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LEPS Newsletter

Friday 6th February 2026

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

WHOLE SCHOOL

International Mother
Language Day - Friday
27th February 2026

YEAR 2

Case of Hand, Foot &
Mouth

YEAR 4

Trip to Gunnersbury
Park

Dear all

Whole School Assembly

We explored a newspaper article about Mattel releasing a new Barbie doll designed to represent people with autism. The children shared thoughtful ideas about why this matters including helping everyone feel included and happy to see themselves reflected in the world around them. We talked about how everyone deserves to be themselves and to use tools that help them feel comfortable. This led into a discussion about how we can make sure everyone at LEPS feels safe, respected and included - treating others as we would like to be treated, inviting others to join in, looking out for those who might feel left out and helping one another. Our theme of spreading kindness continues to shine through.

Class Assembly

Darwin Class led a brilliant assembly all about 'Five to Thrive', a tool we use at LEPS to support healthy minds and bodies. The children shared how they use the five areas - connect, be active, take notice, keep learning and give - to support their own wellbeing. It was lovely to learn more about their interests and what matters to them.

Communication Questionnaire Feedback

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to share feedback on our communication. The admin and leadership teams have reviewed the responses and now have some clear actions to better meet the differing needs of our families, while also streamlining how we communicate. Watch this space - changes coming soon.

NFL Team

Welcome home to our NFL team, who have returned to the UK after representing Great Britain in the NFL Flag Finals in San Francisco. We are incredibly proud of them.



Donations needed

If you have any spare
clothes between the
sizes of 3—8, please
consider donating them
to the school.

We currently need:-

Underwear

Socks

Trousers/leggings

Thank you

Enrichment This Week

The children have enjoyed a fantastic range of experiences this week including a Year 2 music workshop, our choir taking part in the Young Voices concert, a team representing the school in the London Youth Games finals and our Year 3 and 4 footballers competing in matches.

Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting

Governors met on Tuesday evening to review the impact of our curriculum decisions. We looked at our Inspection Data Dashboard, scrutinised what it is telling us and checked that our actions in the school development plan are focused on the right priorities. These include challenging our high attainers, developing writing and strengthening transition from Reception to Year 1. We also discussed the positive impact of introducing a computing specialist teacher and our school counselling service.

Disco Time

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed their evening last week and tonight is our final disco - enjoy dancing Year 1 and 2.

Next week reminders - Children's Mental Health Week

Next week we will be celebrating **Children's Physical and Mental Health Week** - an important opportunity for our children to learn more about themselves and focus on their emotional well-being.

This year's theme, **"This is my Place"**. The theme encourages Belonging; it is the feeling of being a valued part of the groups and places that are important to us. It means feeling cared for and comfortable to be ourselves. children to explore their emotions, identify their unique strengths, and understand how self-awareness helps them grow both personally and socially.

To support this, we've planned an exciting week full of activities and events:

- **Assembly:** Exploring this year's theme with stories, discussions, and interactive moments led by Therapeutic Lead, Elita.
- **Classroom activities:** Children will also participate in class activities which will be centred around "This is my Place" and will offer a chance to build relationships.

We will be using this opportunity to raise funds for the Schools Counselling Partnership who provide a much-needed therapeutic service to our whole school community. On Friday 13th February children can 'Dress to Express' – be cosy and comfortable to celebrate the end of children's mental health week. Bring £1 and pop it in the bucket at the gates - all proceeds will go to the charity that supports our School Counselling Service.

I have had some particularly lovely conversations with parents and carers this week, which have been a real reminder of how strong our school community is. We really are at our best when we work together in partnership for our children.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Best wishes

Emily Caldwell

Headteacher

YOUNG VOICES

Many congratulations to the Upper School Choir on a fabulous trip to sing at Wembley Arena on Wednesday as part of the Young Voices choir.



