



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Jenson
Murphy	Ronnie
Kerr	Nila
Waddell	Lexi
Donaldson	Amilia
Gravett	Chloe
Dahl	Amber
Freedman	Millie
Strong	Jessica
Morpurgo	Spencer
Tolkien	Savannah I
Lewis	Jacob
Rosen	Oliver
Shakespeare	Emir
Dickens	Kai
Kipling	Kai

Friends of The Leys PTA Key Dates

10th June - Non uniform £1
17th June -Summer Fair
3.15 to 5.30pm

Friday 29th April 2022

DATES COMING UP!

2-5 Bank Holiday-School closed
9.5 to 12.5 Y6 SATs week
16.5- 20.5 Walk to School Week & French Week
20.5- HCC Food Taster
23.5 -27.5 Healthy Living Week
26.5 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee party
26.5 Year 6 Fun Day (PE) (non-uniform- PE wear)
27.5 Occasional day School closed
May half term 30.5 to 3.6
6.6 - School closed to pupils
8.6 Bags2 School Collection day
9.6 Y2 Mountfitchet Castle
10.6 Non- uniform- bring in item for Tombola
16.6 Book Fair arrives
17.6 Summer Fair 3.15 to 5.30pm
20.6- 24th STEAM week
24.6 Pupil Parliament 11am
29.6 Sports Day choice 1
30.6 Sports Day choice 2
4.7-8.7 Commonwealth Week
5.7 School Photographs
6.7 to 8.7 Year 4 Wymondley Trip
14.7 Transition Day
15.7 Year 6 Production 2pm & 6pm
18.7 Year 6 Prom
20.7 House point reward pm
21.7 Last day 1.30pm finish
22.7 School closed for all staff

Attendance Awards	Shakespeare and Waddell
Friendship Cup	Ella and Lucie in Waddell Class
Headteachers Awards	
Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	James, Holly, Remii, Brianna, Lewi, Chloe and Rhys
Year 3	Mia, Divya, Jacob. Tamaya, Fiza, Grace & Millie
Year 4	Chase, Louise, Maya
Year 5	Chloe, Oscar
Year 6	Joseph

Attendance Monopoly Winners

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:
Y1 Kerr- Class baking
Y3 Freedman- Chromebook time
Y5 Tolkien- Class baking

CLASS OF THE WEEK



This week in Strong class, we have been practising our times tables in preparation for the end of year multiplication test in year 4. Over the week we have been practising in the morning and some children have even been coming in during their breaks and lunches to practice.

This week has seen Strong class make tremendous improvement in how quickly and accurately we can recall our times table facts and complete practice tests using a Chromebook.

Strong class have also used this opportunity to practice using Times Table Rockstars in the hopes that they will be able to earn their level 1, 2 & 3 badges for knowing all of their times tables and being able to recall them within 6 seconds.



Class: Kerr
Pupil: Amelia

We have been learning about verbs. Amelia wrote sentences using different verbs.

The boy is playing.
The girl is eating.
The girl is smiling.
The boy and girl throw the ball.
The girl is crying.
The boy is reading.
I like to sleep.
The boy is watching TV.
The boy and girl is talking.
The girl is listening.

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values



Positive Minds;

This week year 6 have started working on their transition to secondary school.

We are working in partnership with Watford Football Club to support the children in this important time.

Over the next ten weeks the children will be discussing different topics such as emotional literacy, how to talk about our mental health, the five ways to well-being and lifestyle, social media and internet safety.

These sessions are invaluable for the discussions and debates they facilitate, as well as the breadth of knowledge being passed on to the children.

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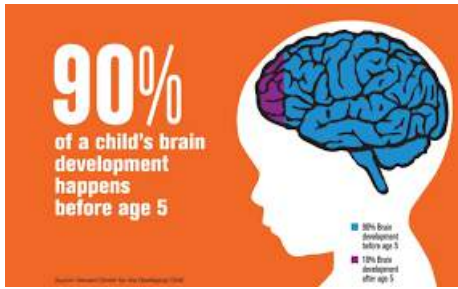
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WELLBEING



Brain development and ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences)

Our brains develop from before birth and into adulthood (Siegel and Bryson, 2012). But there are key 'sensitive periods' during early childhood and adolescence where children and young people's brains are more affected by positive or negative experiences (Shonkoff et al, 2008). These negative experiences are often referred to as ACES. What happens in a child or young person's life during these periods can have a significant effect on their brain development. Positive experiences throughout childhood help to build healthy brains, while experiencing childhood trauma and abuse can harm a child's brain development (Shonkoff et al, 2015). A really informative video about this from the NSPCC can be found on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMyDFYskZSU>

The Leys Have Talent

Kai, in Year 5, is a very talented swimmer! His most recent competition was at his 1st RTSC regional swimming qualifiers in Basildon. He had a great experience achieving 5 new personal best times in all his events and 2 Bronze Medals for his 100m and 50m Breaststroke.

