

UPDATE

Reading

For the last 2 Thrsdays parents in Nursery and Reception have joined us for our 'Reading in EYFS' workshop. We have talked about the importance of reading regularly and how parents can support their children at home. We have then enjoyed lots of reading and communication activities with the children to demonstrate the things we do in school. Thank you to all the parents who joined us!



CLASS OF THE WEEK:
Gavin Class Year 3



Chinese New Year

Gavin Class have been learning about the celebration of Chinese New Year. We discussed the story of how each year is named after an animal and that 2023 is the year of the rabbit. The children used red, orange and yellow to decorate their lanterns and coloured a rabbit to put on the front. We chose these colours because in China red is the colour of good fortune, happiness and success and yellow is the Royal colour.



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Class: Donaldson
Pupil: Alaya-Rose

This week Donaldson class have been reading our persuasive letter to Whittsy trying to convince her that Dick Whittington is innocent. This is some of the writing that Alaya had done for this letter.

"Dear Whittsy, how are you and Alice? How is Quidworld? I hope you and Alice have gotten rid of the rats. I am writing about the kind Dick Whittington. Thank you again for reading my letter. I know Dick Whittington is innocent. I know Dick Whittington is innocent because the evil queen put a spell on Dick Whittington. He didn't want to fall asleep but he didn't have a choice and he fell asleep. Dick Whittington wanted to stay awake to guard the money. The final reason that I know the wonderful Dick Whittington is innocent is because Ratania stole the money. I know that Ratania is evil and she was the one that put Dick Whittington to sleep with her naughty wand she stole the money and I saw her."

Scientist of the Month



Lillie E, Blackman Class

Last week in Blackman class, homework was to take an active role in cooking a meal. Lillie made burgers with her dad. Lillie was able to give a step by step account of how she made the burgers.

Lillie said "I thought this homework was really good for me because then I can improve my cooking skills a lot and I can start cooking for myself or my dad."

Links to science - Some basic science lessons when cooking in the kitchen are:

- Discovering food groups
- Making predictions
- Experimenting
- Learning how food grows
- Learning how food changes while cooking
- Working with five senses. Sensory exploration-with hands on and feeling the ingredients while cooking
- For older children, cooking can provide opportunities to predict, analyse and experiment.

For more ideas on how to bring science into the kitchen, try out some of these websites.

<https://www.kids-cooking-activities.com/food-science-experiments.html>

<https://www.kiwico.com/diy/lists/10-food-science-experiments-for-kids>

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/4-mini-easiest-kitchen-science-activity-trays/>

Please send in any photos of your child/children taking part in science at home and send them (with a brief description) to hayley.luzzeri@leys.herts.sch.uk



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Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values



This week in school the children have been looking at the celebration of Chinese New year! The children across the school have had a great week learning all about Chinese New year and have completed different activities, crafts and work all about it.



Year 3 - Year Of The Rabbit



Reception - Making lanterns for their classroom



Year 4 - Origami rabbits



WELLBEING



What is #PMHD?

Today is stem4's Parent Mental Health Day (PMHD). This aims to encourage understanding and awareness of the importance of parents' mental health and its impact on the whole family system. With this year's theme being 'balance', the day aims to get parents and carers to take a moment to reflect on the balance they have in their lives and to take positive steps to make change.

The PMHD Pack Stem4 have a PDF available detailing the following:

- What is PMHD
- Tips for balance for yourself and your family
- Tips for balance at work

The above pack can be accessed on the following website:

<https://stem4.org.uk/parentmentalhealthday/>

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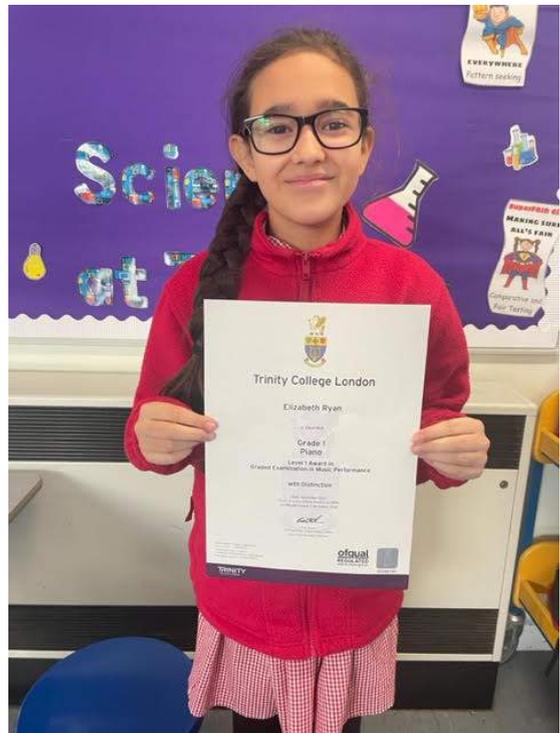
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The Leys Have Talent

Elizabeth, in Year 6, is a very talented pianist. She has been receiving piano lessons, at school, for many years. Most recently, she has received her Grade 1 Piano Certificate- achieving a **DISTINCTION** with 95% success!

Well done Elizabeth- this is absolutely fantastic!



Parent Forum

Join us on Friday 10th Feb in school for our Parent Forum and share your views, ideas, worries & suggestions

For catering purposes it would be helpful if you could inform your child's teacher via the year group email by Friday 3rd February if you would like to attend



NSPCC -Talk PANTS

With the help of our friendly dinosaTips and advice to help keep your kids safe

Talk PANTS helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried

[Talk PANTS & Join Pantosaurus - The Underwear Rule | NSPCC](#)

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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 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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aged 3 - 12yrs

Activities

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Dance
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7:45 - 6pm



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Term dates 2022-2023

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<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 Bank Holiday: 8 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 December 2022 5 December (Occasional day) 2022 5 January 2023 21 July 2023</p>

Term dates 2023-2024

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