



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 5th November 2021

DATES COMING UP!	
11.11	Year 3 Celtic Harmony Trip
15 -19th	Anti Bullying Week
15.11	- Odd Socks Day
22.11 - 26.11-	STEAM week & Bikeability Week
2.12	Aladdin Theatre in Y3-6 AM
6.12	- Occasional Day- School is closed
7.12	Year 5 Trip Exo Mars discovery centre
9.12	Puss in Boots Pantomime YR-Y2 PM
10.12	Enterprise Day
17.12	Junior Church Service
17.12	Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day
21.12-	Last day of term - 1.30pm finish

Poppy appeal items are now on sale in school for pupils- ranging from 50p to £1.50



Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Nahla
Murphy	Mo
Kerr	Talib
Waddell	Jackson
Donaldson	Sophia
Gravett	Ruben
Dahl	Daniel
Freedman	Devon
Strong	Shikana
Morpurgo	Cyprian
Lewis	Aydin Ahmed
Tolkien	Phebe
Rosen	Jeremiah Attafuah-Simmons
Shakespeare	Kimberly
Dickens	Emily O
Kipling	Nikodem

Friends of The Leys PTA

Key Dates

Non uniform 11th February £1
 Disco: 25th February 2022 at 5 to 8pm
 Non uniform £1 1st April
 Non uniform £1 1st 27th May
 Summer Fair: 17th June 3.15 to 5.30pm

Attendance Awards	Tolkien - KS2 Murphy - EYFS/KS1
Friendship Cup	Year 6 Manor
Headteacher Awards	
Reception	
Year 1	Jennifer
Year 2	Trystan, Alex, Todi, Joshua, Fletcher, Oliver P & Harrison J
Year 3	Mia, Jacob, Tamaya, Emma, Divya, Grace, Isla, Logan Gabriella, Machi, Nellie, Chelsea Thomas Emma. Muhammad, Liam, Olivia, Erin, Amber, Delilah, Joel, Daniel for their great History homework.
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	

Children in Need Day!

Join in on Friday the 19th November



Dress up or PJ day!
 More information to follow!

CLASS OF THE WEEK



Year 6

In year 6, we are having a fun week, this week (the other children are at Manor). Children have been busy showcasing their art and craft skills, participating with a sport spirit in team building fun activities and even challenging themselves to try a few that were out of their comfort zone. They thoroughly enjoyed their trip to St. Nicholas Playcentre where they had access to various indoor and outdoor activities (e.g table tennis, zip wire, personalised name-plate for a bedroom.to name a few) and also made us proud by demonstrating our school values, the weather was in our favour too. The Children really enjoyed trying their best and were pleased with their canvas art using geometric shapes and diversity artwork using black and white.



Class: Freeman
Pupil: Machi

This is me

My eyes are as dark as the night.
My hair is as long as a long dress.
My skin is as soft as a feather.
I am as friendly as a bird.
I love all puppies of different kinds.
I'm a bit shy but I have four great friends, their names are Fiza, Gabi, Divya and Tamaya.

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Nursery

Celebrating our learning

This week we have been very busy in Nursery. The children have been learning about their senses. We have been on a senses walk around the school, exploring the world around us using our sight, hearing, smell and touch.

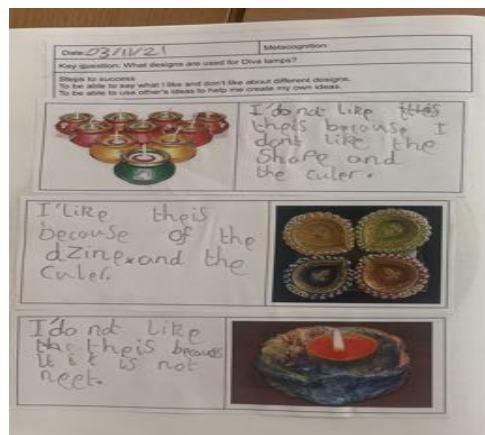
We have also been learning about Diwali. The children have made their own Rangoli patterns and Mehndi designs. Following our theme of senses, the children have been exploring different textures. We have had lots of fun making our own rangoli patterns with rice and lentils. The children have also been using clay to make their own Diwa lamps.



