

The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

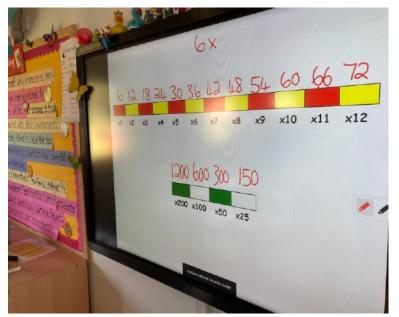
Learning TodayLeading Tomorrow

		Friday 22nd September			
Star of the Week		2023	Friend Awa		Iris
Class	Pupil	DATES COMING UP!	ł	-leadt	eachers Awards
Benjamin	Ρορργ	(please note all dates are subject to change)	Yea	c 2	Eddie, Vinnie,
Murphy	Evangeline			_	Connor, Albie
Kerr	Rose	25 Sep -Flu vaccinations -Freedom from Abuse	Year	r 3	Bella, Ernie, Iyla, Mia, Muku,. Oakley ,
Bryon	Evelyn	parent workshop 9-9:30am			Sophie
Donaldson	Grayson	3 Oct -PTA AGM 3:15-4pm			
Soundar	Harry	5 Oct -National Poetry Day -Phonics workshop for	Attendance		
Dahl	Cooper	Reception parents 9-10am	W	hee	el of Reward
Gavin	Muku	10 Oct -Year 3 Egypt Day	Each w	ook i	n assembly the wheel
Mante	Kyler-May	12 Oct -Year 2 school trip -Phonics workshop for		e spu	n for <u>most improved</u>
Morpurgo	Fletcher	Nursery parents 9-10am		<u>clas</u>	s attendance
Riordan	Tamaya	17 Oct -Bags2School		sto	Illoun
Zephaniah Joel Malala Shaylen Blackman Olive		-Year 6 WW2 Workshop		0.35	in the
		-Parent consultations			La contraction of the second
		face to face	qðepail	DOG	Movie & Popcorn
		18 Oct -Parent consultations telephone			2
6		20 Oct -Inset Day/school			
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1		30 Oct -3 Nov -Year 6 Manor Adventure			
W		3 Nov -Year 4 school trip		_	e to have a go!
<u>Celebrating your child's</u>		6-10 Nov -STEAM Week	IN		ek's winners & rewards:
<u>Birthday; 'Celebrating</u>		10 Nov -PTA Disco			
<u>You!'</u> From Sontombon we will		13-17 Nov -Feel Good Week 16 Nov -Year 5 STEM Trip	Ker	r - I	No pencil day
From September we will introduce a non-uniform day		17 Nov -Children In Need			
(for your child only) on your		1 Dec -Enterprise Day	Morp	urg	o - Class disco
child's birthday or any other		2:30-4pm 8 Dec -Occasional Day school			Maula and
preferred day, to further celebrate them and their		closed	ма		-Movie and
special day.				p	opcorn
special day.					



Maths - Times Tables

Times Tables are at the heart of mental arithmetic, which helps form the basis of a child's understanding and ability when working with number. Once the children have learnt the times tables and related divisions by heart, they are able to work far more confidently – and efficiently – through a wide range of more advanced calculations.



At The Leys, we believe that through a variety of interactive, visually engaging and rote learning techniques, most children can achieve the full times tables knowledge required by the end of Year 4 (as per expectations laid out in the National Curriculum 2014).

This year, we are following a Times Table Reward System that builds up the times tables in a methodical and progressive format, ensuring that facts are retained and revised. These times table facts are assessed through weekly tests, taken in a set time period of 5 minutes. Progress of the children's weekly results are recorded and monitored.

It is expected that all children from Year 2 onwards practise the times table they are currently working on in preparation for the weekly tests. There are many ways in which children can learn times tables - for example, playing games, quick-fire questions from an adult, chanting tables, writing the tables out and using songs, websites or apps. To support the rapid recall of multiplication facts, at The Leys we promote the use of <u>Times Table Rock Stars</u> (TTRS).

