



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Hollie
Murphy	Kireigh
Kerr	Albie
Bryon	Isabella
Donaldson	Hedrian
Soundar	Muna
Dahl	Ava-Rose
Gavin	Elsie
Mante	Grace
Morpurgo	Erin
Riordan	Gianna
Zephaniah	Rebecca I
Malala	Charlie
Blackman	Seun
Kipling	Rylan



Times Tables Leaders

Well done to...

**Betty
Brianna
Leanne**

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

Friday 9th June 2023

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

12 Jun -New to Nursery
parent meeting 9am
16 Jun -Summer Fair
19 Jun -New to Reception
parent meeting 9am
20 Jun -Y6 trip
26 Jun -Class group photos
27 Jun -NSPCC Workshops
29 Jun -Sports Day 1
30 Jun -Sports Day 2
(reserve)
3-7 Jul -Climate change week
5-7 Jul- Yr4 Wymondley
7 Jul -Wear yellow for Ahoy
13 Jul -Stevenage school
transition day
-New to Year 6 parents
meeting 9am
-New to Year 3 parents
meeting 2:30pm
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 4 Mia and Ava Mai
Headteachers Awards	
Rec	Evelyn
Year 1	Taha
Year 4	Thando, Joel, Jared, Daniel, Liam, Muhammad, Jensen, Anthony, Kobi

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 -Games
afternoon**

**Gavin -Break the Rules
Day**

Malala -PJ Day

UPDATE

Reading



National Read Aloud Challenge
Powered by **Fonetti**

Our School's in the challenge!

The Leys Primary and Nursery School

Are reading aloud this summer and competing against School's all around the United Kingdom

Readaloudchallenge.co.uk
#BeProudReadAloud

As a school we have signed up to this free reading challenge. This will run from now until the end of the Summer holidays.

Parents should have received an email with how to sign up for the free app. Children will then be able to select from a wide range of books for all abilities and ages. Children will then be asked to read outloud and receive a score for how fluently they are able to read the text.

The more children that sign up and take part, the more chance the school has to win the challenge and be in with a chance of winning prizes.

This is a great way for children to practice their reading fluency over the holidays and make sure they are ready for starting school again in September.

CLASS OF THE WEEK:
Kerr



In Kerr class, we have been working hard on developing our letter formation. We have been thinking about what letters are tall (ascenders) and which go under the line (descenders). We have all been working really hard and everyday our teacher chooses someone new to use the golden pencil. We are really enjoying our topic this term- Besides the Seaside. We have been learning all about different beaches and using google maps to help us understand the landscape. This week we looked at St.Ives, we decided we would all love to try surfing or kitesurfing. In maths we have been learning about doubles and making equal groups this week. We worked hard in pairs to find lots of different ways to make equal groups of 30.



Class: Dahl

Dahl class have been writing a diary as Flat Stanley in Egypt.
Dear Diary,
This morning I went to a bazaar for the first time in my whole life. There were embroidered rugs and cool cloths as well as beautiful brass statues and amazing jewellery. The strong smelling incense filled the clear air and it made me feel relaxed.

Suddenly, I felt an aggressive hand grab my flat arm and it pulled me through the bazaar. I started to worry as we turned around in a dark alleyway. Soon, we came to a stop next to us was a crazy looking. There were 4 ginormous guards with angry faces.
By Emily

Empathy

Inclusivity

Respect

Aspirations

Determination

Empowerment

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

This week Year 2 went to Shepreth wildlife park. Year 2 went to the wildlife park to learn about all the different animals that they have, while we were there we had the opportunity to talk to one of the zoo keepers who answered all of our questions and was even kind enough to talk to the children about our new science topic, life cycles. This was a fun and educational trip that made all of year 2 appreciate the wonders of nature even more.



The Leys Have Talent

Jenson, in year 4, took part in his first archery competition against the Howard Bowmen in Lemsford. He was the youngest archer and scored 488 out of 720 and achieved the grade of Archer 1st Class.

Well Done Jenson Excellent Achievement!



The Sandbox is an NHS funded service to support children and young people in Hertfordshire with their mental health and well-being.

This new free service offers a website, with access to games, worksheets, group chats and online events for children, young people, their parents/carers, teachers and other professionals. The Sandbox provides access to internet enabled Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (iCBT), or one to one support from professional therapists by text, phone, online chat or video call, based on a triage of the young person's needs:



to

Website: 24/7

Therapy sessions: 7am-10pm Mondays-Fridays and 10am-10pm Saturdays and Sundays

Live Chat: 10am-8pm Mondays-Fridays

For children from aged 10 to 16+

Signing up is easy and doesn't require a referral from a professional. Scan the QR code or click on the website <https://sandbox.mindler.co.uk/>

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Break the Rules Day

Our first ever Break the Rules Day was a huge success, the children enjoyed showing their mischievous sides when breaking the rules and had great fun.



Whole school attendance target = 97%

Whole school attendance this week = 95.7%

Best class attendance this week = Gavin 99.1%



PEGI helps parents to make informed decisions when buying video games

PEGI provides age classifications for video games in 38 European countries. The age rating confirms that the game content is appropriate for players of certain age. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty.

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As the weather gets warmer please can we remind you to apply suncream to your child before they come to school. Please also ensure they have a sun hat and a named water bottle in school



Thank you

We'd like to say a huge Thank You to our PTA for raising the money to buy this fantastic new piece of play equipment for our playground. The children love playing on it everyday.

SENDCo drop in sessions

These sessions are to discuss:

- Information to share from home
 - Initial concerns
 - Making a plan to move forward
 - Other arising matters you would like to raise after speaking with the class teacher
- If you would like to book a drop in session with myself, please follow the link below

Slots available			
Monday 24th April 2-2.15	Tuesday 16th May 9-9.15	Wednesday 14th June 2-2.15	Tuesday 11th July 3-3.15
Monday 24th April 2.15-2.30	Tuesday 16th May 9.15-9.30	Wednesday 14th June 2.15-2.30	Tuesday 11th July 3.15-3.30
Monday 24th April 2.30-2.45	Tuesday 16th May 9.30-9.45	Wednesday 14th June 2.30-2.45	Tuesday 11th July 3.30-3.45
Monday 24th April 2.45-3	Tuesday 16th May 9.45-10	Wednesday 14th June 2.45-3	Tuesday 11th July 3.45-4

One slot per child
If you do wish to talk out of these times the door is always open

<https://leys.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

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Term dates 2022-2023

SUMMER TERM

Term: 17 April - 20 July

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

Inset Days 2022-2023

21 July 2023

Term dates 2023-2024

AUTUMN TERM

Start of term: 4 September 2023

Inset day: 1 September 2023

Term: 1 September - 19 October
2023

Inset day: 20 October 2023

Half term holiday: 23 October -
27 October 2023

Occasional day: 8 December
2023

Term: 30 October - 20 December
2023

Christmas holiday: 21 December
- 3 January 2024

SPRING TERM

Inset day: 4 January 2024

Term: 5 January - 16 February
2024

Half term holiday: 19 February - 23
February 2024

Term : 26 February- 28 March 2024

Easter holiday: 29 March - 12 April
2024

SUMMER TERM

Term: 15 April - 24 May 2024

Bank Holiday: 6 May 2024

Half term holiday: 27 May - 31
May 2024

Inset day: 3 June 2024

Term: 4 June - 23 July 2024

Inset day: 12 July 2024

Summer holiday: 24 July 2024 -
30 August 2024

Inset Days 2023 - 2024

1 September 2023

20 October 2023

8 December (Occasional day)
2023

4 January 2024

3 June 2024

12 July 2024

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