



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

| Star of the Week |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Class            | Pupil    |
| Benjamin         | Jomiloju |
| Murphy           | Lottie   |
| Kerr             | Mia      |
| Bryon            | Courtney |
| Donaldson        | Haydn    |
| Soundar          | Joseph   |
| Dahl             | Muna     |
| Gavin            | Riley    |
| Mante            | Amilia   |
| Morpurgo         | Charlie  |
| Riordan          | Isla     |
| Zephaniah        | Harry    |
| Malala           | Siji     |
| Blackman         | Gianna   |



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

1. Anthony
2. Jack W
3. Ani

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

## Friday 19th April 2024

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

25 April -Yr 3 Celtic Harmony Trip  
 2 May -Bags2School clothing collection  
 6 May -Bank Holiday school closed  
 7 May- PTA Meeting  
 13- 17 May- Year 6 SATS week  
 20-24 May -STEAM Week  
 23 May -Sports Day  
 24 May -Sports Day backup date  
 27-31 May -Half Term  
 3 Jun -INSET Day  
 10 Jun- Y6 Crucial Crew  
 14 Jun -Summer Disco  
 21 Jun- Pride Day- Wear Colourfull!  
 26 Jun -Class group photos  
 28 Jun- Non-uniform Day- donation of items  
 3-5 Jul- Y4 Wymondley trip  
 8 Jul -International Food Fair 2:30-4 pm  
 11 Jul- Transition Day  
 12 Jul- Inset day- school closed  
 19 Jul- Yr Production day  
 22 Jul- Yr 6 Prom  
 23 Jul - Closed for Summer

**New Dates to note - Save the date**

**14 June - Summer Disco**

**8 July - International Food Fair  
2.30pm to 4.00pm**

Friendship Award  
Tanya

Reader of the Month  
Esther

## 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 - PJ Day**  
**Mante - PJ Day**  
**Blackman - Class Cokies**  
**Friday (19th April)**

Geography

Year 2 has begun the Summer term by learning about China. They have been independently using atlases to locate the country and have even been finding rivers and major cities. They have thoroughly enjoyed using the atlases and they are looking forward to finding out more about China.

Year 4 will be starting to look at the seaside town of Whitby and making comparisons to Stevenage. They will be looking at a range of resources including pictures. They will also be looking at how the land is used, whether that be for tourist activities or how rivers have formed.

Year 5 will be beginning to learn all about maps. They will be reading maps, learning all the symbols and grid references and why we use them. They will even be creating their own maps.

Year 6 has begun looking at how borders in Europe have changed over time and what has caused the borders to change. They looked at both human and physical reasons, including weathering, erosion, war and trade.

# Sponsored read

Can any money you have raised for the Easter Sponsored read please be handed in to your class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you for your support. Prizes for the most money raised will be handed out in assemblies week beginning 29th April.



Class: Mante

## Danegeld

Mante class have been learning all about the practice of Danegeld, in which the Anglo-Saxons used to pay the vikings to leave England. We have been exploring its origins to its implication. In order to help our learning we listened to a poem all about Danegeld, and based on this we spent some time creating our own wonderful poems about Danegeld.

Below are two poems written by members of Mante class.

Die if you don't pay,  
Get them Vikings away,  
Lend us some money,

Danger if you don't obey  
And you will pass away  
Not too much to ask

We're not laughing,  
That's not funny,  
Danegeld is what it's called,  
Lots of Saxons were drastically  
fooled.

Give us your gold  
Every day we got money  
Losers are what they are  
Defeat is what we will do to you



Class: Blackman

## Respect

In Blackman class' class assembly this week we have been learning about respect, and what it means to us. For this challenge, the whole class came together to do some collaborative writing about what respect means to them.

Respect is understanding other people's opinions, celebrating others - not just putting up with them - and their protective characteristics. Mutual respect is where you treat people how you want to be treated. Respect isn't just about people's protected characteristics but other things as well, like: sports they play, their food choices, the way they look, how they dress and many more.



Whole school attendance target  
= 97%

Whole school attendance this  
week = 95.9%

Best class attendance this week  
= Malala

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## The Leys Have Talent



Congratulations to Charlie and Archie.

Well done to Charlie for moving up to the advanced group in gymnastics.

Well done to Archie for levelling up.

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## Small Actions To Make Big Changes



**CONNECT WITH SOMEONE**  
 Are they okay? - Are you okay? - Check in with your support network - Connect with someone new - A sense of belonging and community can help reduce feelings of loneliness.

**PRIORITISE SLEEP**  
 Take small steps to improve your bedtime routine. Wind down before bed by minimizing your screen time - Make your bedroom a 'tech-free' zone - Create a clean and restful sleep environment - Jot down what's on your mind and set it aside for tomorrow - Avoid caffeine after 4pm.

**MOVE IN YOUR OWN WAY**  
 Get moving the way you want to. This could be walking, running, yoga, stretches, doing some gardening. Move in a way you'll enjoy, get those endorphins flowing and let off some steam.

