



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning TodayLeading Tomorrow

Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Benjamin	India
Murphy	Kaiden
Kerr	Szymon
Bryon	Antonia
Donaldson	Charlie
Soundar	Oliver
Dahl	Kye-Mayson
Gavin	Olivia
Mante	Fynley
Morpurgo	Harleen
Riordan	Amina
Zephaniah	Antonia
Malala	Alexis
Blackman	Hollie
Kipling	Jermaine

School Photographs
Thursday 13th October

PTA Disco
Friday 14th October

Parent Consultations
18th & 19th October

Non-uniform £1
Friday 21st October

PTA Bags 2 School
Friday 11th November

Children in Need
Friday 18th November

Friday 30th September 2022

DATES COMING UP!

October -Black History Month
 4 Oct -Harvest assembly
 4 Oct -PTA -Meeting at 3.30pm
 6 Oct -Phonics workshop for Nursery parents 9-10 am
 -National Poetry Day
 7 Oct -Yr 1 Friday Family Reading
 12 Oct -Y6 Manor Meeting
 13 Oct -School Photos
 14 Oct -PTA Disco
 -Yr 5 Friday Family Reading
 17-21 Oct -Just Talk Week
 18 Oct -Face to face parent consultations 3:30 - 7pm
 19 Oct -Telephone parent consultations 3:30 -5pm
 21 Oct -Non-uniform £1
 24-28 Oct -Half term
 31 Oct-4 Nov -Yr 6 Manor Adventure
 2 Nov -Nursery parent teacher meeting 12pm
 4 Nov -Yr 3 Friday Stay and Share 8:50am
 7-11 Nov -Poppy Appeal
 9 Nov -Yr 6 parent teacher meeting 1pm
 11 Nov -Yr 2 Friday Family Reading
 -PTA Bags 2 School
 14 Nov -Odd Socks Day!
 14-18 Nov -Anti Bullying week
 16 Nov -Yr 5 parent teacher meeting 1pm
 18 Nov -Children in Need
 21-25 Nov -STEAM Week
 21 Nov -Nursery tour 10-11am

Attendance Awards	Donaldson & Riordan
Friendship Cup	Betty, Robert & Holly
Headteachers Awards	
Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	Harry, Isabella, Charlie, Uno, Dhyay & Riley
Year 3	
Year 4	Chelsea, Nellie, Tamaya, Isla, Grace, Mia
Year 5	Layla & Oliver
Year 6	Chantelle, Christina, Oliver F, Abigale, Tyler, Ronnie, Jessica, Jermaine, Phebe & Chantelle

Attendance Monopoly

Each week in assembly a dice will be rolled for most improved class attendance.



Be here to have a go!

This week's winners & rewards:

Kerr - Non-uniform day

Mante - Rounders

Riordan - Movie and popcorn



Tuesday 4th October 2022

3:30pm

UPDATE

PE

We have started the new academic year extremely well. All our pupils have shown excellent engagement and motivation towards their learning.

A small group of year 6 pupils attended Sports Ambassador training last week and are helping on our KS1 playground each day with organised games. Also a group of year 4/5/6 pupils have attended the annual cross country event this week. We have had a very pleasing start to our sporting after school clubs too.

In the next few weeks we plan to attend a girls football competition and a mixed football competition.

All our pupils have been participating in active outdoor learning throughout the weeks and this is having a brilliant impact on the children's PE performance. Our year 4 pupils have started their swimming lessons and have settled very well.

Great job everyone!
Keep up the super work!

Mr Byford
&
Mr Newlands

POETRY COMPETITION

On the 6th October it is National Poetry day. As part of the celebrations, The Leys are holding a poetry competition. The children have been asked to choose one poem from a list they have been provided with and perform to their class. Performances will take place on National Poetry day. Their teachers will choose two winners from each class to perform in assembly!

This not only helps children to understand the techniques of poetry, it also helps them develop their oracy skills as well as confidence and acting skills.

We hope all pupils will take part and we can't wait to see their performances!

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CLASS OF THE WEEK:



Dahl class have been enjoying their active learning this week. We started the week with some drama in RE acting out the story of Rama and Sita in our topic about Diwali. We have been dancing whilst learning our times tables with BBC's Supermovers and we are looking forward to meeting some new characters. In PE we have been learning how to control and pass a ball in hockey remembering our safety rules. In Active English we played a game where we had to find a partner to make compound words.



We have been re-writing the introductions for the story 'Alma'.

As the clouds rolled high up into the light grey sky, small excited Riley look out of her frozen hazy window. As she stepped on to the cobbled, wobbly pavement, her emerald green eyes shone by the light of the blanket of snow, covering the old brown leaves. She couldn't believe her eyes as she saw an immense storm of graceful dancing snowflakes above her. She felt a shiver down her spine when a breeze of frost blew heavily below her, as she felt the delicate snowflakes fall on her cold, ruby button nose.

