



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 24th May 2024

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Nellie
Murphy	Alby F
Kerr	Reet
Bryon	Ziyad
Donaldson	Scarlett
Soundar	Taha
Dahl	Erika
Gavin	Noah
Mante	Sophia
Morpurgo	Ida
Riordan	Tanya
Zephaniah	Thando
Malala	Antonia
Blackman	Leo



Times Tables Leaders Well done to...

1. Sophie
2. Frederick
3. Pearl

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

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

27-31 May -Half Term

3 Jun -INSET Day

10 Jun- Y6 Crucial Crew
10 Jun - Mental Health
Workshop for parents 2-3pm
13 Jun - New to Nursery -
transition day 9am & 11am
13 Jun - New to Reception -
transition day 9am

14 Jun - Summer Disco
18 Jun - Y6 - Silverstone
Interactive Museum Trip
21 Jun- Pride Day- Wear
Colourful clothes!

26 Jun -Class group photos
28 Jun- Non-uniform Day-
donation of items (details to
follow)

3-5 Jul- Y4 Wymondley trip
8 Jul -International Food Fair
2:30-4 pm
11 Jul- Transition Day
11 Jul - Transition meeting new
to Year 1
11 Jul - Transition meeting new
to Year 6
12 Jul- Inset day- school closed
19 Jul- Yr 6 Production day
22 Jul- Yr 6 Prom
24 Jul - Closed for Summer

Kindness Award	Obrempong, Stanley
Reader of the Month	Evangeline, Alby S
Aspirational Award	Lexi B W, Olivia K W

Headteachers Awards

Year 3	Ella, Lucy, Hannah, Uno, Lexi BM, Olivia KW
Year 5	Thando, Olivia

Attendance Wheel of Reward

Each week in assembly the
wheel will be spun for **most
improved class attendance**

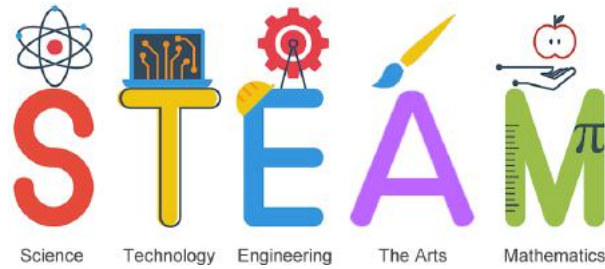


Be here to have a go!

This week's winners &
rewards:

Bryon - PJ Day
Soundar - Class Cooking
**Mante - Break the Rules
Day**
Zephaniah - Yes Day

UPDATE



For STEAM week, the whole school have been looking at art based on our Take One Book - The Secret of Black Rock.

Year 6 are creating an ocean mosaic including sea creatures using recyclable materials.

Year 5 are creating an ocean themed set design and learning to sketch different sea creatures

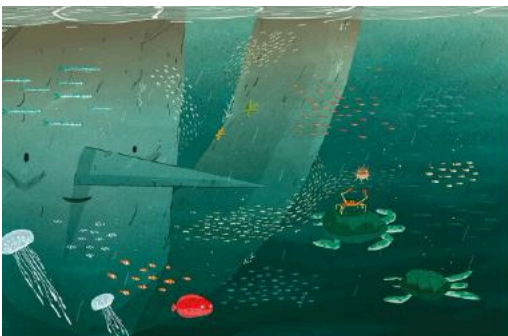
Year 4 are creating recycled jellyfish

Year 3 are creating wax resist/watercolour turtles. They also worked with nursery to create junk model sea creatures.

Year 2 are experimenting with paint and tools to make sea silhouette scenes

Year 1 are using watercolours to make sea creatures

EYFS are making starfish playdough coral reef and creating CD fish art



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Class: Bryon

In Bryon class, we have been focusing on our phonics. We have been playing a variety of games to help us become super spotters of digraphs, trigraphs and split digraphs. We really enjoy playing interactive games on the chromebooks.

