.23	Year 4/5 Concert
30.3.23	Year 4/5 Concert
31.3.23	Year 4/5 Concert
31.3.23	School closes
17.4.23	School opens
18.4.23	Parents Evening (face to face)
20.4.23	Parents Evening (virtual)
1.5.23	School closed
2.5.23	Governing Board Meeting
4.5.23	Year 4 Celebration Assembly
8.5.23	School closed
9.5.23	Key Stage 2 SATs week
23.5.23	PTFA KS1 Event (tba)
23.5.23	PTFA KS2 Event (tba)
25.5.23	Year 2 Trip
26.5.23	School closes
5.6.23	School opens
8.6.23	Year 5 Celebration Assembly
12.6.23	PTFA Fathers Day Craft Shop
12.6.23	Year 1 Phonics Screening
12.6.23	Assessment Week
21.6.23	Key Stage 2 Sports Day
29.6.23	Year 6 Celebration Assembly
3.7.23	Rock Steady Concert

MSSA Football League 2022-23

Monday was the final day of this year's MSSA Football League. This season has our best one yet since we won the league, undefeated, back in 2019.

Right from the first set of games back in September (where we won both 3-1), the team have just gelled and grown together. We have a squad of thirteen children, with four playing every game and another four playing almost every set of games. The beauty of our team is that we have four girls included, one of them, Georgie, being our fantastic goalie.

As we went into today's set of matches, we were joint top of the league with Westerton on 23 points, Churwell were one point behind us. As Westerton had two games left and we both only had one, the title was Westerton's to lose.

I asked our team to just do their very best and try and get one last win in the hope of Westerton slipping up - they did not disappoint!!

Our match was against Gildersome and I have to say our team put on one of the best performances I have seen in a long time. Right from the kick off they were dominating the game, and Lucy R was the first one to get on the score sheet. Two brilliant goals by Caspar and one by William gave us a comfortable lead as we went into half time.

The second half was much the same even though Gildersome tried hard a few times to break through our amazing defence. Luckily, Georgie managed a couple of superb saves but with Will getting another, Taylor getting on the score sheet and Caspar getting his hat-trick, we finished with an outstanding 7-0 win.

As the final whistle blew and we knew we had done all we could to secure the title, it became clear that as the other results started to come in, that Westerton had won both their games, winning the league by 3 points. Ironically the three points were what they won when they were the only team to beat us, 2-1, back in October.

I have to say to see us, you would have thought we had won! We were all absolutely buzzing to have come second place and it felt amazing to win our final game in such a brilliant way.

I am absolutely so proud of our team and everything they have achieved in the league this year. They fully deserve all the recognition and praise they receive.

Roll on the Summer tournament!

A difficult decision but my Player of the match was Georgie Ream for another superb, clean sheet!! 🌟

Huge well done also to the rest of my team: Caspar Chadwick, Lucy Ream, Lucy Hargreaves, Kayzia Ward, William Foster, Taylor Parkin and Jack Ball. 🌟😊🌟 Mrs Fletcher

Year 4 Skipping Festival

Today thirty children represented the school in our annual Year 4 Skipping Festival. The event was held at Armley Leisure Centre where three other schools also competed. Due to the weather one school had dropped out.

The three-hour festival is a fun-filled competition where children compete in individual and team events. All the children also joined in together in various skipping warm ups throughout the event and they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

When it came to the results, we were so pleased to see that overall, our children had won two Golds (Luca Pinnion and Arliena Balies), three silvers (Ellena Kirby, Jessica Smith and Austin Pickard), and five Bronze awards (Jacob Foster, Alexa Papakyriakos, Kennie Appleyard, Oscar Moore and Kiara Sinclair). Our 'Keep the Pot Boiling' team also won Silver.

A massive well done to all the children for being so brilliant and representing our school so well.

Mrs Fletcher 😊

PTFA Update:

Quick update from the PTFA on a couple of things...

Uniform Swap and Tuck Shop: 31st March

PTFA will be hosting a Uniform Swap and Tuck Shop in the school hall on the 31st March from 3pm-4pm

If you have any good condition, clean uniform you'd like to donate or swap please bring it on the day and take something home with you. You can also make a 'pay as you feel' cash donation if you don't have uniform to swap and grab yourself a bargain.

Tuck shop will also be available in the hall and a card payment machine will be available for tuck and uniform swap.

Bag 2 School fundraising - 27th April:

It's spring clean time of year for this one so please if you have any clothes, paired shoes, handbags, belts or accessories that you no longer need - please put them in a plastic bag. Please leave the bags in the cordoned off area of the school car park on 27th April before 9.00 am. Please note they don't accept duvets, work uniform, workwear, pillows or fabric scraps

Bag 2 School will come and collect and pay us for the weight of the donations, which all goes towards the school! You get to declutter and we get money to help the children.

As ever we always welcome new volunteers or suggestions so please email us on ptfa@eastardsley.leodis.org.uk Thanks for your continued support!

BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



East Ardsley Primary Academy



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!

Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Thursday 27th April 2023 by 9am



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PTFA Thank You Card Competition. Entries to be in school by
Friday 17th March—see details below:

PTFA's **Thank You Card Competition**

50p per
entry

Your design must include the words:

- Thank you
- East Ardsley PTFA

Entries to be on A4 paper.

