

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**

## This day in history

**1884** International Meridian Conference in Washington, D.C. adopts Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) worldwide, creating 24 international time zones with longitude zero at the Greenwich meridian



Greenwich meridian



## Children Showing COVID19 Symptoms

Can I remind all parents that if your child is showing COVID19 Symptoms or is sent home showing symptoms, **they must take a PCR test** before returning to school. Keeping cases out of school not only protects everyone but reduces the need to return to bubbles, class closures and remote learning.

## Halloween Dinner

A huge thank you to Taylor Shaw and the Kitchen staff for our Halloween dinner.



## Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 93.0%  
Year 2 = 97.5%  
Year 3 = 98.2%  
Year 4 = 95.9%  
Year 5 = 95.7%  
Year 6 = 89.6%



## Congratulations

Well Done Year 2 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 3 for the best attendance in Upper School.

**Our school target is 97%.**

## Indian Theme Day

Lower School had an amazing day on Monday celebrating and learning about Diwali. They learned all about Indian drumming and enjoyed having a try. We also had Indian dancer in to teach them about the symbolism of the dances and to how important dance is to Indian culture. We also had a cookery class where the children learned how to make delicious samosas which we cooked in school and everyone brought one home to taste.



## Poppy Appeal

We will have the Poppy appeal in school at both Upper and Lower Sites after half term. Should you wish to donate or purchase items, the children can come to the school office.



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## Flu Vaccinations



Flu vaccinations will be taking place in school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. We have sent home letters from the childhood immunisations team with details of how to give consent. If you do not give consent your child will not receive the vaccine.

1. Go to <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>
2. Enter the School Code 114039 and click "Find School".
3. Complete the form with your child's information and parent/guardian contact information\*.
4. Click the green "Submit" button.

For further information please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine> for more information about the childhood influenza vaccination programme. You can also contact the childhood immunisations team on [hdft.immunisationteam@nhs.net](mailto:hdft.immunisationteam@nhs.net) or 0300 003 2554 or 01423 55769

## Autumn Term Parents Evenings

This term Parent Evenings will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November for all classes except Year 3 which will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> due to diary commitments.

We will remain with remote meetings over telephone. Can you please ensure that your contact details are up to date.

You can contact Upper School directly on 01207 610351.

You can contact Lower School directly on 01207 610353.

Normal text messages will be sent nearer the time to arrange an appropriate time.

## Mental Health Day

Upper School enjoyed Mental Health and Wellbeing Day on Tuesday. They learned about the importance of fitness, mindfulness and healthy eating. In the cookery workshop they learned how to make healthy Chinese fried rice. Hoopstarz came to do some hula hooping workshops. She wrote to us say what a lovely time she had with us. This is what she wrote :

What can I say about my visit this week, other than it was simply amazing! The energy and enthusiasm in every session was tremendous! The children are an absolute delight, their manners, their behaviour and their listening skills are impeccable, please say a huge thank you to all of them and to all of the staff who made me feel so welcome in your school during this, still, uncertain time. I hope your playtimes will be even more active now everyone has the Hoopstarz buzz back again. I look forward to working with you again soon.

Jemma from Creative Kitchen said :

Thanks so much for inviting me to join you all. I've had a lovely day and thoroughly enjoyed cooking along with everyone. The children you have at Leadgate primary school are a credit to you all, such wonderful, polite and enthusiastic children. We had some amazing questions and answers and I'm so pleased they all rose to the challenge, took part AND we're willing to try something new.

Debs and Emma from Live Well North East said:

We would just like to say thank you so much for yesterday, we had fantastic day. It was lovely to see a school embracing children's emotional wellbeing and mental health. All the pupils were brilliant and a credit to you, your school and staff team.

Well done to everyone on both Lower and Upper School Site – our next Non Curriculum Day is coming up just before the Spring Half Term with more challenges, strategies and activities.

## School Photographs with Phototronics

I can now confirm that this years school photographs will go ahead on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November**. This also includes Family group photos. Details on organisation will follow in due course.

## End of Half Term Message

It's the last day of this half term and what a few weeks it's been! It's had it's ups and downs, stresses and benefits, but most of all everyone has came together again to power through the challenges faced, enjoyed our new curriculum and a range of new and exciting experiences. As always, we have loved working with you all throughout this half term and look forward to returning when **school reopens on MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER**. Please stay safe and enjoy the Holiday.