

Thursday 22nd July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of the year and we would like to thank our parents and school community for their support during another challenging year. We still remain in uncertain times; with rising cases and hospitalisations. Within this newsletter, we have outlined our plans for September based upon the current climate.

Looking ahead

Sadly, we say goodbye to staff this year, who have been at Leopold for a long time. We are so thankful to have such dedicated teachers, who have truly inspired the children and worked well as the Leopold team. Mr Young, Ms Paula, Mr Jordan, Ms Little, Ms Shahsta and Ms Robina.

Ms Ashton, our Executive Headteacher, is also leaving after three years of outstanding leadership at Leopold Primary School. Her wisdom, guidance and drive will be sorely missed. Her leaving letter is included at the end of this newsletter.

We wish all our leavers success in your future adventures and we will miss you.

Goodbye Year 6

Goodbye and good luck to Year 6. You truly have shown resilience throughout this horrible situation, your shows were out of this world. The graduation highlighted how much you have all grown and matured this year, and we wish you all the best as you enter the next chapter. Thank you for making us so proud of Leopold!

Transition Day

The children took part in a transition morning on Monday 19th July. We welcomed the new teachers and they all took part in activities together. The children are excited to start a new term as are we.

Summer Support

FSM vouchers will be sent out again for the 6 weeks of summer holidays. Please ensure that you have signed up online and if you need support please see Ms Kennedy, Ms Tamara or Ms Primus.

Brent foodbank is still running as well

<https://brent.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help/>

Breakfast club and after school club

In the Autumn term, we will open our clubs again and are in the process of securing a new provider. We hope to open by the half term or sooner. We will update parents as soon as more information becomes available.

September 2021

From September, we are continuing our staggered start, with shorter gaps between year groups. We will also offer a soft start from 8.30am to all children, if parents need to get to work on time. Please see the timings below:

Start and Ending of the day

	Start:	Where from:	Finish:	Where from:
Reception	8:30am	EYFS playground	3:00pm	EYFS playground
Year 1	8.30am	KS1 playground	3:00pm	KS1 playground
Year 2	8.40am	KS1 playground	3:10pm	KS1 playground
Year 3	8:50am	KS1 playground	3:20pm	KS1 playground
Year 4	8:30am	KS2 playground	3:00pm	KS2 playground
Year 5	8:40am	KS2 playground	3:10pm	KS2 playground
Year 6	8:50am	KS2 playground	3:20pm	KS2 playground

Pupil lunches

As of September 2021, there will be changes to our debt policy. Should there be an outstanding debt for school lunches greater than £21.00 (two weeks' worth of lunches) children will be provided with a nutritional packed lunch instead of a hot meal. This will consist of a sandwich, water and fruit. This change aims to ensure parents pay for their children's lunches in advance and do not incur a debt that becomes unaffordable. This action has needed to be taken due to the large amount of debt parents currently owe to the school.

If debts are incurred, then the school budget has to pay for them. This means that money which should be spent on the children's education is used to pay for debts incurred by parents. Every parent will agree that this is unacceptable and we request that all parents give this change their full support.

If you cannot afford to pay for school lunches, you can apply for free school meals (please see our website for more information) or provide your child with a packed lunch. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the office and speak to our parent liaison officer Ms Primus. We hope this change can make a positive impact.



Swimming



Year 4 will commence on **Friday 17th September**. Swimming lessons will take place at Willesden Sports Centre and the pupils will be transported there and back by coach on Friday mornings. The lessons will take place over 13 weeks. Pupils must bring a swimming costume/trunks, goggles, swimming cap and a towel.

Summer holiday arrangements

Below is a list of summer clubs available in Brent. Please let us know if you need support booking places.

BANG
EVOLUTION

SUMMER
— AT BANG —

BANG EVOLUTION WILL BE HOSTING A RANGE OF DEBATES, DISCUSSIONS AND WORKSHOPS TWICE A WEEK OVER SUMMER. SOME TOPICS INCLUDE:

BUILDING BRENT
WHY BEING HEALTHY IS IMPORTANT?
DOES MUSIC INFLUENCE OUR THOUGHTS?
VIDEO GAMES AND OUR BEHAVIOUR

FROM 27TH JULY 2021 TO 31ST AUGUST 2021

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Brent Holiday Activities and Food Programme

<https://www.brent.gov.uk/haf>

Brent Council has received funding from the Department for Education to deliver a Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme in 2021, as part of a national scheme. The aim of the programme is to support the physical and mental health and wellbeing of children and young people, encouraging them to engage in interactive and fun activities.

