



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Evie
Murphy	Lily-Mai
Kerr	Ahmad
Waddell	Oliver
Donaldson	Pearl
Gravett	Remii
Dahl	Muhammad
Freedman	Jacob
Strong	Bailey E
Morpurgo	Oli E
Lewis	Simra A
Tolkien	Danny
Rosen	James
Shakespeare	William
Dickens	Jenson
Kipling	Albert

Friends of The Leys PTA

Key Dates

Bags2School Collection 30th September 2021
 AGM: 5th October at 6.30pm
 Non uniform day 21st October £1
 Disco: 15th October at 5 to 8pm
 Non uniform 11th February £1
 Disco: 25th February 2022 at 5 to 8pm
 Non uniform £1 1st April
 Non uniform £1 1st 27th May
 Summer Fair: 1st July 3.15 to 5.30pm

DATES COMING UP!

27.9 to 1.10- Nepal Week
 30.9 Bag2School collection day
 30.9 Year 2 Whipnade Zoo trip
 1.10 School Photographs Individual/ Siblings
 4.10 to 8.10- Black History Month
 5.10 -PTA online meeting at 6.30 to 7.15pm
 8.10 Nursery Workshop for Parents
 13.10 Year 6 Manor Meeting at 6pm
 14.10 Year 6 Manor Meeting at 9 am
 11.10 to 15.10 Harvest collection
 15.10 Stay & Play - Reception pupils & Parents
 15.10 -Autumn Disco 5 to 8pm
 19.10 to 20.10- Parent Consultation
 19.10 Year 5 Class Assembly at 9.15 am
 20.10- No PENs day
 21.10 - Non uniform day £1- pupils break up for half term
 22.10- Inset day
 1.11- Pupils Return
 1st to 5th November Y6 Manor Adventure
 4.11 Year 3 Celtic Harmony Trip
 15th to 19th Anti Bullying Week
 15.11 -Odd Socks Day
 22.11 to 26.11- STEAM week & Bikeability Week
 2.12 Aladdin Theatre in Y3-6 AM
 6.12- Occasional Day- School is closed
 7.12 Year 5 Trip Exo Mars discovery centre
 9.12 Puss in Boots Pantomime YR-Y2 PM
 10.12 Enterprise Day
 13.12 to 17.12 EYFS & KS1 Christmas productions week & Junior Church Service
 17.12 Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day
 21.12- Last day of term - 1.30pm finish

Attendance awards

Freeman & Donaldson

Headteacher Awards

Reception

Year 1

Lenny

Year 2

Year 3

Paige, Devon

Year 4

Bailey C, Ollie

Year 5

Tyler S

Year 6

Parent Partnership

Nursery Workshop- 8/10

Please enter via the side door near Year 3 Building. One parent to attend with a mask.
 9 am to 9.20am

Stay & Play 9am to 9.30am

These sessions are aimed for Reception parents only, please drop your child at their classroom door and then make your way to the main sports field- where Mr Byford will meet you. After registration, all reception pupils will join their parent/ carer to complete some fun active activities.

Friday 15th October

CLASS OF THE WEEK



Year 1 Kerr

Well done to Kerr class for demonstrating our school values this week; helping & listening to others, showing great friendships, trying their best with challenging activities and overall for having the best smiles!



Writer of the Week

Tiara - Morpurgo

We have been looking at expanded noun phrases and using high level adjectives to describe...

Nyasha suddenly noticed a scary snake resting by a beautiful yam vine. She slowly bent forward and gave the snake a gentle pat on it's scaly head. The colossal snake watched as the courageous girl reluctantly poured water onto the dry soil. Suddenly, a magnificent bird gracefully flew down onto a shimmering green leaf and sucked the sweet nectar from the pretty flower.



WELLBEING



Wednesday 22nd September was National Fitness day - most classes are already doing the daily mile as well as 2 hours of PE a week. This week the children have also been enjoying playing on the field and playground in the sunshine at break and lunchtime! On Key Stage 2 today we had football, cricket, hula hooping, frisbee, gymnastics as well as climbing on the fitness trail and climbing

frames ! 

Research has shown that physical activity has positive effects on our mood and can help reduce anxiety and in some cases is prescribed to improve depression.

BeeZee bodies is a free Hertfordshire service working with families and children on weight management. They are just about to start face to face sessions at Barnwell school but also offer online courses too. Any parents interested in this service please phone 01707 248648 or email beezeebodies@nhs.net Their website will also provide further information about what they offer.

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

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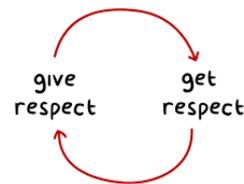
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Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values



In year 5, the children have been looking into the concept of respect. They thought about different ways we can show respect to people, including smiling at people, listening to them, and always treating others as we would wish to be treated ourselves.

Wise words year 5!