**SPEND TIME IN NATURE**  
 Take some time out of your day to step outside, get some fresh air and spend time in nature. This could be eating your lunch outside, or taking a short walk after work. Stimulate your senses and look at the beauty of nature.

**BREATHE DEEP**  
 Your breath is a powerful tool to help with stress reduction and relaxation. Short, shallow breaths can heighten anxiety so being conscious and taking time to breathe deep helps us shift into a relaxation mode.

**PRACTICE MINDFULNESS**  
 Practicing mindfulness allows you to focus on the here and now. It aids self-awareness, helps you practice emotional regulation and control. You can actively practice during a designated mindfulness session or be mindful of your all five of your sense whilst participating in an activity, such as a nature walk.

**#LittleByLittle**

**April is Stress Awareness month** and this year the key message is how even the *smallest* steps taken each day towards self-care and stress reduction can yield significant improvements in mental health over time.

If you need further support with stress here are some further ideas.

<https://www.stress.org.uk/home-3/reduce-stress-in-7-days/>

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

Years 1-6 took part in Pupil Parliament this week. At the start of the school year the children were asked the question "Is there anything you think could be improved upon in school?" The ideas put forward were:

| Inside improvements             |  |                                  |  |
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| Birthday cards on your birthday |  |                                  |  |
| Ice dispenser in dining hall    |  | Outside improvements             |  |
| Improved chairs                 |  | More active lessons              |  |
| More bake sales                 |  | Children mix between playgrounds |  |
| More after-school clubs:        |  | Picnics in the meadow            |  |
| Handwriting club                |  | More flower areas                |  |
| Art club                        |  | More frisbees/hula hoops         |  |
| Cooking club                    |  | Swing equipment                  |  |
| Lego club / Duplo club (KS1)    |  | More after-school clubs:         |  |
| Origami club                    |  | Cricket club                     |  |
| Sewing club                     |  | Basketball club                  |  |

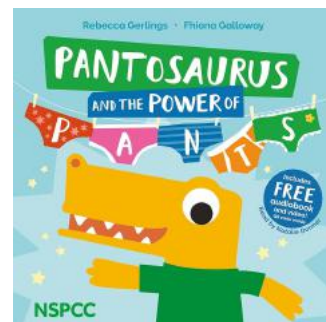


This term the children used the time to discuss and choose their top 3 ideas for improving the school. The ideas with the most votes will be discussed by School Leadership Team with a view to implement in 2024/2025

# NSPCC

## Celebrating 10 years of Talk PANTS!

Pantosaurus has helped 1.5 million parents Talk PANTS and keep their children safe from sexual abuse.



Developed in consultation with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS is here to help children understand their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

## Fantastic Fun Run

Thursday 28th March, the final day of Spring term was celebrated with our school colour run. A wonderful way to say goodbye to Spring and a big hello to Summer. Unfortunately the weather wasn't exactly summer weather, however it added to the fun and excitement of the event.

It was amazing to see and hear the excitement and fun of our pupils as they ran laps of our school field whilst being covered in bright colourful paint. It was a brilliant way to round off a brilliant term.

A big thank you to all the staff and parents for your continued support and all the children for being such good sports.

Mr Byford and Mrs Maisey



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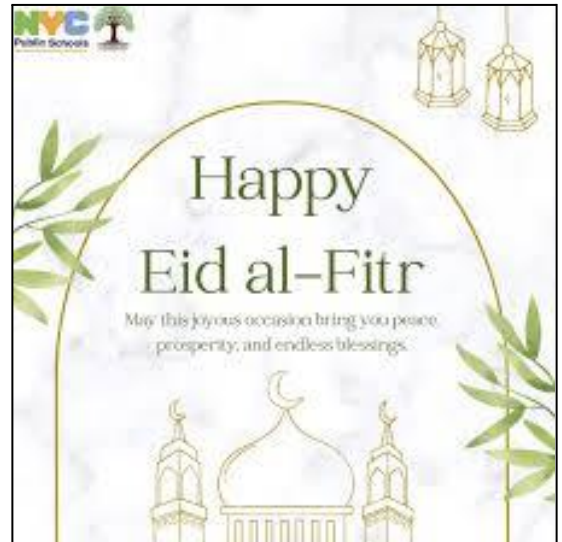
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To all our families that celebrate, we wish you a Happy Baisakhi and Happy Eid al - Fitr.



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## Visit from the Mayor of Stevenage



Yesterday, the Mayor of Stevenage, Myla Arceno, and Marion Lederman from the local Synagogue came to our Upper School assembly to present all of the children in Year 6 with certificates for their work about peace and friendship, some of which was used on the service sheet for Holocaust Memorial held in January 2024. We were very proud of their efforts and mature work, on a sensitive topic.

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## Term dates 2023-2024

| AUTUMN TERM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | SPRING TERM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | SUMMER TERM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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