



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Bay
Murphy	George
Kerr	Jasmine
Bryon	Maya
Donaldson	Talib
Soundar	Lucie
Dahl	Amilia
Gavin	Immie
Mante	Devon
Morpurgo	Jenson
Riordan	Jack
Zephaniah	Holly
Malala	James
Blackman	Lucianna
Kipling	Alys

Friday 24th March 2023

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

28 Mar -St Nicholas play centre sessions for Early Years

30 Mar -Early Years parent workshop 9am

-International Food Festival 2:30 - 4:15pm

31 Mar -Non uniform £1

-School finishes 1:30pm

3-14 Apr -Easter holidays

18 Apr -PTA meeting 3:15pm

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

26 Jun -Class group photos

29 Jun -Sports Day 1

30 Jun -Sports Day 2

3-7 Jul -Climate change week

14 Jul -Y6 Productions

17 Jul -Y6 prom

20 Jul -Last day of term

1:30pm finish

21 Jul -INSET Day, school closed

Friendship Award	Year 3 - Kyler-May
Headteachers Awards	
Year 4	Erin & Delilah
Year 5	Shaylen, Antonia, Shikana, Amber, Lily & Mitchell
Year 6	Charles & Lucianna

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 - PJ Day

Gavin - Popcorn and movie

Blackman - Free homework pass

UPDATE

ART

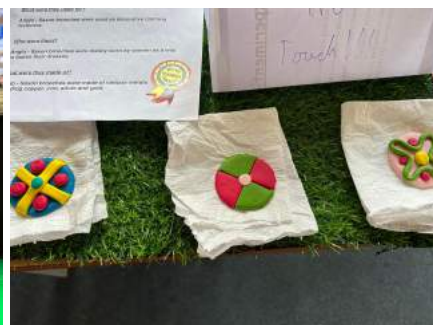
I have had the pleasure of visiting year 2 for their history fair this week. The children were all very keen to show the work they have been doing in Art as part of their Great Fire of London topic. They explained how they had drawn buildings on the black sugar paper and used this to create a silhouette and then used red, yellow and orange to represent the fire. I think that you will agree that they look very effective.



CLASS OF THE WEEK:
Morpurgo



We have been working very hard this week to get ready for our Anglo Saxon History Fair. The children have been amazing! They have showcased their work to different year groups across the school. We hope the parents will enjoy seeing their work too this afternoon and sampling our freshly baked Anglo Saxon Honey, oats and spiced cakes.



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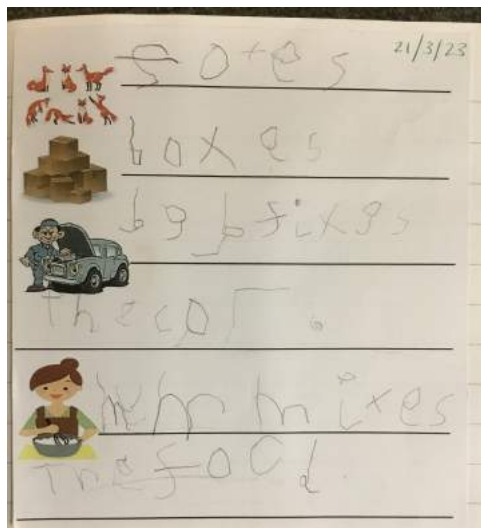
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Class: Murphy



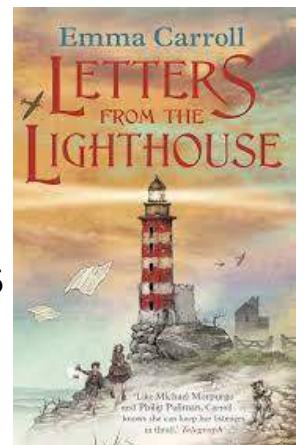
This week in phonics we have been working on adding -es to the end of words. Iosac has been working really hard to independently write the words and sentences this week and has been working really hard on his letter formation.

