



## The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ....Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Courtney
Murphy	Rose
Kerr	Christian
Bryon	Emmy
Donaldson	Ava
Soundar	Ella
Dahl	David O
Gavin	Aniela
Mante	Gabriella
Morpurgo	Lily G
Riordan	Brayden
Zephaniah	Finnley
Malala	Oliver
Blackman	Mia
Kipling	Jacob



### Times Tables Leaders

Well done to...

**Oliver P**

**David O**

**Nathania**

**For most improved time  
(playing in the Studio  
area) over the past 7  
days**

### Friday 30th June 2023

#### **DATES COMING UP!** (please note all dates are subject to change)

3-7 Jul -Climate change week  
5-7 Jul -Yr4 Wymondley Trip  
12 July- Y5 Steel Pan  
Performances  
13 Jul -Stevenage school  
transition day  
-New to Year 6 parents  
meeting 9am  
-New to Year 3 parents  
meeting 2:30pm  
14 Jul -Y6 Productions  
17 Jul -New to Year 1 meeting  
9am  
-Y6 prom  
18 Jul -Nursery to Y6- stay  
and share- 2.50 pm  
20 Jul -Last day of term  
1:30pm finish  
21 Jul -INSET Day, school  
closed

### Job Opportunities

We have Midday Supervisory  
Assistant (MSA) positions  
available in our school. If you  
are interested in applying  
please follow the link below

[https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,midday-supervisory-assistant-msa\\_85918.htm](https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,midday-supervisory-assistant-msa_85918.htm)

Friendship Award	Brayden
Headteachers Awards	
Year 2	Harlie
Year 4	Dawson, Muhammad, Delilah, Poppy
Year 6	Leo

### Attendance Wheel of Reward

**Each week in assembly the wheel  
will be spun for most improved  
class attendance**



**Be here to have a go!**  
**This week's winners &  
rewards:**

**Kerr - Class Disco**

**Dahl - Free homework  
pass**

**Malala - Cake/snack  
treat**

# UPDATE

## Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

NSPCC

This week, Year 5 and 6 children took part in a workshop as part of the NSPCC's **Speak out. Stay safe.** Programme. **Speak out. Stay safe.** is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme visit [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout)



### CLASS OF THE WEEK:



#### Benjamin Class:

In Benjamin Class this week we have been doing some different activities for STEAM week, the theme of which is "How high can it go?". For this the children have designed their own rockets that launch from a straw and then wrote about what they might see out of a rocket window. They also took part in an experiment where we asked the children what would happen if we put mints into cola, many of the children predicted that the bottle or liquid would explode. Some of the children then drew a picture and wrote about the experiment.



Class: Soundar

Ella has been writing about Captain Blackbeard.

Who was Captain Blackbeard?

Captain Blackbeard was a very unique pirate as he was very frightening. He stole ships and terrorised the Caribbean. But was he as terrifying as we are led to believe?

What did Captain Blackbeard look like?

He was horrid and had crooked shoulders. He lit fuses and stuck them in his hair so smoke filled the air. He looked like a demon.

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Inclusivity

Respect

Aspirations

Determination

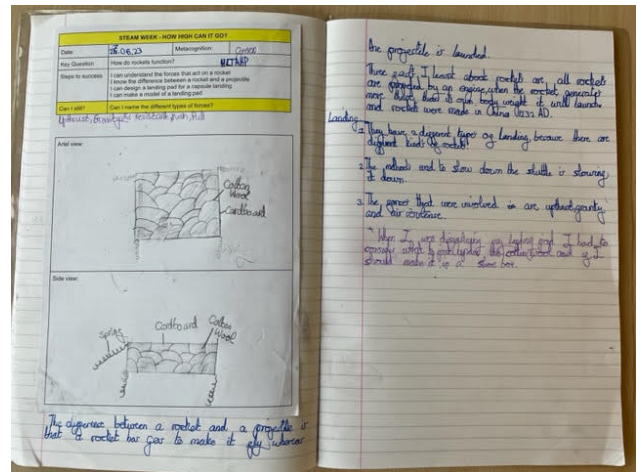
Empowerment

## Scientist of the Month



## Year 5 has been awarded Scientists of the Month.

Year 5 has been looking at rockets and how they are generated. We looked into when they were first created, their development, and the different types of landing. We then created an aerial and side view of a landing pad and are going to be creating model versions next week!



Whole school attendance target = 97%

Whole school attendance this week = X

Best class attendance this week = X

## The Leys Have Talent

Christian, in Reception, attends the Stevenage Gymnastics Club. Last Saturday, he was awarded his Core level 10!

Well Done Christian- Keep up the good work!



# NSPCC

## Talk PANTS

With the help of our friendly dinosaur Pantosaurus, Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep your child safe from sexual abuse.

[Talk PANTS & Join Pantosaurus - The Underwear Rule | NSPCC](#)

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WELLBEING



**Anxiety Around Change** - At this time of year many children feel unsettled about the changes coming.....new year group, teachers, classes and maybe playgrounds. There are many things parents can do to support their child/ren with change.

- Don't avoid it - draw pictures and tell stories about what might happen to make it fun and more familiar.
- Talk about feelings - describe what happens when you have different feelings, including worry. Do you have butterflies in your tummy? Are you tense? Explain that nerves can help us focus and get ready.
- Look back - chat about how you've coped with changes in the past, like moving house or having a baby. You can do it again!
- Practise how to stay calm - this could include taking slow, deep breaths together.
- When we are getting close to the start of term - get back into good routines around bedtime and getting up.
- Display the photos of class staff and talk about them with your child, so they become familiar adults.

If your child is very anxious, talk to school staff as they will be planning visits to the new class and opportunities for your child to meet their new teacher before the holiday. Try to be calm yourself, as anxious parents can cause increased anxiety in children!

## School Shoe Donations

We'd be very grateful for donations to school of any nearly new or gently used school shoes that your child has outgrown



### Term dates 2022-2023

#### SUMMER TERM

Term: 17 April - 20 July

Bank Holiday: 8 May

Half term holiday: 29 May 2023 - 2 June 2023

Term: 5 June-20 July

Inset day: 21 July 2023

Summer holiday: 24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023

Inset Days 2022-2023

21 July 2023

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## Term dates 2023-2024

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<p><b>Start of term: 4 September 2023</b></p> <p>Inset day: 1 September 2023</p> <p>Term: 1 September - 19 October 2023</p> <p>Inset day: 20 October 2023</p> <p><u>Half term holiday: 23 October - 27 October 2023</u></p> <p>Occasional day: 8 December 2023</p> <p>Term: 30 October - 20 December 2023</p> <p><u>Christmas holiday: 21 December - 3 January 2024</u></p>	<p>Inset day: 4 January 2024</p> <p>Term: 5 January - 16 February 2024</p> <p><u>Half term holiday: 19 February - 23 February 2024</u></p> <p>Term : 26 February- 28 March 2024</p> <p><u>Easter holiday: 29 March – 12 April 2024</u></p>	<p>Term: 15 April - 24 May 2024</p> <p>Bank Holiday: 6 May 2024</p> <p><u>Half term holiday: 27 May - 31 May 2024</u></p> <p>Inset day: 3 June 2024</p> <p>Term: 4 June - 23 July 2024</p> <p>Inset day: 12 July 2024</p> <p><u>Summer holiday: 24 July 2024 - 30 August 2024</u></p> <p><u>Inset Days 2023 - 2024</u></p> <p>1 September 2023</p> <p>20 October 2023</p> <p>8 December (Occasional day) 2023</p> <p>4 January 2024</p> <p>3 June 2024</p> <p>12 July 2024</p>

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