

Dear Mums, Dads are Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well (physically and mentally).

Bubbles in School

To ensure we are minimising the risk of contracting Covid amongst our staff and pupils, we need to keep the number of pupils in our bubbles to a minimum. This is to protect our community and the NHS Government advice is that **your child is safer at home**.

We **urge** you to re-consider any places that you may have booked and only send your child to school if it is absolutely necessary and for the fewest number of days possible.

Please contact the admin team on admin@leavesden.education if you are able to change your booking.

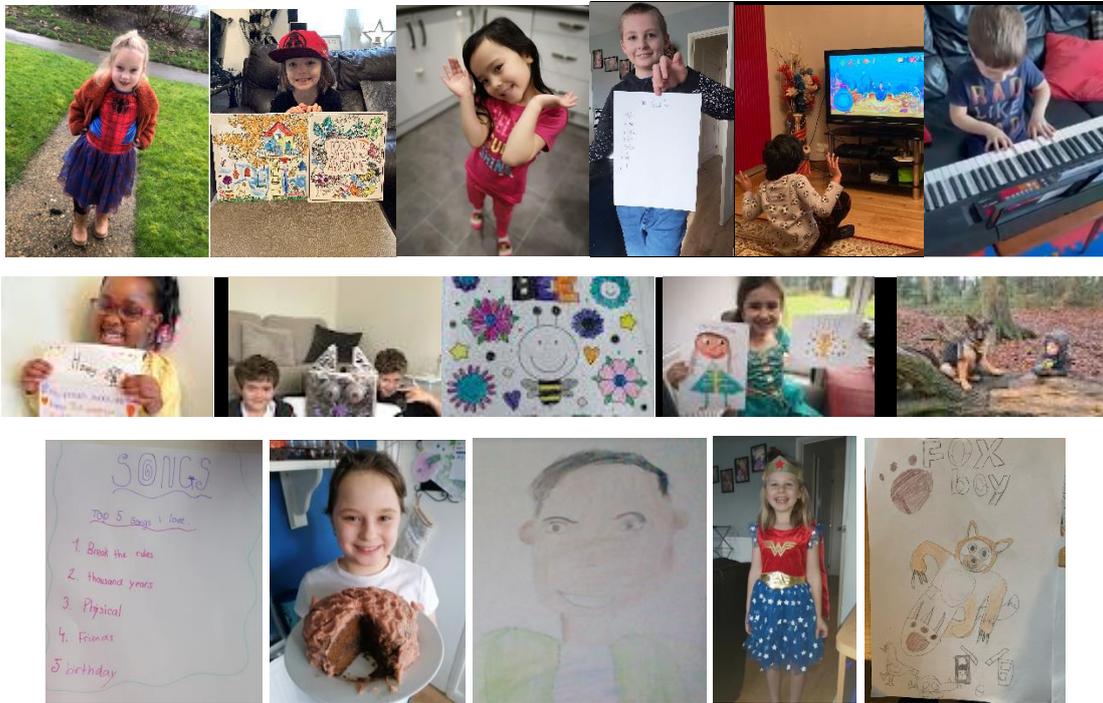
Helicopter

We haven't had one in a long time so when a helicopter landed on the field on Wednesday it was a great surprise. A doctor had been flown in to provide medical attention to an unknown local person. While waiting for the doctor to return, the pilots, who were socially distancing, spoke to our children and answered their questions. One of them had flown with Prince William!



Mental Health Week

I hope you have all enjoyed participating in Mental Health Week – ‘Express Yourself’. The class teachers have shared some lovely photos from you at home...



I hope you all enjoyed the Magician this afternoon. A big thank you goes out to the Friends of Leavesden who organised this event.

Nursery Admissions

Please remember that Nursery Admissions close on Friday 26th February.

Covid Results over Half Term

If you or a member of your household tests positive for COVID over half term, please ensure you report this immediately to us via email: admin@leavesden.education

Fun over Half Term

Over half term, why not plan some alternative things to do. Our teachers have come up with some ideas for you... (plan ahead in case you need any resources).

No Cook Recipes for children

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/no-cook-kids-recipes>

Nature Scavenger hunt

<https://www.parents.com/toddlers-preschoolers/everything-kids/outdoor-fun-free-nature-scavenger-hunts-and-treasure-hunt/>

Easy Science to do at home

<https://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/>

Make a cinema at home

<https://www.cuddlefairyt.com/cinema-at-home-rainy-day-activity/>

Watch a film to support mental health. Here are some great recommendations:

A WRINKLE IN TIME (PG)

Bullied in school for the unusual disappearance of her father, Meg feels disconnected from others her age. When three magic beings appear and take her and her little brother to multiple dimensions, Meg starts to believe in herself and how to lead.

BELIEVE (PG)

Struggling with exam pressure and still dealing with a terrible loss, young George's self-esteem is at a low when he resorts to stealing to try and fund his way into a football competition. Revealing the circumstances behind his acts of desperation, this film also seeks redemption for its young and troubled hero.

BIG HERO 6 (PG)

Talented Hiro is initially reluctant to hone his robotics skills at university, preferring instead to take part in shady backstreet botfights. Encouraged by his older brother to challenge himself and expand his skills, Hiro's newfound ambitions are nearly shattered when tragedy strikes. With the support of his new lab mates, Hiro finds a way through his grief in action.

MY NEIGHBOUR TOTORO (U)

Satsuki and her sister Mei overcome difficult times and get used to their new home by becoming at one with their magical woodland surroundings and making friends with the benevolent creatures they discover there.

TROLLS (U)

Lead by the chirpy Princess Poppy, a group of trolls go on a mission to save their friends from always-moody Bergens. This colourful and music-filled adventure explores the ever-changing world of emotions and their importance.

THE GOOD DINOSAUR (PG)

Feeling inadequate as he can't keep up with his siblings' progress, Arlo finds the strength he needs to prove himself when he is accidentally separated from his family and makes new friends to help him find his way back home. Befriending and taking care of a young human called Spot makes Arlo realise that he can make his mark after all.

SONG OF THE SEA (PG)

When Ben and his little sister Saoirse are moved away from their island home onto the mainland with their grandma, they long to return home to their lonely father. To make the journey back however Ben must learn to be patient with his little sister Saoirse, whose muteness he cannot understand.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (PG)

Expanding on the much-loved children's illustrated book, this adaptation brings the monsters to vivid life and explores the motivations behind young Max's rebellious behaviour and desire to run away to a kingdom where he is the centre of attention and feels more in control.

I will certainly be making time to watch some of these films over the half term break. If you fancy emailing through a film review of anything you watch, please do!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Lyon and the Leavesden Team