The programme will offer free places at holiday provision in the Easter, summer and Christmas school holidays in 2021 for school-aged children in Brent (aged 4-16) who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Holiday provision can also be open to children not eligible for free school meals, but participation may not be funded through the government grant. If you think your child may be eligible to access a free place but they are not in receipt of free school meals, please discuss this with your child's school.

For Brent's HAF Programme Privacy Notice, please refer to the information at the bottom of each individual event page.

Further information can be found at www.brent.gov.uk/privacy

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/brent-holiday-activities-and-food-programme-33810187127>



Free activity sessions in sports, performing arts and skills workshops at Roundwood Youth Centre for children and young people aged 5-18 throughout August. Please contact SATH for more information or to register your interest, please email hello@sportatheart.org or call 07857992633

Nursery/Reception September 2021

If your child is starting Nursery or Reception in September, you will shortly be receiving a letter confirming your start date. Please ensure you return your completed transition pack to the office. In the meantime, please have a look at our virtual tour on the website which can be found on the homepage and the Early Years page.

<http://www.leopoldprimary.co.uk/early-years-tour>

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer holiday. Hopefully some of you are able to go away and spend some quality time with the children. Please see a final letter from Ms Ashton below. We wish you the very best Ms Ashton and thank you for everything. Leopold and all of us miss you already!

Instrumental Lessons

Brent Music Service are very much looking forward to providing instrumental lessons to children at Leopold Primary School. If your child has been allocated a place for the Autumn Term 2021, we will either let you know by text or by calling you before Friday 23rd July. Please ensure you pay before the 6th September 2021 to confirm the place!



Dear Parents, pupils, carers and staff,

We have finally come to the end of another extraordinary year at Leopold.

A huge thank you to our wonderful Leopold Community for your support and kindness through such challenging times.

A special thank you also to our amazing Leopold team for everything that they have done to support each other, the pupils and families.

Today we celebrated the achievements of our talented Year 6 at the Graduation ceremony and wish them the very best on their journey to high school.

At this time, I would also like to take the opportunity to thank you all for the support I have personally received over the last 3 years. The pupils, parents, PTA, staff, Brent Music Service, local community groups, Harlesden cluster of schools, governors and local authority, have worked tirelessly to raise standards at our school and I am proud of the progress that we have made together.

It is fitting that I end my teaching career as Executive Head Teacher at Leopold Primary as my daughter was once a Reception child at Hawkshead and received kind and loving care from some of the same staff that now care for your children. At this time, I would like to pay tribute to the Heads of School, Ms Obinwanne, Ms Harvey and acting Head of School, Ms Octave for their brave leadership and resilience in leading our school successfully.

I came to Leopold for the children and I will miss seeing them play, progress, watching their stunning performances, listening to their ideas and laughing with them. I have been buoyed up by their respect, warmth, good behaviour and strong sense of fairness and justice for all. I have been humbled by the enthusiastic campaigns you have run to raise money for the St Vincent Volcano Appeal and the recent Sickle Cell anaemia fund raiser which exemplified Leopold at its best. Thank you for allowing me to be a small part of your success. I will miss you all.

It has been a privilege and honour to be the Executive Head of Leopold Primary School.


Wishing you all a happy, safe and restful summer break.

Ms Ashton

Executive Head Teacher
Leopold Primary School



Highlights of the week



Star of the week:

	Boy	Girl
R Moonbeam:	Yuzriel	Darine
R Sunshine:	Malakai	Nahid
1 Oak:	Iesa	Warda
1 Ash:	James	Marwa
2 Palm:	Masud	Zahra
2 Maple:	Dalha	Hajer
3 Elm:	Aryan	Calley
3 Cedar:	Dalmar	Shamiah
4 Aspen:	Maliek	Chloe
4 Teak:	Devontae	Layla
5 Juniper:	Adam	Maia
5 Chestnut:	Te-Jaham	Alleyah
6 Bonsai:	Sebastian	Curacao
6 Willow:	Rae' Elle	Liban

Stars of the week for week 6 Summer 2



Dates

September Return for Pupils: Monday
6th September 2021