



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

**Friday 7th July 2023**

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

12 July- Y5 Steel Pan Performances  
 13 Jul -Stevenage school transition day  
 -New to Year 6 parents meeting 9am  
 -New to Year 3 parents meeting 2:30pm  
 14 Jul -Wear Yellow to school for Ahoy (cash donation)  
 -Y6 Productions  
 17 Jul -New to Year 1 meeting 9am  
 -Nursery-Year 5 class parties (details to follow)  
 -Y6 prom  
 18 Jul -Nursery to Y6- stay and share- 2.50 pm  
 20 Jul -Last day of term 1:30pm finish  
 21 Jul -INSET Day, school closed  
 4 Sep -Back to school

We are incredibly proud (particularly of our PE Team) to announce we have been awarded the Gold School Games Mark



Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	N/A
Murphy	N/A
Kerr	Aaradhya
Bryon	Haydn
Donaldson	N/A
Soundar	Ella
Dahl	Brianna
Gavin	Chloe
Mante	Fynley
Morpurgo	Liam
Riordan	Paris
Zephaniah	Skyla
Malala	Daniel
Blackman	Malakai
Kipling	Jack



**Times Tables Leaders**

Well done to...

**Serah  
Olivia F  
Chelsea**

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

Friendship Award	Year 1 Connor B
Headteachers Awards	
Rec	Lucas, Albert
Year 2	Iyla
Year 3	Robert
Year 5	Emmy, Maya, Tiara, Oliver E, Siji, Elliot, Kamou, Charley

## 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 - Extra play**

**Gavin - Extra play**

**Kipling - Extra play**

CLASS OF THE WEEK:



Kipling Class

This week, Kipling class had a very busy week. The class joined the rest of year 6 rehearsing for the end of year production; getting into character and singing their hearts out to the wonderful songs.

They have also been testing out their rockets which they made at home with Dr Christie for STEAM week with some being successful and launching high into the sky.

Lastly, they took part in a workshop run by HSBC where they learned all about finance and important money matters.



Malala class

As part of Climate Change week, children in Malala class were tasked with writing a persuasive letter to take positive action on global warming. We discussed how the burning of oil and gas was a major contributor of greenhouse gases so we decided to write to the CEO of Shell. Some of the children made reference to his interview with the BBC this week:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/business-66118564>

Here is an excerpt from Daniel's persuasive letter:

*I understand and agree with some points you made during the BBC interview. I agree that stopping the sale of oil and gas will increase the cost of living a lot, as experienced during the war between Russia and Ukraine. Europe has had a hard time finding alternatives to buying fossil fuels from Russia. However, to wait for the less developed countries to be ready to transfer their reliance is a not so clever way forward as in the next 50 years our world could be destroyed. We may never see our grandchildren. We can stop; we should stop; we MUST stop. It is up to you to make the change. Make it now!*



Whole school attendance target

= 97%

Whole school attendance this week = 95.3%

Best class attendance this week = Riordan 100%

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## The Leys Have Talent

Marnie, in year 2, turned superstar for the weekend and has performed 2 shows at The Gordon Craig Theatre this weekend! Dancing for North Central Herts School of Dance, in an Encanto themed performance. She remembered every step and shone on the stage!

Well Done Marnie- Keep up the Good Work!



**If you're worried a  
child you know is  
at risk of FGM,  
contact our helpline  
on 0808 028 3550**



## Wear Yellow to school on Friday 14th July!

Please can all pupils wear yellow clothing to school on Friday 14th July and bring a cash donation to support the amazing Ahoy Centre Charity.

Mr Byford will be participating in a rowing marathon on Saturday 16th September on the River Thames for the Ahoy Centre.

Mr Byford and The Jolly Rowers have been fundraising over the past few months to raise money and awareness for the Ahoy Centre Charity. They are an incredible charity that provides life changing provisions for young pupils.

Please support this great cause!

All donations will go towards supporting Ahoy and their future work!



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## Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values Sports Day

On Friday 30th June we hosted our annual Leys Sports Day.

The weather was kind and we kicked off our day with the incredible nursery pupils. Our Year 6 house captains and sports ambassadors were absolutely brilliant throughout the morning supporting our EYFS and KS1 pupils. They were again amazing in the afternoon as our KS2 pupils participated in their events.