CLASS OF THE WEEK: Kerr





In English this week Kerr Class had an experience day. We read the book 'The

Train Ride' and watched a journey from London to Edinburgh on a train. We then thought about the different things we could hear and see on the train. The classroom was also set up as a train station role play. We were able



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	to buy tickets, be a train driver and travel on the train. We had lots of fun.
Class: Morpurgo Robert	In English Year 4 are studying the wordless picture book Float by Daniel Miyares. We have been working on writing the story. Robert has written: Draw by draw. Hold by hold. Bend by bend. Now the boy had built an outstanding, phenomenal and delightful paper boat. Light-hearted and happy, he changed speedily and bolted into the road. Scurrying along the wet, long pavement, the light-hearted boy imagined where his boat could sail. The fence was as spiky as sharks teeth in the stormy ocean - roaring, rumbling, crashing.
Reader of the Month	Reader of the month goes to Manny in Year 1. Manny reads his reading book regularly at home and is close to receiving his first certificate already. Keep up this amazing work Manny!



Whole school attendance target = 97% Whole school attendance this week = 95.5% Best class attendance this week = Donaldson

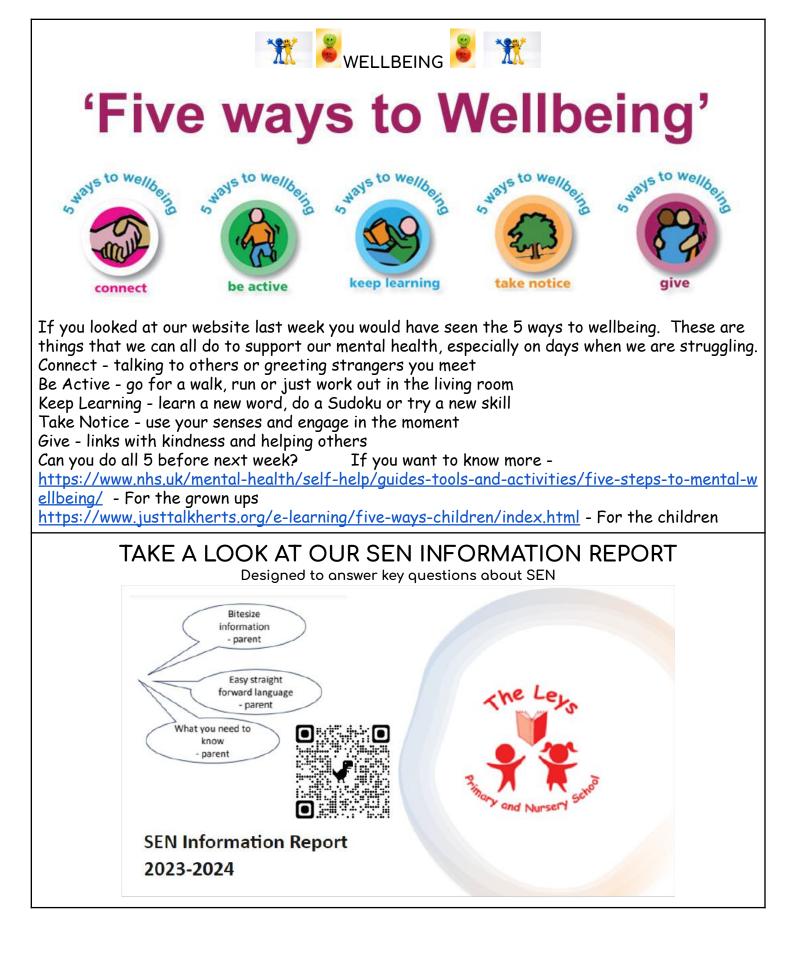
The Leys Have Talent

Emily, in year 4, is a fantastic swimmer. Recently, she has received her stage 6 certificate and is now working on her stage 7!

Well Done Emily- Keep up the good work!



Empowerment



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Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values



Year 4 have been having a fantastic time at swimming. There were some nerves before they left school but overall they were very excited to learn this really important life skill. They are settling into the routine well.



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Shaping Stevenage's cycling future

Please complete the survey via the link below to have you say....

<u>Have Your Say Today - Stevenage Cycle Hire - Commonplace</u> The consultation will run until 24 September 2023.

The link to our consultation platform includes 3 surveys to choose from.

- 1. those over the age of 18,
- 2. a youth survey.
- 3. a map survey. Designed for all participants. Drop a pin on the map and tell us where they would like to see cycle hire docking stations.

On average the survey takes approx. 2-5 minutes to complete but will depend on the individual, there is also a chance to win a £50 shopping voucher. At the end of the survey, it will ask if you would like to be entered into the prize draw.

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