Class: Zephaniah
Pupil: Shikana

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

Mini Police

UKS2 have started the Mini Police programme this term, which aims to build trust with communities, promote responsible citizenship and help young people establish an interest and understanding in policing and community safety.

We will keep you updated over the coming weeks with their progress!



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WELLBEING



As well as offering courses for the whole family on healthy eating and exercise, BeeZee Bodies are also offering an online course next Tues 4/10/22 at 6pm entitled - Feed Your Family on a Budget - where their qualified nutritionists will offer some tips and ideas to help support you in finding ways to make sustainable changes that are cheaper AND healthier.

This workshop covers:

- Challenges to feeding a family on a budget
- Lower cost healthy swaps
- How meal planning can help to keep costs down
- Shopping tips to stick to the list and the budget

Book a place on Eventbrite through the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/feeding-your-family-on-a-budget-tickets-404719245157>

If you want to find out more about BeeZee Bodies online or face to face courses in Stevenage please see their website below.

<https://beezeebodies.com/for-families/>

The Leys Have Talent

Kai, in year 6, and Elliot, in year 5 competed in the Tom Moore Swimming competition.

Elliot received four medals including a Gold in his butterfly stroke!

Kai received a number of medals and a speeding ticket (which means he swam over the speed limit!).



Well Done boys! Excellent achievement!

Volunteers Needed!



We are looking for Parent or Carer volunteers! If you have a spare hour or more to support our pupils with Reading and support our teachers to prep for lessons. Please contact our office or email admin@leys.herts.sch.uk

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If you're worried about a child, even if you're unsure, contact our professional counsellors for help, advice and support.

Call us or email help@nspcc.org.uk.
0808 800 5000

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Friday Stay and Share / **Friday Family Reading** morning **Autumn Term 2022**

We will be running a number of 'Stay and Share' sessions for each year group, allowing the opportunity for parents/carers to view their child's work in their classrooms.

We have also planned for each year group to have 'Friday Family Reading' sessions, for pupils to read their book to their family members.

For both, parents/carers would simply walk into the classroom with their child- staying for a maximum time to 9.15am to minimise disruption.

Each year we will need to send Text messages to invite parents- we will add dates to Facebook and the newsletter weekly.

Black- Stay and Share
Red- Friday Family Reading

8.50 to 9.15am

7/10	14/10	4/11	11/11	18/11	25/11	9/12
Y1	Y5	Y3	Y 2	Y4	Y3	Y1

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WANTED!

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING
THE SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL



**WE URGENTLY NEED
TO APPOINT A SCHOOL
CROSSING PATROL AT**

**The Leys Primary and
Nursery School**

DO YOU KNOW

**ANYONE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TAKING UP THIS
POSITION**



THE PAY IS £9.50 PER HOUR (excluding enhancements)

JOB SHARE CONSIDERED

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
Active and Safer Travel Team on Tel: 01992 556803
or e-mail janet.fairhead@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Hertfordshire County Council, Active and Safer Travel Team,
County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DF.
Tel: 01992 556803 September 2022

Can we please remind you that it is parental responsibility to get your child to and from school safely



HOLIDAYS



Please be aware that the government continues to regard holidays during term time as unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances to consider. Parents who decide to take pupils on holiday during term time may incur a fine.

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Term dates 2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<p>Start of term: 5 September 2022</p> <p>Inset day: 1 September & 2 September</p> <p>Term: 5 September -21 October</p> <p><u>Half term holiday: 24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022</u></p> <p>Inset day: 2 December &</p> <p>Occasional Day: 5 December</p> <p>Term: 31 October - 21 December</p> <p><u>Christmas holiday: 22 December 2021 - 4 January 2022</u></p>	<p>Inset day: 5 January</p> <p>Term: 6 January - 10 February</p> <p><u>Half term holiday: 13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023</u></p> <p>Term : 20 February- 31 March 2023</p> <p><u>Easter holiday: 3 April 2023 – 14 April 2023</u></p>	<p>Term: 17 April - 20 July</p> <p>Bank Holiday: 1 May</p> <p><u>Half term holiday: 29 May 2023 - 2 June 2023</u></p> <p>Term: 5 June-20 July</p> <p>Inset day: 21 July 2023</p> <p><u>Summer holiday: 24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023</u></p> <p><u>Inset Day 2022-2023</u></p> <p>1 September 2022</p> <p>2 September 2022</p> <p>2 December 2022</p> <p>5 December (Occasional day) 2022</p> <p>5 January 2023</p> <p>21 July 2023</p>

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