UPDATE RE

This week across the school in RE we have been learning all about Diwali. *Diwali is the five-day Festival of Lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world.* This year Diwali takes place over five days from 2nd November to 6th November with the main day of celebration on **Thursday 4 November**. In school the children have been completing many different arts and crafts to celebrate this festival. The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been busy making Diya lamps from clay and paint. They look so colourful, what a great job they have done! Year 3 has been creating concertina diyas and Year 5 has made some great Rangoli Patterns using different resources. They look great on the window with the sunlight shining through.

Happy Diwali from The Leys!



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WELLBEING



Just before half term our new Well-being Champions met for the first time. Our Well-being Champions are - Y2 Oliver Petrehele and Gusia Oczachowska, Y3 Kobi Wells and Mia Roach, Y4 Ella Waszczuk and Siji Owoeye, Y5 Phebe Woolf, Apostolos Menepsakos and Lucianna Yousif and Y6 James Hayden, Aimee Mealing and Eliza Wenn.

We discussed what well-being was, why it is important and how we can help others in our class with 'big feelings'. We also reminded ourselves what the 5 ways to Well-Being are and talked about what the children want to achieve this year. They had some great ideas, so look out from more from them this year!



TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED



DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR MOOD



REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY



EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF



Your time,
your words,
your presence

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

Nursery:

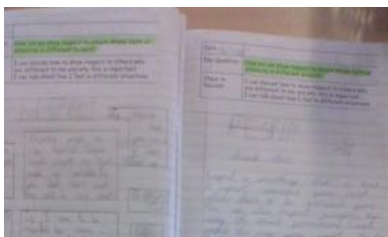
Celebrating Diwali in Nursery

Happy Diwali



Year 5:

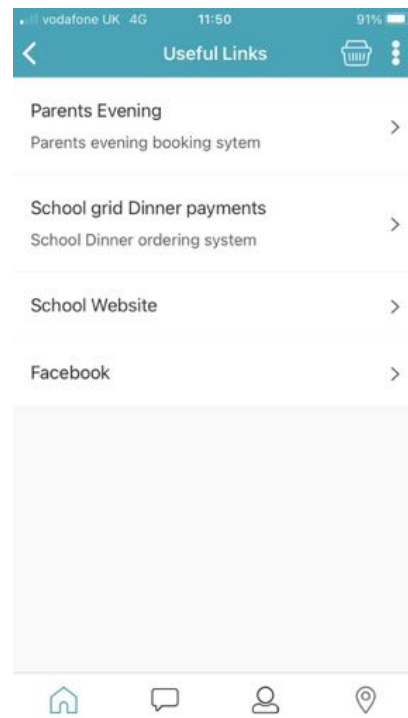
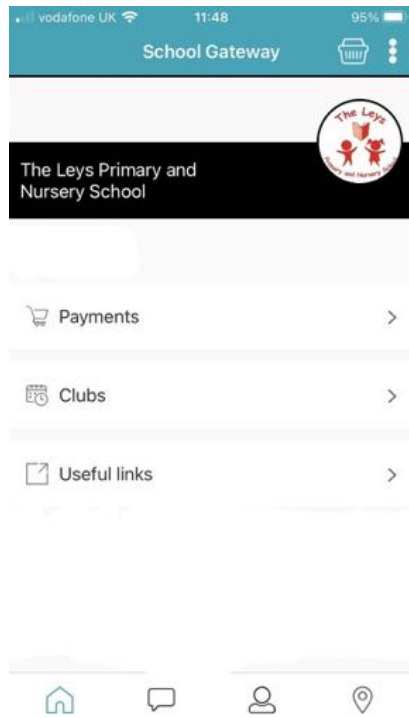
Thinking about how to show respect to others in our multicultural society and creating Rangoli patterns as part of our learning about Diwali:



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School Gateway

Please see images below and find how you can access other useful links such as School grid, school website, our facebook page and our Parents Evening portal using ONLY using School Gateway.



Lost Uniform

Every parent of a child in school knows the pain of losing clothing or uniform that is never returned (especially when they are new or expensive items!). We ask for parents/ carers to label everything and speak to your child about looking after their own items. This week, many pupils have left their jumpers and coats on the playground- many of which are unnamed. At The Leys, we are teaching our pupils to become more independent and responsible. If your child does not come home with correct items- please email your child's year group or contact their class teacher.

The school office should not be approached

Christmas Production events



Unfortunately we have had to make a decision to not invite parents/ carers into school due to rising cases in our school community- these performances will be recorded for parents to view on google classroom.

