



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Teyller
Murphy	Will
Kerr	Antoni
Bryon	Hollie
Donaldson	Lola
Soundar	Aaradhya
Dahl	Nila
Gavin	Mia
Mante	Remii
Morpurgo	Charlie
Riordan	George
Zephaniah	Charlie
Malala	Finnley
Blackman	Tiara



## Times Tables Leaders Well done to...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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

## Friday 1st March 2024

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

**7 Mar** -World Book Day -look out for our book themed school dinner menu!

**8 Mar** -Yr Reception PE Stay and Play 9-9:45am

-Parent Forum 8:45-9:45am

**11-15 Mar** -Science/STEAM Week

**15 Mar** -Non-uniform day for Comic Relief. Link to donate:  
<https://donation.comicrelief.com/cart/1YsYOwm2pHZgBUhWr8ZL13>

-Yr Nursery PE Stay and Play 9-9:45am

-Science Fair

**20 Mar** -Individual 'in class' photos

**21 Mar** -Poetry Day

**28 Mar** -Non uniform day -£1  
-Colour fun run from 12pm

-End of term 1:30pm

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**29 Mar-15 Apr** -Easter Holidays

**25 April** -Yr 3 Celtic Harmony Trip

**2 May** -Bags2School clothing collection

**6 May** -Bank Holiday school closed

Friendship Award	Alby S
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## Headteachers Awards

Year 4	Todi, Felicity, Betty, Olivia, Robert, Ani, Aniela
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## 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**  
**Morpurgo -Yes Day**  
**Riordan -Class Disco**

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Thank You for supporting  
our PTA Pick and Mix  
sweet sale. Together we  
raised an amazing  
**£190.50**



# UPDATE

## Maths

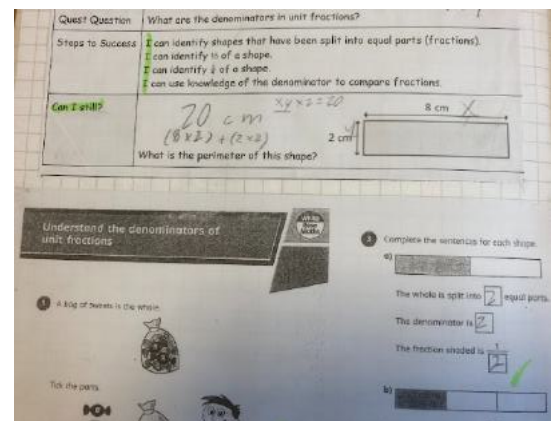
We're now well into the Spring term - the best time of the school year to push on with learning - and pupils across the school are making good strides in Maths. In Year 6, coming off the back of an encouraging mock SATs week, the children are spending more of their time honing their problem solving skills.

In Year 5 this week, a few children took part in an extra-curricular activity where they pitted their mathematical skills against children from other local schools in an online problem-solving competition. Not to be outdone, children in Year 4 recently took part in a mock online times tables test ahead of the national [multiplication tables check](#) in June. They did extremely well, beating the average score (out of 25) gained by children in both Hertfordshire and nationally.



Pupils in Year 3 have been working on fractions but it's also good to see them recapping on prior knowledge (perimeter) through the 'Can I still?' question which is posed at the start of each lesson.

Whilst lower down the school, children in Year 1 have been learning how to double numbers through the use of manipulatives, pictures and then moving on to working directly with numbers.





Class: Kerr

In maths we have been learning about doubling numbers to 10. We know that there is a pattern and the numbers go up in 2's.

In English we have been looking at toys from the past and we got to see many toys that are very old. As a class we thought about the differences between toys now and toys from the past.

In science our topic is 'Animals, including humans', we have learned a lot about our senses and what part of the body we use for each sense. This week we learned about what a mammal is and their distinct features, such as being warm blooded, having 4 limbs and having fur or hair.



Class: Soundar

In English, we are starting to look at poetry! We discussed what poetry is, how it differs from a story and created our own poem based on our name. Here is Mo's:

Muddy

Ultra funny

Counting is fun

Kicking a ball is awesome

Yummy food at dinner time!

Mum is greatful

Obviously silly!

Amazing work Mo!



Whole school attendance target  
= 97%

Whole school attendance this  
week = 95.7%

Best class attendance this  
week = Morpurgo

## The Leys Have Talent

Please share your child's success so we can celebrate together.  
Email us at: [leyshavetalent@leys.herts.sch.uk](mailto:leyshavetalent@leys.herts.sch.uk)

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Inclusivity

Respect

Aspirations

Determination

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## WELLBEING

Join the 'Power of Small Changes' challenge, designed for your family to explore new activities that can support emotional wellbeing, strengthen connections with loved ones and give you a chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher!