We have also been writing our reports on different types of weather. We have been thinking about using conjunctions and different pieces of punctuation to make our reports really interesting for our reader. In maths, we have been practising counting in steps of 2,5 and 10 as well as learning all about arrays.



Class: Donaldson
Scarlett

Non-chronological report based on our school book- The secret of Black Rock. We used research, rhetorical questions and alliteration.

[What do dolphins eat?](#)

Did you know that dolphins use sound to find their prey? Dolphins are carnivorous, this means they only eat meat. These delightful dolphins eat fast fish, squishy squid, jealous jellyfish and orange octopus.

Dolphins are one of the smartest animals on Earth.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Whole school attendance target
= 97%

Whole school attendance this
week = 94.6%

Best class attendance this week
= 99.1%

Careers Month

The month of June will be dedicated to celebrating and empowering our pupils about future careers. We would like to invite our parents/carers/relatives to visit our school and talk to our pupils about their jobs. We would appreciate and welcome talks from all careers.



Please call or email
admin@leys.hert.sch.uk with your details and
preferred year group.

Thank you

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The Leys Have Talent



Jenson in year 5 had a busy weekend, on Saturday he played in a football cup final finishing as runners up and on Sunday he took part in an archery competition at Knebworth where he won the under 12's category.

Well done Jenson!



WELLBEING

This week 4 lucky Year 6 children attended the **Children & Young People's Forum at the Stevenage Football club**. As well as a tour of the club, they learnt about strategies to support their wellbeing through transition, about the history of racism and facts about healthy eating. They were also very excited to receive a free goody bag!



Spiritual, Moral, Social 🏆, Cultural and British Values



Global Friday

Across the school we have been learning about the Buddhist festival Vesak. Vesak is one of the most important Buddhist festivals. It is also known as Wesak or Buddha Day. It is a celebration of Buddha's birthday and when he discovered life's meaning. It is also a time to reflect on his teachings and what it means to be Buddhist. We learnt about the different



ways this festival is celebrated and KS1 children made their own Vesak lantern. The lantern represents letting go of troubles and wishing that all beings are well and happy.

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Netball Camp information

England Netball's official Netball Youth Camps provide netballers the opportunity to take to the courts during the school holidays for a nothing but netball experience. With top quality coaching, fun games and match play, it's the ultimate day for junior netball lovers or wanting to give netball a try for the first time!

This FREE Netball Youth Camp is on Tuesday 28th May at 10am to 3pm, at Bedwell Primary School, Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage, SG1 1NJ.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch with them for the camp!

To sign up, fill out the [online form](#).

Packed full of top quality coaching, a range of match play opportunities and tonnes of brand new games, activities and team-building sessions they are the perfect boredom-busting holiday activity.

To sign up please [click on](#) the link below and fill out the form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/J92Zf4wzrt>

Any questions, please contact Sally Whittle at sally.whittle@englandnetball.co.uk.



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Audience: Parents/ Carers
Date: Monday 10th June 2024
Time: 2-3pm
Location: Face to face at The Leys Primary School

The Stevenage Mental Health Support Team in collaboration with The Leys Primary and Nursery School are delivering a **Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshop for Parents and Carers**.

Topics:

- Common Worries for parents/carers
- Importance of supporting parents/carers mental health and wellbeing
- Social learning theory and Modelling
- Self-care and strategies to support your wellbeing
- Signposting to local support services

If you wish to attend, please inform the school reception or Mental Health Lead Mrs. Barr

Herts & West Essex Mental Health Support Teams | Hertfordshire Partnership NHS



We are aware that some local children are not registered with NHS dentists due to shortages of places and/or are not attending regularly for check-ups. We wanted to let you know that Shelpall Dental are taking on NHS patients under the age of 16. These are FREE for children and essential to good oral health.

If anyone would like to make an appointment, please call the surgery on 01438 351556.

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Help, advice and resources for parents and carers

Offer your children support and guidance with our range of online safety guides



<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

Term dates 2023-2024

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