



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Agnes
Murphy	Isla
Kerr	Connor
Bryon	Izzy
Donaldson	Dylan
Soundar	Cooper
Dahl	Samson
Gavin	Holly
Mante	Millie
Morpurgo	Alfie
Riordan	Paris
Zephaniah	Denis
Malala	Chloe
Blackman	Seun
Kipling	Mikah



From 1st April 2023 Herts Catering Ltd have set our new school meal price at £3.15. All childrens' school meals will be charged at this amount (this does not affect free school meals)

Friday 24th February 2023

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

- 27 Feb -Reception Screening 2
- 28 Feb -PTA meeting 3:15-4pm
- 2 Mar -World Book Day- wear your PJs day for story time
- 13 Mar -In class school photos
- 13 -17 Mar -STEAM week
- 17 Mar -Red Nose day
- 21 Mar -Poetry day
- 30 Mar - International Food
- 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	Y6 - Chloe and Elizabeth for supporting each other at Stevenage Pupil Parliament
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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:

Soundar - Class baking

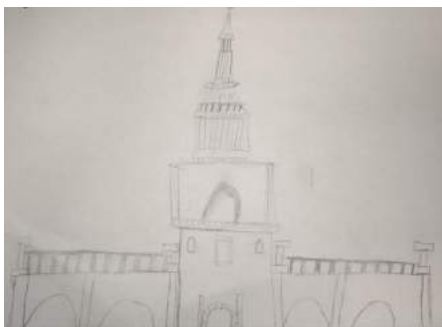
Gavin - Free homework pass

Riordan - Orienteering and chocolate

UPDATE

Art

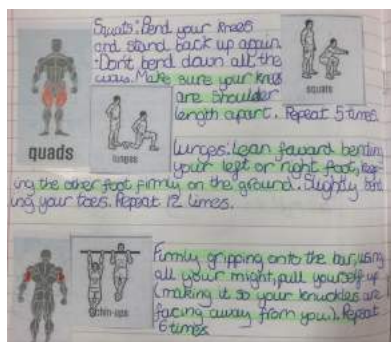
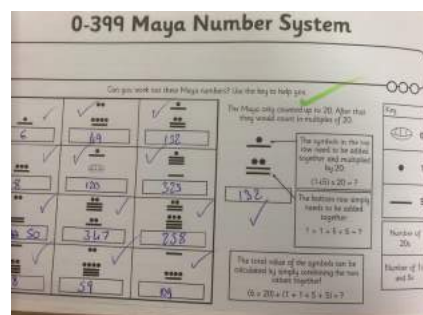
Over the Spring term the children in year 3 have been developing their drawing skills. They have been focussing on sketching before adding detail. We have been looking at the importance of looking closely at the details thinking about the shapes, lines and shade. Year 3 used these skills to draw their own St Mary Le Bow churches and are now working on drawing leaves of various rainforest plants and trees.



CLASS OF THE WEEK:
Malala



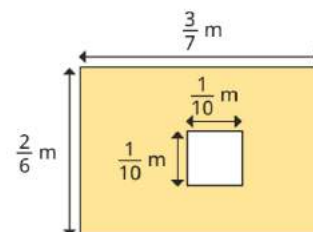
This week, Malala class has been learning more about the Maya ancient civilization and how they had a good understanding of numbers which enabled them to develop a complex number and counting system. During the lesson they were tasked with decoding Maya numbers.



Whilst in Science, as part of our 'Healthy Bodies' topic we learnt how muscles move the skeleton and how muscle activity requires increased blood flow. Children took on the role of a gym instructor and put together a fitness regime, highlighting the relevant muscle groups and a summary of the exercise.

In Maths, the children developed their knowledge of how to multiply and divide fractions. Dr Christie shared how difficult he felt one of the problem solving questions was and challenged pupils to solve it. Impressively, Daniel worked independently to get the right answer. Can you work it out?

Work out the area of the shaded part.





Sam The Life Changing Car

Have you ever thought about how terrific it would be to have a car with stunning transformations? Have you ever thought about having a car that could miraculously fly? Well, let me introduce you to Sam, a transformational car which can talk and brings a wave of happiness to anyone who gets to use him. Tiara (a 26 year old scientist) has achieved the best medal in the world that no one has ever earned before (The Fabulous Star Award).

