



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

## Friday 26th January 2024

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

**2 Feb** -NSPCC Number Day  
**5 - 9 Feb** -Internet safety week  
**9 Feb** - Bags2School Collection  
**9 Feb** -School Disco  
**13 Feb** -Parents meeting - face to face  
**14 Feb** -Parents meeting - phone appointments  
**16 Feb** -Non uniform day -£1  
**19 - 23 Feb** -Half term  
**01 Mar** -Yr 1 PE Stay and Play 9-9:45am  
**7 Mar** -World Book Day  
**8 Mar** -Yr Rec PE Stay and Play 9-9:45am  
**11-15 March**  
 -Science/STEAM Week  
**15 Mar** -Yr Nur PE Stay and Play 9-9:45am  
**20 Mar** -Individual 'in class' photos  
**21 Mar** -Poetry Day  
**28 Mar** -Non uniform day -£1  
 -End of term 1:30pm finish  
**29 Mar-15 Apr** -Easter Holidays  
**25 April** -Yr 3 Celtic Harmony Trip  
**6 May** -Bank Holiday school closed

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Francis
Murphy	Aizah
Kerr	Iosac
Bryon	Lulu
Donaldson	Gregory
Soundar	Mo
Dahl	Tieri
Gavin	Amaya
Mante	Poppy
Morpurgo	Pearl
Riordan	Nellie
Zephaniah	Devon
Malala	Luke
Blackman	Maisy



**Times Tables Leaders**  
Well done to...

1. Aniela
2. Olivia F
3. Nila

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

Friendship Award

All of Year 3 for trying to help others learn to fight against racism.

## 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:

**Kerr - Games afternoon**

**Gavin - Popcorn and movie**

**Riordan - Class disco**

# UPDATE

## Art

The children at The Leys have been enjoying a range of new topics covering many different aspects of Art. Year 5 have enjoyed their topic of fashion design and created some amazing artwork. At the beginning of the unit the children researched 1960's fashion and looked at how it linked to the music industry, they then designed their own clothes thinking about the colours, patterns and textures in 1960's fashion. They then went on to make their own mannequins using a template and cut and stick the fabrics to clothe them.



Class: Mante

This week Mante class has been focusing on our times tables and multiplication. Everyone in Mante class has been trying to climb our times table ladder by improving their average TTRS score. Along with learning how to quickly and efficiently multiply two and three digits by 1 digit in both long and short column multiplication.

This week Mante class have all worked very hard and they should be proud of the progress that they have made in times tables and multiplication.



Class: Dahl

In English, we have been learning to write a non-chronological report about natural disasters. Anthony wrote a fantastic paragraph about the Earth's layers: Between the magma outer core is the indestructible, burning inner core. Inside, you might find the crust which surrounds all the layers. Another layer is called the mantle, it's not even close to as hot as the inner core but it can still melt you into bits.

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## Scientist of the Month



Yr 6

As part of a home project, Ella and Antonia have created a periodic table, and learnt the song to remember all of the different elements! The song is easier to remember as the elements and words rhyme! The different kinds of colours show different sorts of elements (there is a key on the bottom but the picture doesn't make it very clear).

Some of the different sorts of elements include; lanthanides, noble gases, alkali metals, metalloids and transition metals.



Whole school attendance target  
= 97%

Whole school attendance this  
week = 95.6%

Best class attendance this week  
= Morpurgo

## The Leys Have Talent

Share your child's achievements with us and let us celebrate with them.

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Please email [theleyshavetalent@leys.herts.sch.uk](mailto:theleyshavetalent@leys.herts.sch.uk) with details of what your child has been up to and a photo to add to our Newsletter and Facebook page.



WELLBEING



### The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army runs a meet and chat session every **Wednesday 10-12pm at Bedwell Church** (190 Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage). They offer free drinks and snacks as well as financial advice and support. If you would like to know more about this and the other groups on offer please see the link below.

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/stevenage>

### Nursery Places

If your child was born between 1st Sept 2020 and 31st Aug 2021 they are entitled to a Nursery Place from September 2024 - AND we have 30 hour places available for working parents!!!!

Please contact the school office to apply for a place for your child.

### Online gaming – The risks



Gaming is a fun and sociable way to spend time, encouraging teamwork and developing skills. All good stuff, but there are a few risks you need to be aware of to help them stay safe and have a positive gaming experience.

Unfortunately, we have community concerns about our young children being exposed to high levels of violence through gaming at home.

Please check the age restrictions and visit the website below for support.

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

On Friday, the whole school took part in "Show Racism The Red Card." Here are some of the great activities each year group did.

Reception children all dressed in red and shared a circle time all about accepting and celebrating others differences.

In Year 1 they looked at the story 'we are all different'. The children used this to inspire them to make their own book about their class's differences. The children thought about their different appearances, languages they speak and the different activities that they enjoy.



In Year 3, they created individual posters about diversity and racism. The children also had the opportunity to speak out about diversity and what they think in a speech.

Year 4 completed word searches about Diversity and Tolerance. They learnt about ways in which we are all

unique, what racism is and how it can make people feel. The children then designed their own football t-shirts on this theme.



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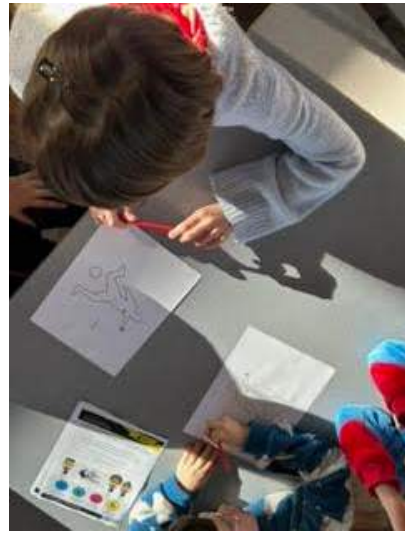
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Year 5 took part in an assembly and completed tasks set by Stevenage FC. They had to think about ways to be an ally and also pledged to make a difference and how they would make a difference. They absolutely loved the day and had a lot of fun and understood the importance of the session and why they were wearing red.



Year 6 enjoyed coaches from Stevenage Football club foundation came to talk to the children about racism and how it feels to be discriminated against. They found this fun because they got to talk about how we could be good allies.



**NSPCC**

FGM helpline

Email: [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

Telephone free: 0808 028 3550

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## Term dates 2023-2024

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