



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 16th December 2022

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Zayn
Murphy	Louie
Kerr	Eddie
Bryon	Gregory
Donaldson	-
Soundar	-
Dahl	James
Gavin	Fletcher
Mante	Kaan
Morpurgo	Lily G
Riordan	-
Zephaniah	-
Malala	Cody
Balckman	Marcus
Kipling	Rylan

DATES COMING UP!
19 Dec -All years Christmas parties
21 Dec -Non-uniform. -School finishes 1:30
5 Jan -Inset Day- School Closed for pupils
6 Jan -Start of Spring term - back to school



We'd like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to our PTA for all their hard work this term, particularly with the Disco and Enterprise Day

Reminder:
School finishes at **1:30pm on Wednesday 21st December**

Friendship Award	Y6 -Olivia & Oliver
Headteachers Awards	
Year1	Gabriella
Year 2	Maaya & Saaya
Year 3	Lewi
Year 4	Delilah Eddy, Amber & Lily
Year 5	Charley & George

*Thanks to your donations/purchases we raised a massive **£1089.56** on Enterprise Day and **£366.50** for the raffle/tea and coffee sales and visiting Santa. We really appreciate your support!*



UPDATE

The Early Years children have had great fun participating in their Christmas performance of 'Is There a Baby in There?'. The Reception children practised really hard to learn their lines and delivered them brilliantly on the days. The Nursery children made beautiful Christmas hats and sang their songs confidently. As this was their first performance in front of an audience, all of the children were amazing.

Merry Christmas from all of the Early Years Team



KS1 had a great time performing their Christmas show 'Children Of the World' They spent a lot of time rehearsing and performed brilliantly for the real shows. These children missed out on performing for the last few years due to Covid so we were so happy to get back to normal and the children did so well for their first time in front of an audience!



CLASS OF THE WEEK:



Riordan class visited Santa's Grotto. During our visit, we continued reading our Christmas book 'One Christmas Wish'. We discussed why it can be sad to be alone at Christmas time and how people celebrate Christmas differently. We loved reading the book and it created a lot of discussion points. In our writing lessons, we are currently writing a recount describing Theos Christmas Eve journey and the story of the Christmas decorations coming alive to keep him company!



Class: Donaldson
Pupil: Jennifer,
Barnaby, Dylan & Uno

This week Donaldson class have been writing list poems about decorations and items around the classroom. We have been inspired by reading the book, One Christmas Wish. This is some of the writing that one group has done.

I eat your cards
And I don't find it hard.
I am red
I am well fed
I have got gold tinsel on me
I've got letters in my post box.

Snow Day



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Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

As well as Christmas, many of the families in our community also celebrate Hannukah each year. The eight-day Jewish celebration (known as Hanukkah or Chanukah) commemorates the rededication during the second century B.C. of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, where according to legend Jews had risen up against their Greek-Syrian oppressors in the Maccabean Revolt.

This year, Hanukkah begins on the evening of Sunday, December 18 and ends on the evening of Monday, December 26. Often called the Festival of Lights, the holiday is celebrated with the lighting of the menorah, traditional foods, games and gifts.



If you are celebrating Hannukah this year, we encourage you to share your celebrations with your child's class teacher, so we can learn more about the celebration as a whole school.

Year 4 will be completing a Religious Education lesson all about the Festival of Lights and making a dreidel, traditionally used for games at this time of year. Many other activities will be taking place across classes to celebrate and commemorate this special time.



WELLBEING

Mental Health Support for Hertfordshire's Children and Young People

If your child or teenager is feeling low, anxious, or generally struggling, there are lots of services available to help them all year round. Please always encourage them to talk and ask for help if they need it. The services listed on Just Talk's webpage are all free and don't need a professional referral, so they can be contacted directly by young people and/or their parents/carers. Services listed include Hertfordshire's new With YOUth Digital Wellbeing Service for ages 5-18, parents and carers and many more, so please take a look:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/mentalhealthsupportforhertsyongpeople

The Leys Have Talent



Maaya and Saaya, in year 2, have received medals for their achievements in Gymnastics with the Stevenage Gymnastics Club. They both completed Core level 10 skills. Well Done girls- this is an excellent achievement!

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PEGI helps parents to make informed decisions when buying video games

PEGI provides age classifications for video games in 38 European countries. The age rating confirms that the game is appropriate for players of certain age. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty.

<https://pegi.info/>

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*.

Christmas Services 2022
St Nicholas Church
Come celebrate with us!

Sunday 18th Dec 6:30pm
9 Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve 3pm
Christingle Service

Christmas Day at 9:30am
Family Service with Communion.

A silhouette illustration of a nativity scene. Mary is kneeling on the left, the infant Jesus is in the center, and Joseph is on the right. They are set against a background of a bright yellow and orange starburst, with a single bright star at the top center. The bottom of the illustration is dark, suggesting a night sky.

*We hope to live stream these services on YouTube.com
Search for St Nicholas Church Stevenage*

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Music Service

Community Steelband

Tuesdays at Stevenage Music Centre

Try something new in 2023!

Make music, make new friends and try something different!

Come and join our NEW Community Steelband at Stevenage Music Centre

And best of all..... it's **FREE!**

Minimum age 7 years. No previous musical experience necessary and all instruments provided.



Tuesdays 4:00 - 4:45pm // 4:45 - 5:30pm
Starting 10th January 2023

For more information, scan the QR code

To sign up, email
stevenagemusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Deadline to register: Friday 6th January 2023



Day and time: Tuesdays, 4:00 - 4:45pm // 4:45 - 5:30pm
Cost: FREE for one term, then £4.73 per person per session
Venue: Stevenage Music Centre, Nobel School, Mobbsbury Way
Contact us: stevenagemusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk

For more up-to-date information and to find out about more events follow us on Twitter and Facebook - [@HMSStevenage](https://www.instagram.com/HMSStevenage)

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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 Half term holiday: 24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022</p> <p>Inset day: 2 December Occasional Day: 5 December Term: 31 October - 21 December Christmas holiday: 22 December 2021 - 4 January 2022</p>	<p>Inset day: 5 January Term: 6 January - 10 February Half term holiday: 13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023 Term : 20 February- 31 March 2023 Easter holiday: 3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023</p>	<p>Term: 17 April - 20 July Bank Holiday: 1 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</p> <p><u>Inset Days 2022-2023</u> 1 September 2022 2 September 2022 2 December 2022 5 December (Occasional day) 2022 5 January 2023 21 July 2023</p>