Huge thanks to Mrs Burgess and our terrific parent helpers Camilla, Priya, Lindsay, Ivanka, Lisa, Kamal and Monica. What a night!

Mr Maud

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That's Jazz!

It's been a busy week on the music scene. After Young Voices at Wembley on Wednesday, last night saw a fabulous jazz concert at Questors Theatre. Ellarose, Josh, Wren, Mackie, Isabel, Jack, Nico, Oria and Isla all took part and did Little Ealing proud with some fabulous playing, including stunning solos from Mackie and Isla. It's been a couple of late nights but worth every minute.

Well done all! Mr Maud





We're celebrating International Mother Language Day on Friday 27th February 2026

We'd love to hear all our different voices!

At Little Ealing Primary School we want to celebrate all the many languages our pupils speak.

It's easy to take part: children just need to make a short film of themselves talking, reading, or even singing in their home language. Two or three minutes is all we need, so a short story, poem, song or nursery rhyme would be perfect. Parents are invited to join in with their child too if they like!

Entry details: send by email, stating the child's **name** and **class**, to Mme Woolley at mfl@leps.org.uk. The film must be in **landscape**, not portrait. The deadline is **Friday 13th February**. A good way to send large files is to use <https://wettransfer.com/>

And we want food photos too!

We would also like children to share a picture of themselves making a **favourite food dish** from their home culture. Please use the email address above to send in the food photo, remembering to include the child's **name** and **class**, the name of the dish, the country it originates from and the recipe with the main ingredients.

The language recordings and food photos will be shared on the French part of the school website on Friday 27th February.

Any questions, contact: Mme Woolley, French Specialist Teacher, LEPS (mfl@leps.org.uk)



Computing News at LEPS

Year 4 Get Coding with Micro:Bits

Year 4 pupils have been diving into the exciting world of coding by using Micro:Bits in their computing lessons.

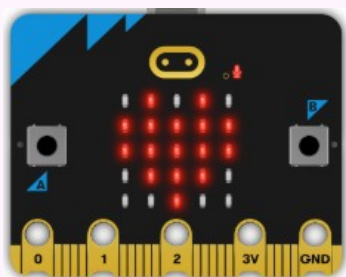
A Micro:Bit is a small, programmable computer designed especially for young learners. Despite its size, it's packed with clever features, including an LED display, buttons, sensors and the ability to run programs created by the children themselves. Using simple, child-friendly coding platforms, pupils can write programs that bring their Micro:Bits to life.

In class, Year 4 have been learning how to program their Micro:Bits step by step. They explored how to use blocks of code to give clear instructions, debug mistakes, and test their ideas. As their confidence grew, they moved on to creating their own games, including a digital version of Rock, Paper, Scissors and a coin flip game. These activities helped pupils understand key programming concepts such as randomness, inputs, outputs and decision-making, all while having lots of fun.

Micro:Bits are a brilliant tool for Key Stage 2 children. They support problem-solving, logical thinking and creativity, and they give pupils a real sense of achievement by turning code into something they can see and interact with. Coding with Micro:Bits also links closely to the computing curriculum, helping children build strong foundations for future learning in technology.

If children would like to try Micro:Bit coding at home, they can visit microbit.org, which offers lots of free tutorials and step-by-step guides for creating games and projects. To use a Micro:Bit physically, families would need to purchase a device. However, even without one, children can still write and test their programs using the on-screen simulator on the website, which models how a real Micro:Bit works.

Well done to Year 4 for their enthusiasm and creativity, we can't wait to see what they program next!