Class: Riordan

By Tiara

What is it?

Sam The Life Changing Car is a creation which can swim for miles and fly better than any invention created. It will change your view on foreign travel forever- no more expensive plane tickets, long queues and luggage! This state-of-the-art car will enable you to travel to a selection of places (in a jiffy!). Say goodbye to loss of money. Sam, who was created in the U.K, is now making his way to Japan where he will be checked over to be put out to the market. This contraption will be able to replace any vehicle ever made. You won't have to buy a plane ticket or a boat- this contraption would be all you need!

Scientist of the Month



This month Donaldson class has been performing an observation over time, where we have been examining which materials will biodegrade when buried. During this experiment we discovered that the plastic bag we buried had not changed at all and the cardboard had been broken apart and had started biodegrading. The final item that we buried was an apple core, this apple core had started to biodegrade and its texture and appearance had changed drastically. The two scientists of the month from Donaldson class are Nova and Iyla, who conducted their observations over time and wrote wonderful descriptions about each material.



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Inclusivity

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Times Tables Leaders

Well done to

Nathaina

Remi

Felicity

For most improved time (playing in the Studio area) over the past 7 days

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

Shrove Tuesday fun!!

This week in school lots of us celebrated Shrove Tuesday. *Shrove Tuesday is the last day before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Lent is the Christian period leading up to Easter, a time when many people fast or give up something they love. Children around the school discussed what Shrove Tuesday is and what they might decide to give up for lent.*



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Real Bodies - Following research with teenagers living in Hertfordshire the local authority are launching a Real Bodies campaign to support children and young people with issues around their body.



First Steps ED

First Steps ED provides free early intervention for children and young people aged 5-17, who may have the early signs or struggles with body image, low self-esteem or an eating disorder. They offer 1-2-1 interventions as well as workshops for young people and parents. Referrals can be made through their website.

<https://firststepsed.co.uk>

The Leys Have Talent

Emma, in year 4, plays in goal for Bedwell Rangers girls under 9's Phoenix team.

In a recent match, Emma assisted in setting up two goals which saw the girls win 4-1. Last week, Emma scored her first goal for her team whilst still in goal herself! She was awarded player of the match and player of the match from the opposition...

Well Done Emma
Keep up the good work!



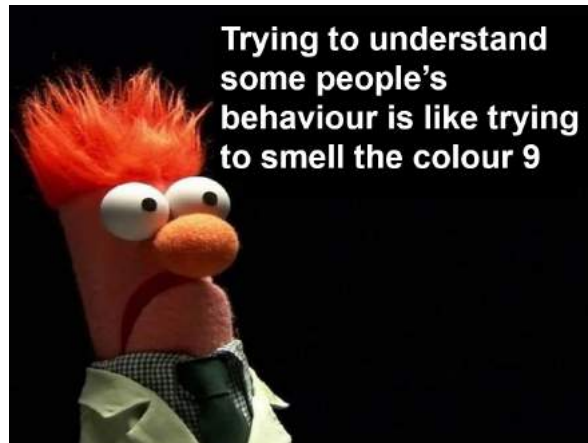
CEOP is a law enforcement agency and is here to help keep children and young people safe from sexual abuse and grooming online. They help thousands of children and young people every year.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Therapeutic Thinking

Hertfordshire's behaviour model at The Leys

Parents sessions



If you would like to find out more about how we are teaching positive behaviour at The Leys, and what you can do at home, come along to one of our sessions.

Monday 20th March 2-3 pm

Tuesday 21st March 9-10 am

Thursday 23rd March 4-5 pm

To attend please book a place by emailing admin@leys.herts.sch.uk

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.*

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We've extended Adviceline opening hours to cover evenings and Saturdays - meaning that you can call us when it suits you

Call free on 0800 144 88 48

Monday to Wednesday 10am to 9pm

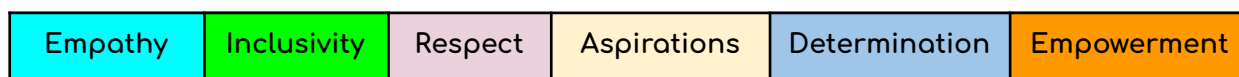
Thursday & Friday 10am to 8pm

Saturdays 10am to 4pm



Term dates 2022-2023

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