



## The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ....Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Orla
Murphy	Iosac
Kerr	Aydin
Bryon	Grayson
Donaldson	Nila
Soundar	Noah
Dahl	Reece
Gavin	Lewi
Mante	Devon
Morpurgo	Thando
Riordan	Lilly
Zephaniah	George
Malala	Tyler
Blackman	Simra
Kipling	Frankie

### Friday 13th January 2022

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

19 Jan -Parents in Partnership workshop for Nur and Rec 9-10am  
 26 Jan -Parents in Partnership workshop for Nur and Rec 9-10am  
 31 Jan -PTA meeting 3:15-4pm  
 6-10 Feb -Internet safety week  
 7 & 8 Feb -Parent consultations  
 10 Feb -Non uniform £1  
 13-17 Feb -Half Term  
 24 Feb -School Disco  
                     -Reception screening 1  
 27 Feb -Reception Screening 2  
 2 Mar -World Book Day  
 13 Mar -In class photos  
 13 -17 Mar -STEAM week  
 21 Mar -Poetry day  
 31 Mar -Non uniform £1  
                     -School finishes 1:30pm  
 3-14 Apr -Easter holidays  
 20 Apr -Bag2School collection  
 1 May -Bank holiday, school closed  
 8 May -Bank holiday for the Kings Coronation, school closed  
 9-12 May -Y6 SATS week  
 26 May -Non uniform £1  
 9 Jun -Non uniform Summer Fair donations (details closer to the date)  
 16 Jun -Summer Fair

Friendship Award	Year 1 - Iris
Headteachers Awards	
Year1	Lexi-May, Taha & Santino
Year 4	Nellie, Jacob, Gabriella,, Emma & Glynn

### 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 - Eat cake**  
**Gavin - Popcorn & movie**  
**Riordan - Eat cake**



# UPDATE

## PSHE

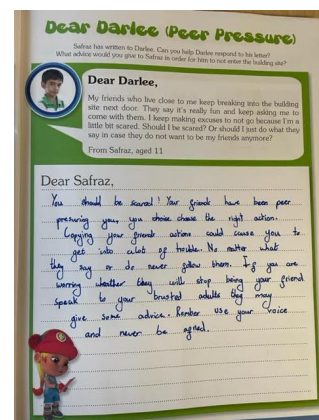
### 1decision

The start of a new year and a new term began with a PSHE focus day from EYFS up to Year 6 using our new 1 Decision PSHE Association Programme of study.

Year 2 worked together to think about what people, places and things can keep them safe.



Year 3 identified different dangers and how we can keep ourselves safe.



Year 5 learnt about peer pressure and how they can appropriately respond when they feel pressured to do something they shouldn't.

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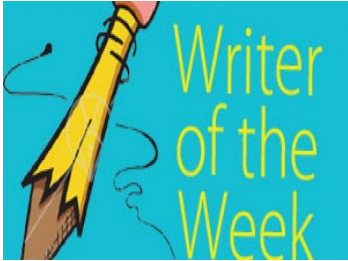
CLASS OF THE WEEK:  
Soundar- Year 2



*Year 2 have enjoyed starting to learn about the Great Fire of London*

*Some highlights so far have been thinking about what life would have been like in 17th Century London with no cars, cameras or even toilets!*

*We have also had a look at how the fire brigade is very different now to how it would have been back in 1666. We had a go at making a chain and passing cups of water down the chain, Everyone agreed that the hoses firefighters use now would be much more effective!*



Class: Molala  
Pupil: Zack

At the end of last year, the whole school studied the book "One Christmas Wish" which was about a boy who was lonely on Christmas Eve. In Year 6, we made a link with the issue of homelessness and how lonely an experience it can be. Here is an excerpt from Zack's newspaper report about a fictional teenager who had sadly experienced sleeping rough on the streets:

*Natasha (whose name has been changed for safety reasons) is a 14-year-old girl who may be safe now but it was only a month or two ago when she was one of the many prisoners of homelessness. It all started in 2020 when she kept getting in bad arguments with Sophia and John (her parents). In 2022 it was so bad she left home!*

*We went to Sophia and John who shared how guilty they felt through deafening sobs, "We have been terrible parents and all we want is our little baby back." cried the two heartbroken parents. After that we went to see Natasha who explained how bad it was and she found the best thing she could do was enter abandoned houses and flats. They were dirty and full of animals such as rats, mice and spiders but it was better than sleeping outside. Natasha left home without any plans so she had to adapt quickly. She said it was like having a horrendous nightmare but it was completely real. Natasha didn't even go to school as she was in fear of bullies.*

## Dick Whittington Pantomime

This week we were very lucky as we had the Hurricane Touring Theatre company come in and perform a show- live!

The performance was based on the classic Dick Whittington;  
Dick Whittington goes to London seeking his fortune. He finds adventure, love and a particular nasty King Rat!

It was such a fantastic show and the pupils loved being involved in it!.  
The children are now going to use this performance as inspiration to create their own fantastic writing pieces!



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## NEW SEND LEADER - Jess Pomroy

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the New SEND Leader at the Leys.

I have started to meet many of the children and work with staff to support children across the school who have additional needs. Previously I have worked at another Hertfordshire school as their SENDCo for 5 years continuing my career as a speech and language base teacher. I am looking forward to meeting and working with many of you, as we continue to provide the best for our children.

If you would like to come and meet me, please come along for a chat and a coffee on Tuesday 24th January at 2.30pm. Mrs Barr will also join us for a familiar face. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

I am contactable through the school office by phone or email.



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

This week the children in Year 1 have been looking at Road Safety, Classroom safety and general safety during their PSHE Lessons. They have watched a variety of videos and put themselves in different situations to discuss what they would do and how they would react. The children understand how to be safe on the road and have learned - **stop, look, listen and think!** We hope they begin to use these words when they are outside of school.



The children notified some hazards in the classroom and thought about how we can keep our classroom safe.

"Hold the scissors properly."

"Pick the glue lids up so you don't slip".

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WELLBEING



Tuesday

STEVENAGE

Barnwell Middle  
SchoolSG2 9XT  
17:30 - 19:00

## BeeZee Bodies families courses for January 2023

If your New Year's resolution is to lose some weight why not do this as a family? BeeZee Bodies has both online and face to face sessions which can support you with ideas and exercises to help you achieve your goal. Body image can impact our Mental Health, both positively and negatively so don't delay taking action!

[https://beezeebodies.com/for-families/?utm\\_source=parent-mail&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=November22](https://beezeebodies.com/for-families/?utm_source=parent-mail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=November22)

### For Families - BeeZee Bodies

Tom's Mum said: "The group sessions and the lifestyle 'experiments' we did at home have helped to motivate us and make the losing weight goal and healthier living more fun! Tom has really been embracing the changes. He is much happier having his plate loaded up with fruit & veg and we have both been finding healthier snacking options and having the mindset of treat foods only ...

[Beezeebodies.com](https://beezeebodies.com)

### The Leys Have Talent

Maya, in year 5, is a very talented gymnast. She has recently received her level 4 Gold gymnastic Award. Well done Maya keep up the good work!

**Refuge**For women and children.  
Against domestic violence.

The freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse  
Helpline

0808 2000 247

[National Domestic Abuse Helpline](https://www.refuge.org.uk/national-domestic-abuse-helpline)

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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*.

### Nursery tour dates - Sep 2023 admissions

Monday 16th January - 10am -11am

Monday 23rd January - 10am -11am

Monday 6th February - 10am -11 am

Friday 24th February - 1pm-2pm

Friday 3rd March - 1pm-2pm

**Please contact the school office to book a tour**

### Term dates 2022-2023

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