Miss Stickland

Computing Lead

Important Dates & Holidays

Date	Time	Who is it for?	Description
Friday 6 th February 2026	6.30 – 8pm	Year 1 and 2	Year 1 and 2 Disco – PFTA event – details to follow
Friday 13 th February 2026	ALL DAY	All children	Dress to Express – be cosy and comfortable to celebrate the end children’s mental health week
Monday 9 th -13 th February 2026	ALL WEEK	All children	Children’s mental Health Week
Tuesday 10 th February 2026	9am	Devonshire Parents/Carers	Devonshire Class Assembly – parents and carers invited to watch and stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the canteen afterwards
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026		ALL	Half Term – School Closed for all Pupils
Monday 23 rd February 2026	8.30am	All children	School opens for all pupils – Spring Term 2 Breakfast club and before school clubs as usual
Thursday 26 th February 2026	9am	Parents/Carers	Parent Workshop - Topic: Dyslexia at LEPS
Friday 27 th February 2026	ALL DAY	All children	International Mother Language Day
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th March 2026	Throughout the week	All children	Book Week – the children will take part in a variety of activities to promote their love of reading
Wednesday 4 th March 2026	ALL DAY	All children	Book Day DRESS UP - all children are invited to dress up as their favourite Book Character
Thursday 5 th March 2026	5pm	Year 4 Parents/Carers	Information about the Year 4 Times Tables Check —ONLINE ZOOM MEETING
Tuesday 10 th March 2026	9am	Carlyle Parents/Carers	Carlyle Class Assembly – parents and carers invited to watch and stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the canteen afterwards
Tuesday 10 th March 2026	3 – 6pm	Buttercups	Termly Reviews – parent teacher individual meetings – details will follow
Tuesday 10 th March 2026	4.00 – 6.30pm	Reception to Year 6	Termly Reviews – parent teacher individual meetings – details will follow
Wednesday 11 th March 2026	3 – 6pm	Ladybirds	Termly Reviews – parent teacher individual meetings – details will follow
Thursday 12 th March 2026	3 – 6pm	Caterpillar	Termly Reviews – parent teacher individual meetings – details will follow
Thursday 12 th March 2026	3.30 – 6pm	Reception to Year 6	Termly Reviews – parent teacher individual meetings – details will follow
Tuesday 17 th March 2026	9am	Coningsby Parents/Carers	Coningsby Class Assembly – parents and carers invited to watch and stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the canteen afterwards
Wednesday 18 th March 2026	8.45am	Reception	Reception Parent Meeting – Information about the end of Reception expectations

Thursday 19 th March 2026	8.45am	Year 1	Year 1 Parent Meeting – Information about the Year 1 Phonics screening
Thursday 19 th March 2026	3.30 – 6pm	N to Y6	PP and SEND Termly Reviews – parent teacher individual meetings – details will follow
Friday 20 th March 2026	9am	Parents/Carers	Parent Workshop - Topic: Mental Health and Wellbeing at LEPS
Friday 20 th March 2026	ALL DAY	All children	Red Nose Day – details to follow about this fundraiser
Tuesday 24 th March 2025	9am	Clovelly Parents/Carers	Clovelly Class Assembly – parents and carers invited to watch and stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the canteen afterwards
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	6.15pm	Musicians	End of Term Music Concert
Friday 27 th March 2026	Usual collection time	ALL	End of Term Collection - Usual times for each year group
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026		ALL	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April 2026	ALL DAY	All children	INSET DAY - School closed for all pupils
Tuesday 14 th April 2026	ALL DAY	All children	School opens for all pupils – Summer Term 2026



Oracy Owl's Oracy Challenge



Talk to explain

Meet Otto the alien from outer space. He's *never* been to earth before and has no idea what anything is or how anything works.

Think of a simple activity you do every day. It could be tying your shoelaces, feeding your pet or eating your dinner.

Activity

Can you explain to Otto what you're doing and why in 60 seconds or less?

Complete the challenge live or create a short video to share with your teacher

Don't forget to think about the Oracy Framework in your explanation!



Physical: How can you use gestures or actions to support your explanation?



Linguistic: How will you ensure Otto understands any key words or phrases in your explanation?



Cognitive: What are the most important points to include in your explanation?



Social and emotional: How can you reassure Otto?