All our pupils applied themselves wonderfully well throughout the day and were a credit to our school.

I was extremely proud of all our pupils and also all of our brilliant school community for their continued support and efforts throughout the day. It was so pleasing to see such vast support and a wonderful school picnic over lunch.

Next Wednesday (12th July) we will announce our 2023 Sports Day House Champions, this will then be on next week's newsletter.

A huge thank you to everyone for their help and support prior, during and after our event.

Many Thanks  
Mr Byford



### WELLBEING

In June we completed a follow up survey on wellbeing with children from Years 1 to 6.

In Year 1 and 2

91% of children agreed that they have friends to talk to and felt liked by others.

85% said that they are usually happy and 89% of children said that there were many things that they can do well. 85% said that they are proud of themselves and 97% know who to ask if they need help.

However, 30% said that they do not get enough sleep and 18% do not think they eat healthily. Also 18% said that they need help to calm down when emotional.

In Year 3 to 6

54% Like or love school and 35% think school is OK.

83% said that they are always or usually happy and their life is going well.

74% said that they have many good qualities and 72% value themselves and their skills.

86% feel liked by others and 78% said that they have friends who play with them, look after them and care about how they feel.

90% said that there was a grown up at home who wanted them to do their best.

82% felt that there were grown ups at school who listened, cared and wanted them to do their best, while 17% were unsure.

78% feel that they have strategies to calm themselves when they are emotional.

63% can keep trying if they get stuck or make a mistake but only 47% can find a solution to most problems, whilst only 61% think that they will be successful when they grow up.

Next year we will be working on strategies to calm ourselves when we are emotional, better understanding the 5 ways to Wellbeing and trying to increase our resilience to keep going when we get stuck or have a problem.



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## Free Online Emotional Wellbeing/Mental Health Workshops for Young People

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust (HCT) Children's Wellbeing Practitioners regularly run a variety of workshops focused on children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health. Some workshops are for the parents/carers of primary school aged children and others are directed at adolescents although parents can also attend these. The workshops aim to provide support, guidance, some strategies and tips to try to improve children and young people's mental health.

The workshops are free to attend and currently take place on Microsoft Teams. The workshops available can be found on the Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Eventbrite page, where you can also find out more information about what the workshop will cover and book a place.  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-school-nursing-service-hertfordshire-33494371787>

The service has also produced a two-part recorded webinar to help with anxiety about going to school. Please take a look at the links below:

1. [Theory and Psychoeducation](#) (just under 18 minutes long)
2. [Strategies and Tips](#) (just over 30 minutes long)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-school-nursing-service-hertfordshire-33494371787>

### 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

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AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<p><b>Start of term: 4 September 2023</b></p> <p>Inset day: 1 September 2023</p> <p>Term: 1 September - 19 October 2023</p> <p>Inset day: 20 October 2023</p> <p><u>Half term holiday: 23 October - 27 October 2023</u></p> <p>Occasional day: 8 December 2023</p> <p>Term: 30 October - 20 December 2023</p> <p><u>Christmas holiday: 21 December - 3 January 2024</u></p>	<p>Inset day: 4 January 2024</p> <p>Term: 5 January - 16 February 2024</p> <p><u>Half term holiday: 19 February - 23 February 2024</u></p> <p>Term : 26 February- 28 March 2024</p> <p><u>Easter holiday: 29 March – 12 April 2024</u></p>	<p>Term: 15 April - 24 May 2024</p> <p>Bank Holiday: 6 May 2024</p> <p><u>Half term holiday: 27 May - 31 May 2024</u></p> <p>Inset day: 3 June 2024</p> <p>Term: 4 June - 23 July 2024</p> <p>Inset day: 12 July 2024</p> <p><u>Summer holiday: 24 July 2024 - 30 August 2024</u></p> <p><u>Inset Days 2023 - 2024</u></p> <p>1 September 2023</p> <p>20 October 2023</p> <p>8 December (Occasional day) 2023</p> <p>4 January 2024</p> <p>3 June 2024</p> <p>12 July 2024</p>

