



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 20th January 2023

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Honey-Rose
Murphy	Marianna
Kerr	Fraiser
Bryon	Lewis
Donaldson	Iyla
Soundar	Kabir
Dahl	Lily-Rose
Gavin	Serah
Mante	Nellie
Morpurgo	Anthony
Riordan	Layla
Zephaniah	Lily
Malala	Malachi
Blackman	Darcie
Kipling	Aseda

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

24 Jan -SEND meet Mrs Pomroy for a cup of tea
 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 school 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
 15-19 May -Walk to school 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 2- Amaya and Harlie for helping others
Headteachers Awards	
Year 3	Alex
Year 4	Liam, Joel & Muhammad

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:

Donaldson - Extra play

Morpurgo - Eat cake

Malala - Orienteering & chocolate

UPDATE

Writing

Over the past two weeks, the whole school have been focusing their writing on the 'Dick Whittington' Pantomime.

Year 1 have been using images to create a story sequence.

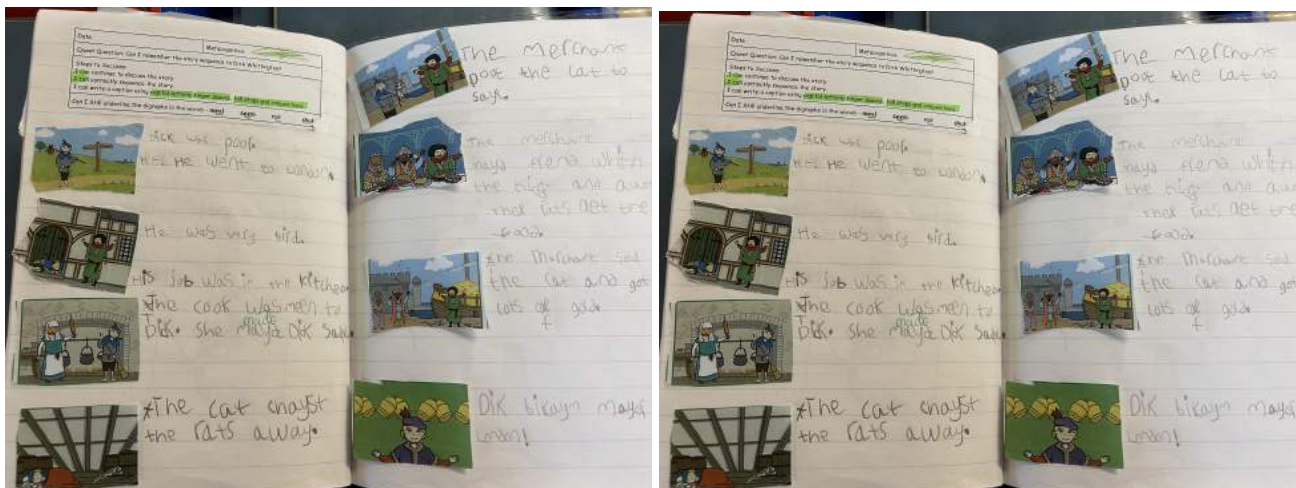
Year 2 have been writing letters to Fitzy to persuade her that the Queen stole the money and it wasn't Dick Whittington!

Year 3 and Year 4 have been writing Newspaper Articles recounting the story.

Year 5 have been writing persuasive letters to Mr Whittington.

Year 6 have been writing an informal letter to an old school friend of Dick Whittington.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their writing around the story and the use of the Pantomime to help inspire them has had an incredible impact all around the school!



CLASS OF THE WEEK:
Bryon Class



Year 1 Bryon Class have been working so hard with their writing this week. I am so proud of them! We have been learning about the story of Pinocchio. We made a small puppet of Pinocchio and used adjectives to describe him. We then have been writing our own stories. As a class we are working hard on remembering capital letters, finger spaces and full stops! I can't wait to see their finished versions of their stories!

Well done Bryon Class!! Keep up the fab work!! 😊

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Dick Whittington

We are currently writing newspaper reports based around the story of Dick Whittington.

Poor boy from the country

Yesterday, Dick Whittington became Lord Mayor of London. He happily stood up in London's Guild Hall and promised to work hard to make London a cheerful, bright City for everyone who inhabits the capital. Everyone was so happy that Dick Whittington became Mayor because his promises were so wonderful.

Class: Morpurgo
Pupil: Lily G

Reader of the Month



Olivia KW in Year 2 has made fantastic progress with her reading! We are so proud of her!



Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

This week the nursery children have been talking about friendship. They spoke about who their friends were and were able to give wonderful explanations as to what makes them a good friend:

"Arthur because he likes to share the police car with me" Alby S

"Evie because she is my best friend and I see her lots. I like doing drawing and painting with her" Poppy

"Huxley because he shares play dough. He plays nicely with me". Riley

The children have also shown how to be a good friend. Ruby drew a picture for her best friend Ruby and Arthur helped Albie and Huxley build the marble run.