Reader of the Month



Letters From The Lighthouse

By Kai Cheung, Chloe Fathers and Alexis Dolby (Year 6)



Letters from the Lighthouse is a book by Emma Carroll based in World War II. Where a family of 5 suffers through the endless pain of loss and tragedy; once losing their father and the disappearance of Suki (the eldest child in the family) Olive and Cliff were evacuated to Devonshire coast. This book is about how Olive solves a mystery about a strange code that Suki received the night of her disappearance.

Kai

I thoroughly enjoyed this book and was extremely engulfed in it. I found it to be an amazing book, and I think it was extremely fun to read; I really hope we can read amazing books just like this one in the future.

Alexis

My thoughts on the book are very positive as I personally thought that it was an amazing book. I believe it is very educational for a fictional book (even if it is placed in a real time period). I hope we get to read more books like this one.

Chloe

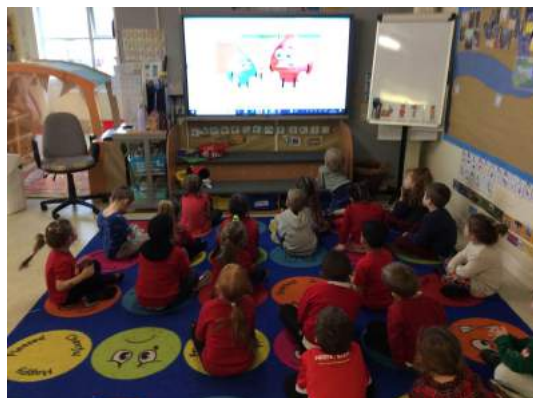
My thoughts on letters from the lighthouse is that it is an awesome book and it is for all ages from 8 and above and it is full of mystery and excitement . If you get this book or come across it I would suggest reading it straight away.

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Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

Reception -

During circle time, Reception looked at the story "Blue's best friend". In the story Blue gets jealous of her friend when they decide to play with someone else. As a class, Reception then discussed things Blue could do to make herself happy, like playing with someone else and then playing with her friend later. They also talked about things we could do in that situation.



Money and mental health

Poor mental health can make earning and managing money harder. And worrying about money can make your mental health worse. It can start to feel like a vicious cycle. Here, you can find out more about organising your finances, claiming benefits when you have a

mental health problem, dealing with services, and looking after your mental health when you're worried about money.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/money-and-mental-health/>

<https://www.stevenage.gov.uk/benefits/help-to-manage-the-cost-of-living>

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/advice-for-life-situations-and-events/how-to-cope-with-financial-worries/>

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Whole school attendance target
= 97%

Whole school attendance this
week = 93%

Best class attendance this week
= Morpurgo and Blackman

The Leys Have Talent

Yuvan, in Year 1, took part in his 4th TTKD
TAEKWONDO Competition.

He competed under the 'non
contact sparring' category.

He secured first place after
winning through Round-1,
Round-2 and the eliminator
round.

Well Done Yuvan, Keep up the
good work!



Families First is the term used in Hertfordshire for services
that work together to support families who need extra help.
These are also known as early help services.

We all experience difficulties at some point. Families First can
help you find early help and information to prevent issues
from getting worse.

If you need more help than your usual support network - for
example your health visitor, school, doctor or family centre -
we can work with you and your family to create a package of support.

[Families First](#)

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MHFA Youth are running a free mental health first aid training day for parents and carers on 21 April at Robertson House Stevenage, more details attached.
 Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Youth is an internationally recognised approach, designed to teach people how to spot the signs and symptoms of mental ill health in young people and provide help on a first aid basis.

Booking link:

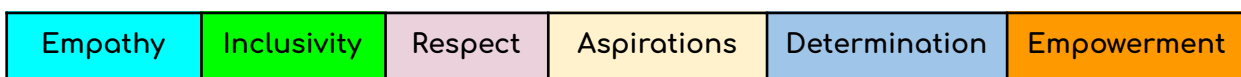
[Mental Health First Aid \(MHFA\)- 1 day course for Parents & Carers Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)



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)

Term dates 2022-2023

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