There will be a small prize for the winner of each class and an overall school winner who will win a prize and their card printed to be used as a thank you card for businesses who support the PTFA.

Entries to be given to your child's class teacher by

Friday 17th March for judging at next PTFA meeting.



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10 Ways Gaming Can Support Positive Outcomes

A free online safety guide on 10 ways gaming can support positive outcomes.

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THE FEEL-GOOD FACTOR

Gaming is so popular because at the base level, it's enjoyable for the player. Succeeding in any game or contest releases dopamine in our brains: the 'feel-good' chemical that makes us happy or excited. Those emotions can be incredibly beneficial for mental wellbeing – as long as young players don't become reliant solely on playing video games to make themselves feel happy.

ACHIEVEMENT & PRIDE

A sense of achievement is incredibly important to all of us and can be particularly valuable to someone who's feeling unhappy or distracted. It's easy to get caught up in our thoughts, which can sometimes take a negative turn. So even achieving something small – like finishing a difficult level in a Mario or Sonic game – can feel like conquering Everest and give us renewed optimism.

SOCIAL SALVATION

Gaming can be an incredibly social activity. When playing online with trusted friends, what usually start out as chats specifically about the game can often develop into conversations about school and life. Even if they've had a bad day, simply knowing that a friend is there, on the other end of their headset, can provide young gamers with a sense of security and some welcome laughs.

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

In many online games, teamwork is crucial to winning. Often, people who are struggling with their mood tend to feel like they fail or let others down a lot. Working as a team with trusted friends or family in a game can reinforce a young person's self-importance: striving for a common goal and succeeding together can remind them that they're an integral part of something bigger.

REAL-WORLD RELATABILITY

Because many major releases are shooting or action games, when some people hear "gaming" they think of guns, explosions and violence. What's less recognised is how many titles explore relatable issues such as overcoming anxiety or coping with grief. These games allow young players to understand their emotions more deeply and realise they aren't alone in how they might be feeling.

A DIGITAL COMFORT

Video games can provide a reliable constant. No matter what happens in school or between friends, playing a favourite game is something that youngsters can look forward to all day and can help them de-stress. Let's not forget, games are fun – and, when approached safely, an interactive activity in which the player has a degree of control over what happens next can feel immensely reassuring.

PROBLEM-SOLVING PRACTICE

It can be difficult for young people to handle the feeling that nothing is going right or that their problems are insurmountable. Gaming can help alleviate that by presenting challenges to be overcome, either solo or alongside trusted friends. Defeating a powerful monster or solving a tricky puzzle reminds young gamers that even the most daunting obstacles can be faced and conquered.

THE GREAT ESCAPISM

A certain amount of escapism is fabulous – allowing us to temporarily park some stress while exploring a world other than our own. For children, gaming can be like reading a novel or watching a film: a moment in the day when the fantastical becomes real, firing their imagination and immersing them in a story. Who wouldn't want to venture to the stars? Or battle monsters to save the planet?

TRIED & TRUSTED

There can be reassurance in repeating tasks. It often promotes a controlled outcome, which is ideal when life feels overwhelming or out of control. Replicating an experience, such as playing the same level of a game over and over to perfection, gives the player a sense of control and familiarity: it's like listening to a favourite song that always makes you feel happy or confident.

ENCOURAGING CREATIVITY

Inventiveness is a huge part of many modern games: in Minecraft and Roblox, for example, players regularly dream up amazing structures or new ways to play. Using our imagination to create something (whether digitally or physically) is massively beneficial for the brain; that's why Lego is sometimes used in the medical sector as both a stress reliever and a brain injury rehabilitation tool.

Meet Our Expert

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SEND PARENTS COFFEE AND CHAT

WHERE: The Bungalow- just before Woodkirk Academy school gates

WHEN: THE 2nd Thursday every month- Thursday 12th January, (Thursday 9th February, Thursday 9th March)

TIME: 9.30AM-11.00AM

ARE YOU.....

A Parent/Carer of a child with SEND needs

Come and have a coffee and a chat with people in similar situations, share experiences, gain advice and meet new people.

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

This group has been set up as an unofficial support group for Parents and Carers of children with SEND needs. This can be a rewarding but stressful and isolating time for parents. This group has been set up to offer a social, supportive and relaxed setting for meaningful discussions about anything at all. We will make attempts to bring external agencies in who would be relevant for the group where we can. This is a great place to meet people in a similar situation.

This is open to any Parents/Carers of children in the LEODIS Academies Trust.

For further information please contact:

Victoria or Nikki @ Leodis Support Service 0113 8873609 / 8873618

COFFEE AND CHAT



WHERE: The Bungalow - just before Woodkirk Academy school gates

WHEN: THE FIRST Thursday every month- Thursday 5th January, (Thursday 2nd February, Thursday 2nd March)

TIME: 9.30AM-11.00AM

ARE YOU.....

A FOSTER CARER
ADOPTIVE PARENT
SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP
KINSHIP CARE
GRANDPARENTS OR RELATIVES CARING FOR CHILDREN

Come and have a coffee and a chat with people in similar situations, share experiences, gain advice and meet new people.

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