17.12 Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

17.12 Junior Church Service- **pupils only**

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Parent Partnership

Stay & Play 9am to 9.30am

These sessions are aimed for EYFS parents only, please drop your child at their classroom door and then make your way to the main sports field- where Mr Byford will meet you. After registration, all pupils will join their parent/ carer to complete some fun activities.

Friday 5th Nov- Nursery - postponed

Stay & Share KS1 & KS2 -8.50 to 9.10 am

These sessions will take place in the infant hall, with only one parent per child- all visitors will need to wear a mask and only stay with their child. I am afraid there will be no entry without a mask and adults will be asked to hand sanitise on entry.

Friday 12th November- Year 1- postponed

Friday 19th November- Year 2-postponed

Friday 26th November- Year 3

Friday 3rd December - Year 4

Friday 14th January - Year 5

Friday 21st January - Year 6

2022-23 EYFS Tours

Please come along and join us on our full tours of the school on;

*9am on 10th November 2021- **postponed***

1.30pm 18th November 2021

1.30pm 2nd December 2021

Contact the school office to book a place.

HOLIDAYS



Please be aware that the government continues to regard holidays during term time as unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances to consider. Parents who decide to take pupils on holiday during term time may incur a fine.

Please note that the May half term break has been extended on both sides to allow more time for travelling for planned holidays.

Friday 27th May 2022 Occasional Day due to Queen's Platinum Jubilee- school is closed

May half term Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Monday 6th June Inset Day- School is closed

Pupis return on Tuesday 7th June 2022

Don't forget to book on

 **The Leys Fun and Games Club! Breakfast & After-School Club**

BREAKFAST CLUB

- Breakfast Club runs from 7.30am to 8:45 am and includes breakfast.

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- Breakfast club costs £3.50 per child per day.
- Children must be signed into the club by whoever is bringing them to school.
- Children should not be dropped at the gate and sent into the club on their own. Breakfast on offer includes such choices as: cereal, toast, croissants, fruit, and fruit juices.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

- After School Club runs from 3.15 to 6.00 pm in two sessions:
- 3.15 - 5:00pm Session A £7.00 per day per child
- 3.15 - 6.00 pm Session B £8.50 per day per child
- A snack such as sandwiches, wraps, cheese, biscuits, and fruits are served to all children attending the after-school club.

Planned activities available may include:

- Creative art and crafts activities - painting, drawing, cutting, sticking and model making.
- Free play - activities chosen by your child.
- Imaginative play - dressing up and role play.
- Messy play - sand water clay and dough
- Outside play - depending on weather.
- Sports activities - organised by our PE staff.
- Various special events - disco, face painting, cooking, movie & popcorn

Term dates 2021-2022

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
Start of term: 2 September 2021 Inset day: 1 September Term: 2 September -21 October Half term holiday: 25 October 2021 - 29 October 2021 Inset day: 22 October Term: 1 November -21 December Occasional Day: 6 December Christmas holiday: 22 December 2021 - 5 January 2022	Inset day: 5 January 2022 Term: 6 January - 11 February Half term holiday: 14 February 2022 - 18 February 2022 Term : 21 February-1 April Easter holiday: 4 April 2022 - 18 April 2022	Term: 19 April - 26 May Half term holiday: 30 May 2022 - 3 June 2022 Inset Day: 6 June Occasional day: 27 May Term: 7 June-21 July Inset day 22 July Summer holiday: 22 July 2022 - 31 August 2022

The County Council is responsible for setting a published admission number (PAN) for all community and voluntary-controlled schools and must consult on any proposals to reduce PANs. After a period of demographic growth, the demand for primary places across the county has fallen and, in some areas, fewer school places are needed. This is in line with a decrease in primary demand across most other local authorities. Changes in demand are not evenly distributed and some areas and schools are impacted more than others. As part of the PAN setting process for academic year 2023/24, the County Council has engaged with headteachers and governing bodies at a number of schools, including The Leys Primary and Nursery School, to discuss and agree a proposed PAN reduction.

A reduction of the PAN at The Leys Primary and Nursery School from 75 to 60 places from 2023/24 is proposed following a drop in the number of applications and allocations for September 2021. The pupil forecast indicates lower demand for Reception places across this part of Stevenage for 2023/4 and beyond. A reduction in PAN would create a better match of places to expected demand, protecting the financial viability of the school moving forward. The Governing Body and Headteacher are both in agreement with the proposal which will assist the school both organisationally and financially.

Please visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2023 for more information about the consultation and to respond online.

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