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Positively Supporting Children with Self-Harming Behaviours free parent/carer workshops and events

Online Workshop
Helping Parents & Carers to support young people with self-harming behaviours
 30th January 10.00-12.00

Online Peer Support Group
A closed confidential group running for 6 weeks
 Tuesday 12th February 12.30 -2.00

Online workshop jointly delivered with Pinpoint
Supporting children with Neurodiversity (pre or post-diagnosis) who self-harm
 Tuesday 27th February 12.00-1.30 

Online workshop
Helping Parents & Carers to support young people with self-harming behaviours
 Tuesday 28th February 10.00-12.00

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 Monday 27th March 12.00-1.30 

Online workshop
Helping Parents & Carers to support young people with self-harming behaviours
 Tuesday 21st March 6.30 - 8.30pm




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The Leys Have Talent

Mya, in Year 5, attends a trampolining club at Marriotts School. She has recently received her level 1, 2 and 3- a bronze, gold and silver!
 Well Done Mya Keep up the good work!



Hertfordshire CCTV Partnership

Mike from Hertfordshire CCTV Partnership came to visit the Year 5 children to speak about his work at the company. This was a fascinating and informative session, where the children learned about what CCTV is and why it is used. We were amazed to learn how many CCTV cameras are around us at all times and it was really interesting to hear more about the many different reasons that CCTV can help us. At the end of the session, all of the children were able to have a go at controlling a real CCTV camera using a joystick, which they thoroughly enjoyed! Thank you Mike for visiting and well done Year 5 for asking lots of interesting questions.



Childnet is a UK-based charity who empower children, young people, and those who support them in their online lives, and its mission is to work with others to make the internet a great and safe place for children and young people.

[Parents & carers | Childnet](#)

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 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

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St Nicholas Squirrels, Beaver and Cub Scouts
St Nicholas Community Centre
Canterbury Way
Stevenage SG1 4LJ
Group Mobile: 07763 710 105
Email: stnicksscouting@gmail.com



Dear Parents, Carers and Everyone

Jan 2023

Squirrels

FOR 4 to 6 YEARS

Hello, and welcome to Squirrels,

We are the newest and youngest member in the Scouting family and have been running since Sept 2022.

We are looking for bright eyed and bushy tailed young members to come and join us for a new way to make friends and start learning about the world we live in. Building skills for life.

We enjoy a range of activities each week building up to badges and certificates

We run on Mondays during term times 4.20 to 5.20pm – First 2 session FREE

To register your interest or ask further questions, please use the contact details at the top of this page. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you soon.

BEAVERS

FOR 6 TO 8 YEARS

Hi there, we are the next section, we are looking for busy Beavers to come and join our colony for fun, adventure and friendship. Building skills for life.

We enjoy a range of activities each week building up to badges and certificates

We meet Mondays during term time 5.30 - 6.30pm – First 2 sessions FREE

cubs

FOR 8 TO 10 ½ YEARS

Hey, we're the Cubs, come and join our Cub pack. We take part in our grand howl on a weekly basis.

We meet Mondays during term time 6.30 – 8pm – First 2 sessions FREE

You may have already noticed a theme here, we enjoy weekly activities leading to badges and certificates, while building the skills we will take forward in life, thanks to scouting.

Please use contact details at top of the page for further information for all groups

Grown ups (18+) - Don't worry, we are recruiting you too, an hour here and there helps our groups to run smoothly, or become a Leader and be more involved in the Scouting family (full training provided) working with our young members or behind the scenes, its up to you. Call us for a chat.

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Free to parents and carers who live in Stevenage



Greenside School and



Dean Beadle

Present

on February 23 2023 at Greenside

6.30-8.30pm

Autistic identity

To book email admin@greenside.herts.sch.uk

As an autistic person navigating a world that is often judgemental and hostile, how do you go about building a sense of self esteem and identity? Looking at both his school and adult experiences, Dean discusses the changes that are needed to make society more accessible for autistic people. Of course part of this involves challenging the harmful attitudes that still exist in society, and in this session Dean will use current research to dispel common myths and misconceptions that remain prevalent. The session goes on to look at disclosing diagnosis and concludes by looking at ways to empower neurodivergent young people.

To book a place please email – admin@greenside.herts.sch.uk

Greenside School Shephall Green Stevenage Herts SG2 9XS

Stalls from - Families in Focus – Carers in Herts – SPACE – Angels – Herts Parent Carers -
ADD-Vance for information and networking at the event

Event open to parents and professionals living in Hertfordshire (DSPL2 schools and parents are free). £10 for all others. Places strictly limited to 100 after which a waiting list will be employed. Please contact Greenside at admin@greenside.herts.sch.uk to book a place.

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