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Friday 7th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely bank holiday weekend. Despite this week being a short week for our children in school, it has been a very busy one indeed!



Jaguar and Panther – Welly Walk

On Thursday, our Jaguar and Panther classes went on a welly walk in the local woodland area. Please ask your child about the walk. The weather was very kind to us and we had a wonderful walk admiring the beautiful gardens in our community and looking at the wild flowers, trees and shrubs in the areas surrounding our school. We will be using this experience to base our writing upon as part of our theme of 'plants and life cycles' in school.

Nursery Chicks

Our nursery children were lucky enough to witness one of our chicks hatch on Wednesday. Mrs Windsor and Mrs Hough managed to capture the moment on video. Please click the following link to see the chick hatch <https://youtu.be/ffu7V2P8vgc>. A huge thank you to Farmer Dean for his expert advice and support with this wonderful experience.



Deaf Awareness Week

You may have seen our post on Twitter (https://twitter.com/Lee_Brigg) suggesting ideas for how we can be more deaf aware.

How can you be more Deaf aware?

- Make sure you have the **person's attention** before you start speaking
- Maintain **eye contact**
- Don't shout.** It's uncomfortable for hearing aid users and appears aggressive
- Avoid environments with excess noise / Choose somewhere with **good lighting**
- Speak clearly,** not too slow or too fast. Don't cover your mouth
- Don't keep repeating** the same word, explain what your trying to say differently

THE DEAF HEALTH CHARITY SIGNHEALTH

New Faces in School

We are delighted to welcome to our school Miss Hodge and Miss Sharp who have joined our reception and nursery teams respectively for teacher training placements. Welcome to the Lee Brigg family!



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Cardigans, Jumpers and Coats

As is typical of our weather, it is ever changeable! Please could we ask that children continue to bring cardigans, jumpers and coats to school, as we continue to access the outdoors in all weathers!

School Website

Our new school website is now live (the newsletters and correspondence pages are still being updated). As always, we welcome your feedback. [Home - Lee Brigg Infant & Nursery School \(leebrigginfants.org\)](https://leebrigginfants.org/)



Upcoming Dates

We would like to remind you of some key dates for the upcoming academic year:

Friday 28 th May 2021	School Closes – Half Term
Monday 7 th June 2021	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 8 th June 2021	School Reopens
Thursday 22 nd July 2021	School Closes – End of Term
Friday 23 rd July 2021	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 26 th July 2021	INSET Day – School closed to pupils

Amazon Wish List

Thank you to those who have donated books to school using our Amazon Wishlist. The list has recently been updated by Miss Kilkenny and can be viewed using the following link should you wish to make a donation:



https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2HA0R3CZRZ6MK?ref_=wl_share.

Next week's menu is as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken and Tomato Pasta Bake	Sausage, Mashed Potato & Gravy	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Korma with rice	Battered Fish and Chips
Vegetarian Pasty & Boiled Potatoes	Vegetable and Lentil Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Chickpea and Mixed Vegetable Balti & Rice	Cheese and Tomato Panini & Potato Wedges	Butterbean and Vegetable Tagine & Chips
Ham or cheese sandwich	Ham or cheese sandwich	Ham or cheese sandwich	Ham or cheese sandwich	Ham or cheese sandwich
A selection of filled jacket potatoes	A selection of filled jacket potatoes	A selection of filled jacket potatoes	A selection of filled jacket potatoes	A selection of filled jacket potatoes



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Stars of the Week

Every week two children from each class are nominated as **Stars of the Week** in recognition of their hard work, achievement and progress. Our stars of the week this week are:



Tiger class HT:	Max	For super progress in phonics
Tiger class HT:	Sofia	For fantastic effort with her sentence writing
Tiger class LT:	Adelaide	For trying hard to make her sentences grow by adding more information
Tiger class LT:	Zahra	For working independently at practising adding two sets of objects
Leopard class:	Alice	For including magic 5 skills, conjunctions and adjectives in her writing
Leopard class:	Rocco	For thinking of very creative ideas in English lessons
Jaguar class:	Aleena	For fantastic effort in her writing so far this half term
Jaguar class:	Tom	For perseverance in his maths lessons this week
Panther class:	Barney	For fantastic observational drawings using a variety of art skills
Panther class:	James	For a brilliant discussion during our nature walk

Attendance – School target – 96.50%

Congratulations to everyone in **Leopard Class** for achieving the highest class attendance this week. This week's class attendance figures are:

- 95.24% in Tiger class HT
- 94.81% in Tiger class LT
- 97.96% in Leopard class
- 97.80% in Jaguar class
- 92.79% in Panther class

Our school attendance figure this week is 95.72%

This week 90% of our pupils achieved 100% attendance – well done!

Yours sincerely,

Laurabeth Kilkenny
Head of School



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Health and Well-Being Spotlight

Please speak to a member of staff should you require any support in relation to Health and Well-Being

8 WAYS A CHILD'S ANXIETY SHOWS UP AS SOMETHING ELSE

1. Anger

The perception of danger, stress or opposition is enough to trigger the fight or flight response leaving your child angry and without a way to communicate why.



4. Chandeliering

Chandeliering is when a seemingly calm person suddenly flies off the handle for no reason. They have pushed hurt and anxiety so deep for so long that a seemingly innocent comment or event suddenly sends them straight through the chandelier.



2. Difficulty Sleeping

In children, having difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep is one of the hallmark characteristics of anxiety.



5. Lack of Focus

Children with anxiety are often so caught up in their own thoughts that they do not pay attention to what is going on around them.



6. Avoidance

Children who are trying to avoid a particular person, place or task often end up experiencing more of whatever it is they are avoiding.

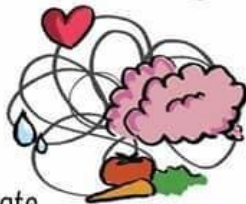


7. Negativity

People with anxiety tend to experience negative thoughts at a much greater intensity than positive ones.

3. Defiance

Unable to communicate what is really going on, it is easy to interpret the child's defiance as a lack of discipline instead of an attempt to control a situation where they feel anxious and helpless.



8. Overplanning

Overplanning and defiance go hand in hand in their root cause. Where anxiety can cause some children to try to take back control through defiant behavior, it can cause others to overplan for situations where planning is minimal or unnecessary.



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