## Lanchester E.P. (Cont.) Primary School





## **Digital Leaders**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are now seeking applications from pupils who wish to be Digital Leaders for academic year 2017/2018.

Last year our Digital Leaders visited London and the BETT Show, presented to teachers from around the North East at Lanchester Live and at Durham County Cricket Ground, delivered an Online Safety assembly and took part in a Coding Workshop to celebrate Ada Lovelace Day at Campus North in Newcastle.

We already have a return trip to London and the BETT Show arranged for January 2018 and will also be taking part in many other regional and national events.

To give the pupils more regular sessions this year, the Digital Leaders programme will run as a club throughout the academic year on a Wednesday evening from 3:30pm – 4:30pm.

During the sessions pupils will learn how to use a variety of software and apps and will create a wide range of interactive content. In addition to this they will also develop vital skills in relation to Online Safety.

Twenty pupils from KS2 (Y3 - Y6) will be chosen to be our Digital Leaders for this academic year. Applications are invited from those who were Digital Leaders last year, but please note that this does not guarantee you a place again for 2017/2018. You do have to re-apply and places will be awarded based on the quality of application.

Sessions will be delivered by a combination of Mr Bailey, Mr Osmond, Mr Stephenson, Mrs Boyd and Mrs Tatham. There is no cost for attending these Wednesday evening sessions.

Last year over seventy pupils applied to be a Digital Leader and the competition is likely to be tough again this year. Time and care will need to be spent on your application form for you to be considered.

Application forms should be returned to school no later than Wednesday 1st November.

Pupils will be informed as to who has been chosen as Digital Leaders during the following week and then sessions for the newly appointed pupils will commence on <u>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November</u> from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. Sessions will then run throughout the academic year on a Wednesday evening. On the odd occasion where it may not possible to run the session, we will aim to give you as much notice as possible.

Our Digital Leaders now play a very important role in our school. They assist staff and other pupils, help to manage and maintain our equipment and research and recommend upon the latest software and apps.

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