He said "My dream is to become an Olympic Swimmer"- he has great ambition! Well Done Kai!



Winners

The winning entries for designing the Times Tables badges are...

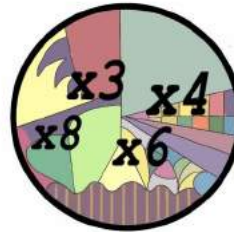
Level 1 (2, 5 & 10 x) - **Aimee** (Year 6)

Level 2 (3, 4, 6 & 8 x) - **Nellie** (Year 3)

Level 3 (7, 9, 11 & 12 x) - **Kai** (Year 5)

We love the imaginative designs the children have come up with.

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Well done and thank you to everyone who took part in the
'Beat Mr. Blanch Sponsored Read'

We are thrilled to announce that we raised a huge

£1,636

A special mention to **Robyn** (Rec), **Charlie** (Yr 1), **Olive** (Yr 4) and **Zachary** (Yr 5) who all won Easter eggs for raising the most funds.

Daily Mile

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Daily Mile. The daily mile is a healthy active lifestyle initiative introduced to get the children active everyday. The children run 10 times around our athletics track to complete their mile. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the celebration and all had fun completing the mile together.

In the photo below you can see children from all different year groups including : Reception , Year 2 , Year 3 , Year 4 , Year 5 and Year 6!



Year 3 Tag Rugby Festival

This week Freedman class (Year 3) attended the SSF Tag Rugby Festival. Throughout the day they enjoyed playing many activities including passing , teamwork and a game opportunity. All the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the day and we can't wait to attend again next year!



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MSA VACANCIES

We are looking for motivated, reliable, and caring midday supervisory assistants to join our lunchtime team.

The role involves supporting the Lunchtime Manager with the supervision of pupils in the dining hall and playground during the lunchtime period.

The hours of work will be Monday to Friday, 1.5 hours per day between 11:30 to 13:30, term time only.

To find out more about this role and to apply for the position please click on the link below. Closing date for applications is 11th May 2022 11:00am.

https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,midday-supervisory-assistant-msa_72932.htm

Family Friday sessions **Summer Term 2022** **8.45am to 9.15am**

We will be running a number of 'Family Friday sessions for each year group, combining both Stay & Share with Family Reading -allowing the opportunity for parents/carers to view their child's work in their classrooms. Please arrive at 8.45am and enter via your child's classroom with their child.

6.5 Year 3 Stay & Share

13.5 Year 4 Stay & Share

20.5 Year 5 Stay & Share

10.6 Year N Stay & Play- Mr Byford & Mr Newlands will lead a play session

17.6 Year R Stay & Play -Mr Byford & Mr Newlands will lead a play session

24.6 Year 6 Stay & Share looking through your child's work/ books

1.7 Year 2- Stay & Share looking through your child's work/ books

New Parent Meeting- infant hall 9.15 to 10am

Parents/ Carers will be invited to a meet their child's new class teacher- please see dates below;

13.6 Reception

20.6 Year 3

27.6 Year 6

11.7 Year 1 Other year group meetings will take place in September 2022

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

Pupils return on Tuesday 7th June 2022

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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

Term dates 2021-2022

AUTUMN TERM

Start of term: 2 September 2021
Inset day: 1 September
Term: 2 September -21 October
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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Term dates 2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<p>Start of term: 5 September 2022 Inset day: 1 September & 2 September Term: 5 September -21 October <u>Half term holiday: 24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022</u> Inset day: 2 December & Occasional Day: 5 December Term: 31 October - 21 December <u>Christmas holiday: 22 December 2021 - 4 January 2022</u></p>	<p>Inset day: 5 January Term: 6 January - 10 February <u>Half term holiday: 13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023</u> Term : 20 February- 31 March 2023 <u>Easter holiday: 3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023</u></p>	<p>Term: 17 April - 20 July Bank Holiday: 1 May <u>Half term holiday: 29 May 2022 - 2 June 2023</u> Term: 5 June-20 July Inset day: 21 July 2023 <u>Summer holiday: 24 July 2023 - 31 August no 2023</u></p> <p><u>Inset Days 2021-2022</u> 1 September 2022 2 September 2022 2 December 2022 5 December (Occasional day) 2022 5 January 2023 21 July 2023</p>