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love | mercy | action



As part of our Harvest celebrations this October, we are supporting the Stevenage Foodshed by organising donations from our school community. Please send in the following items into school that have been listed by Stevenage Foodshed: Pasta sauces/ Soups/ Tinned Meat/ Tinned Fruit/ Tinned Veg + Potatoes + Tomatoes/ UHT Milk/ Biscuits /Juice/Squash/ Sugar/ Shower gel/ Shampoo & conditioners/ Toilet roll



Christmas Production events

Please note these events are subject to change should the local area see a rise in cases.

10.12 Enterprise Day

Nursery - Mon 13/12/21 - 09:30 & 14:00

Rec - Weds 15/12/21 - 09:30 & 14:00

Year 1 -Thurs 16/12/21 - 9:30 & 14:00

Year 2 - Tuesday 14/12/21 - 9:30 & 14:00

17.12 Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

17.12 Junior Church Service

More details to follow

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Autumn Parent Consultation

These meetings will be taking place on Tuesday 19th October from 3.30pm to 7pm and Wednesday 20th October from 3.30pm to 5pm.

We will be offering both face to face and phone call meeting.

More details to follow

2022-23 EYFS Tours

Please come along and join us on our full tours of the school on;

9am on 13th October 2021

9am on 10th November 2021

1.30pm 18th November 2021

1.30pm 2nd December 2021

Contact the school office to book a place.

Science

UPDATE

Science has started at The Leys! We have had a fun start to term across the school, with many classes getting stuck into their new science topics - spotting animals, searching for features of plants and exploring different organisms. This week sees the return of 'Mad Science' to the school, creating a buzz of excitement for this new after school club!

This term, we want to encourage all children to become scientists everyday - we can be scientists at home, in school, when we're cooking, even when we are playing! Give this fun science experiment a go at home...send us pictures of your experiments.

SCIENCE FUN FOR NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY

1 TRY THIS INDOORS ... Confused Fish

Amaze and puzzle your family and friends with this optical illusion! Draw two fish on a piece of paper and prop it up behind an empty drinking glass so that you can see the fish through the glass. Then slowly fill the glass up with water while you watch the fish - what do you see happening?

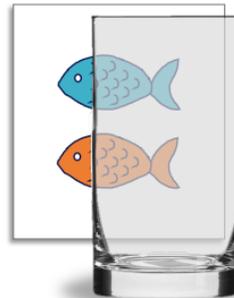
WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?

Things to talk about ...

What changes about how you see the arrows when you pour water into the container? What happens if you turn the fish so they are pointing upwards? What happens if you use a different glass, or move it nearer to or further from the fish? What happens to writing? Instead of using fish, can you write a word that looks the same when the glass is empty and when you pour water into it? What do you know about how we see objects?

You will need

- * Drinking glass or another see-through container
- * Jug of water
- * Paper and pens



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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.

Please note that the May half term break has been extended on both sides to allow more time for travelling for planned holidays.

Friday 27th May 2022 Occasional Day due to Queen's Platinum Jubilee- school is closed

May half term Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Monday 6th June Inset Day- School is closed

Pupis return on Tuesday 7th June 2022

Don't forget to book on

 **The Leys Fun and Games Club! Breakfast & After-School Club**

BREAKFAST CLUB

- Breakfast Club runs from 7.30am to 8:45 am and includes breakfast.
- Breakfast club costs £3.50 per child per day.
- Children must be signed into the club by whoever is bringing them to school.
- Children should not be dropped at the gate and sent into the club on their own. Breakfast on offer includes such choices as: cereal, toast, croissants, fruit, and fruit juices.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

- After School Club runs from 3.15 to 6.00 pm in two sessions:
- 3.15 - 5:00pm Session A £7.00 per day per child
- 3.15 - 6.00 pm Session B £8.50 per day per child
- A snack such as sandwiches, wraps, cheese, biscuits, and fruits are served to all children attending the after-school club.

Planned activities available may include:

- Creative art and crafts activities - painting, drawing, cutting, sticking and model making.
- Free play - activities chosen by your child.
- Imaginative play - dressing up and role play.
- Messy play - sand water clay and dough
- Outside play - depending on weather.
- Sports activities - organised by our PE staff.
- Various special events - disco, face painting, cooking, movie & popcorn

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Term dates 2021-2022

AUTUMN TERM Start of term: 2 September 2021 Inset day: 1 September Term: 2 September -21 October 2021 Half term holiday: 25 October 2021 - 29 October 2021 Inset day: 22 October Term: 1 November -21 December Occasional Day: 6 December Christmas holiday: 22 December 2021 - 5 January 2022	SPRING TERM Inset day: 5 January 2022 Term: 6 January - 11 February Half term holiday: 14 February 2022 - 18 February 2022 Term : 21 February-1 April Easter holiday: 4 April 2022 – 18 April 2022	SUMMER TERM Term: 19 April - 26 May Half term holiday: 30 May 2022 - 3 June 2022 Inset Day: 6 June Occasional day: 27 May Term: 7 June-21 July Inset day 22 July Summer holiday: 22 July 2022 - 31 August 2022
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