



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Ahmad
Murphy	Riley
Kerr	Hetav
Bryon	Mason
Donaldson	Nicolas
Soundar	Albie
Dahl	Hannah
Gavin	Charlie
Mante	Austin
Morpurgo	Chloe
Riordan	Lily R
Zephaniah	Jenson
Malala	Shikana
Blackman	Archie



## Times Tables Leaders Well done to...

1. Aniola
2. Charley
3. Charlie

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

## Friday 2nd February 2024

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

**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

Friendship Award	Kyler-May for supporting her peers.
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## Headteachers Awards

Year 1	Louie and Hetav
Year 3	Alaya-Rose Ava-Grace
Year 5	Dawson, Isla, Lily R, Millie, Mia

## 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:

**Bryon - Games Afternoon**

**Mante- Break the Rules Day**

**Blackman - PJ Day**

Joy Jackson (previous Chair of Governors )

On the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023, Joy peacefully passed away, she was a long serving friend of The Leys, supporting the school as a teaching assistant, part of the PTA and then as Chair of Governors.

She will be remembered for her smile, laughter, and most of all her kindness.

Each summer we will mark her legacy by presenting The Joy Jackson award for Kindness to our pupils!

## UPDATE

### History

On Friday Year 4 visited the Verulamium to end their topic about the Romans. Some of the highlights included seeing the ruins of the Roman city walls, visiting the hypocaust where they learnt about the first underfloor indoor heating system and marvelled at the mosaic floor and handling artefacts during the museum session. During the artefacts session in the museum two of the children dressed as rich Romans and learnt about life as a Roman in Britain. The children were intrigued by many of the health and beauty products although all are glad we no longer use the sponge on a stick to clean ourselves after using the toilet! When visiting the museum the children were amazed by the hoards of Roman coins found on the site and learnt a lot about the burial of people in Verulamium. Back in school one of their favourite facts they learnt was that people were buried outside of the city walls except young babies. The children made us incredibly proud with their outstanding behaviour whilst at the Verulamium and on our very long journey back to school!



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Class: Gavin

This week, Gavin class have been learning all about volcanoes. They have learned about how volcanoes are formed, different types of volcanoes and the difference between extinct, dormant and active volcanoes.

The absolute highlight of the week was when we used bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to demonstrate an erupting volcano in the playground!



Class: Donaldson

**The Great fire of London**

Wednesday the 5th September

King Charles II commanded orders to explode houses to create a fire break. The air was filled with the sound and smell of gunpowder and smoke. Queues of people snake from the River Thames to riverside houses and shops. They pass the heavy buckets of water up the line to pour on the angry flames.

Nahla



Whole school attendance target  
= 97%

Whole school attendance this  
week = 96.3%

Best class attendance this week  
= Riordan

### The Leys Have Talent



Joseph has gone up to level 2 in his swimming lessons!

Well done Joseph, you must be so proud.

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Reading Book guidance for all years

Please see the website below for recommended books lists.

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/>



WELLBEING

**Yesterday it was Time to Talk Day** - This is a chance for all of us to be more open about our mental health and talk about how we really feel. It is estimated that 1 in 4 will experience Mental health problems in a given year. Talking openly and honestly about our mental health is good for our wellbeing and helps bust myths and break down barriers. Listening without judgement is key when someone opens up to you and it has the power to change a life. So get talking.

<https://www.rethink.org/campaigns-and-policy/awareness-days-and-events/time-to-talk-day>

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

In PSHE, Year 6 pupils explored how gender roles and expectations influence identity and rights. The aim being that this will inspire the children to take actions to question norms to bring about greater gender equality. Some of their work has been showcased in an ebook.



The ebook was shared with students in Nepal who are taking part in the project, Girls Empowerment and Mainstreaming Sustainability (GEMS), which is being sponsored by the British Council. This was followed up with a Zoom call between some of our pupils and those in Nepal. The hope is that a meaningful link can be made between the two communities where we can collaborate on important global issues.

His Majesty's Ambassador to Nepal recently sent a letter to the school, thanking them for supporting the GEMS project.



Are you worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online?

Make a report to one of CEOP's Child Protection Advisors

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

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