Just Talk Herts are hosting a competition on their Facebook. Every day they will be sharing a new task for families to try. Each time you participate you're in with the chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher. Imagine using your voucher to further explore a new emotional wellbeing activity discovered during the challenge!

To enter, each time you take part, share your family's experience with them on social media, by posting a picture or video, and tagging Just Talk Herts and using #PowerofSmallChanges. Each post counts as a separate entry!

Don't have social media? No problem! Email your photo/video to [justtalk@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:justtalk@hertfordshire.gov.uk) to be entered.

Please note that the closing date is 17 March.

View the full challenge [here](#) and more information about Just Talk Herts and their campaigns on their website below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OummGESvDYU&t=38s>

<https://www.justtalkherts.org/just-talk-herts.aspx>



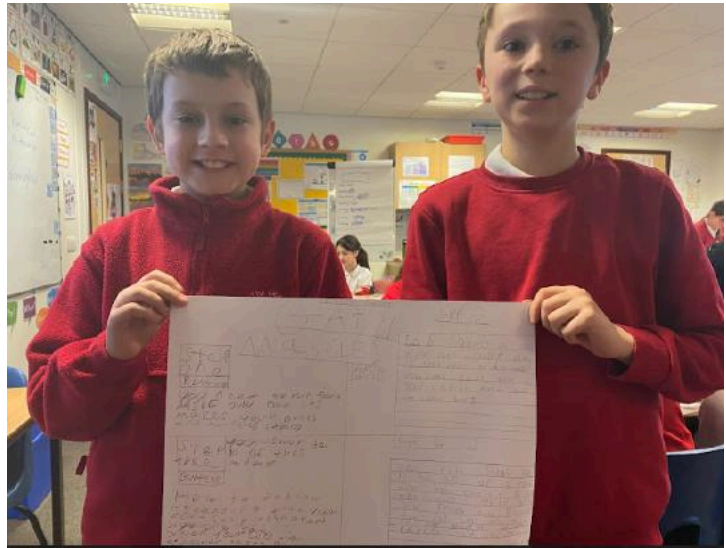
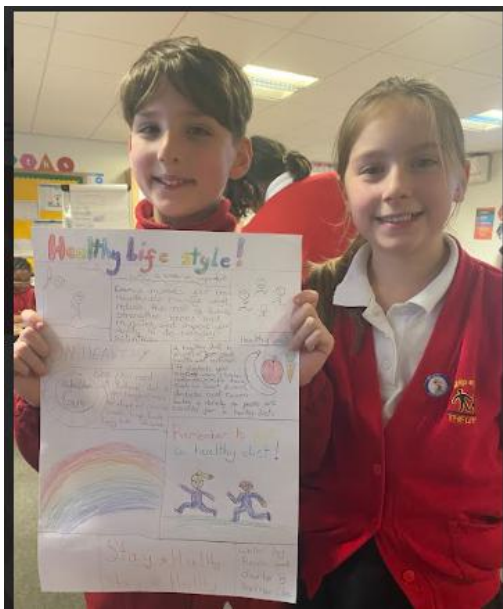
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### Spiritual, Moral, Social 🏆, Cultural and British Values

In year 6 the children have been learning about healthy lifestyle choices. We discussed the importance of having balance and moderation in our diets, as well as the importance of regular fun exercise. The children learnt about the different vitamins and minerals needed for a healthy balanced diet, as well as learning about how these all impact our bodies.

They then made posters to put around the school, aimed at KS2, to help impart their knowledge.

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# COMIC RELIEF

On Friday 15th March your child is invited to wear non-uniform to school to support Comic Relief. Please donate via the link below (minimum donation £1.00)

<https://donation.comicrelief.com/cart/1YsYOwm2pHZgBUhWr8ZL13>

## PARENT FORUM

Parents and Carers are invited to attend our parent forum meeting  
**FRIDAY 8th MARCH 2024**  
**09:00 am**

Tea, coffee and pastries will be available

We'd love to see you there, please email [admin@leys.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@leys.herts.sch.uk) to let us know if you would like to attend. - Many thanks

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We're here for you, whatever's on your mind. We'll support you. Guide you. Help you make decisions that are right for you. Our tips and techniques, ideas and inspiration, can help you feel more in control. And you can access them in your own time, at your own pace!

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

## Term dates 2023-2024

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