

The Leys Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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School finishes at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday 21 July
School term starts 2 September 2021

Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Zephaniah	Jackson
Anderson	Erika
Sendak	Mya
Carle	David
Hargreaves	Gabi
Ahlberg	Omar
Dahl	David
Freedman	Denis
Strong	Isobella
Pratchett	Marcus
Morpurgo	
Tolkien	James
Lewis	Oliver
Rosen	Ethan
Shakespeare	Ife
Dickens	Emily
Kipling	Elaine

If we win the football 😊😊😊😊

.... We will celebrate with
NON-UNIFORM ALL WEEK £1
donation - Normal start time!
Wednesday 14th Dress in Red
White and Blue for French Day!

If we don't win the football 😞😞

School Uniform Mon, Tues and
Thursday
NON-UNIFORM Wednesday 14th
Dress in Red White and Blue for
French Day
NON-UNIFORM Friday 16th
Non-uniform £1 donation!

DATES COMING UP!!!

July 12-16 Year 6 Fun week

14 July French Day

14 July Year 1 trip to playcentre
9.45-11.45

15 July Moving Up day to meet
new teacher Session.

16 July Non uniform

July 19-21

19 July Y6 PROM

21 July Y6 Leavers Assembly

11.30a.m. 12.00 pm finish for Y6

21 July School finishes at 1.30
p.m.



Class of the week	
Friendship Cup	Hannah King
Headteacher Awards	
Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	

Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 21 July 11.30-12.00
 We have reviewed our plans and we would like to invite both parents and carers to attend the Leavers Assembly.

- The event will be outside
- Parents and carers must wear a mask
- Parents and carers must social distance while on school site
- There will be no toilets available

We are unable to hold this event inside. Please understand if it is too wet, we will have to record the event.

We acknowledge the changes to the lockdown rules on the 19th July however we are following guidance from HCC.

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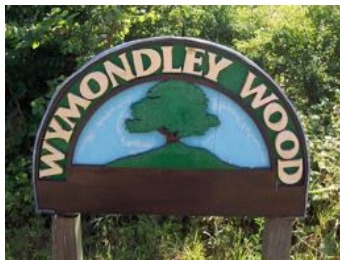
Be a School Governor



Congratulations to Mr Simon Luxton and Mrs Seeta Patel who have been appointed Parent Governors unopposed! Thank you so much for the support you show the Leys!



FRENCH DAY
Wednesday
14th July
Dress in Red
White and
Blue



Year 4 had a wonderful time at Wymondley Camp this week and we are sooo pleased that this trip was able to go ahead as planned!!!! They engaged in a number of outdoor activities. One highlight was when they made dens of logs they found, and covered it with stickyweed as camouflage. They played games outside such as football rounders. Another highlight was the alphabet hunt where they had to look for things in the woods starting with each letter of the alphabet! Zachary tells me he used Q- for quavers in his packed lunch (very inventive!)

All the children enjoyed the campfires in the evening, they collected the wood during the school day, and sang campfire songs and enjoyed warm summer evenings outdoors! Leah tells me her favourite was Mr Blanch's Purple Stew song! Mr Blanch was telling us it was his 150th campfire, so we were in good hands!

Thank you so much to Miss Garner and the Year 4 team for all your help to organise and lead this event



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CLASS OF THE WEEK



DICKENS CLASS

This week, Dickens class have been focusing on their art and science work. In art we have been creating our own characters in the style of Keith Haring. After numerous times perfecting our skills, we have then put our characters together to create a whole-class piece of artwork. In science, we have been on an anti-burglary mission! We were tasked with stopping Burglar Bill in his tracks by improving the lighting situation down his road - through dedication and team work we have been able to help the citizens down his road by creating and adapting circuits so that they are fit for purpose!

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Writers of the Week-

Ella and Antonia
Freedman Year 3

Today we had a visit from Felix, a Roman soldier from the 20th legion! He told us everything we needed to know about a Roman soldier's life, including showing us uniform, weapons and armour. We learnt the Latin words for left and right, different parts of armour and a soldier pledge. He showed us how to march and explained how and what the Roman's ate. Such as, elephant trunk, peacock brains and dormice dipped in honey!! Our favourite part was the children acting out how the food was gathered, cooked and served to the wealthy people. Our least favourite part was learning about how they made room for more food in their stomach!!!! **Disgusting!!!!** We thought it was amazing meeting Felix and he was quite a comedian!



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WELLBEING



With reports and the new class teacher letters going out today, transition and change is bound to be at the front of many children and parents' minds. Transitions and change are a normal part of everyone's life. The vast majority of children look forward to moving on and getting bigger. However, transitions can be more challenging for some children and support from parents and staff can help transitions go more smoothly.

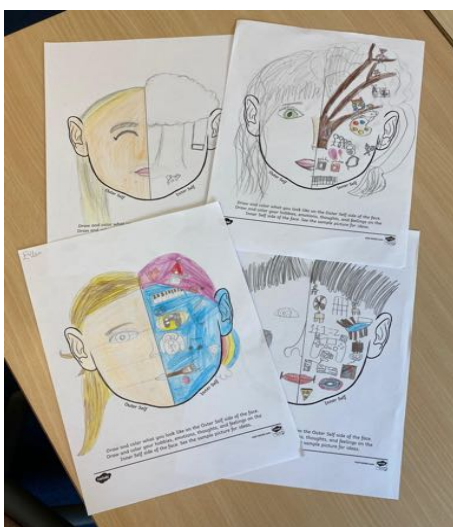
Within school, staff have already started to talk to children about moving on, many of our Year 6 children have been part of transition groups since half term and reception and nursery staff have been meeting our new starters both after school and at the weekend. Some children have also started to visit their new classrooms and, within the limits of Covid, staff have started to meet their new classes. Chatting to the children whilst on playground duty or by reading to them outdoors. Parents can also help their children by;

- talking about what is going to happen and encouraging children to ask questions
- encouraging them to talk about any concerns they may have and , if appropriate, share them with the class teacher
- helping them to become familiar with the new school or setting and what will be expected
- above all reassuring them that being a bit anxious is normal and trying not to share your own fears

The Young Minds poster of top ten tips for parents supporting their children during times of change is below.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/media/1710/top-ten-tips-poster.pdf>

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values



As this week is Art week the children in Year 5 have been looking at self portraits in a different way. They have been thinking about their inner selves and how they are different. The children's portraits show what they look like on one half and what they represent, their thoughts, feelings and likes/hobbies on the other side. They look great Year 5, well done!

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Physical Education

UPDATE

Sports Day

This year's sports day was a little bit unusual for all parties involved, but we managed to get there in the end! The PE team says a huge thank you to staff, pupils and parents/guardians for working with us regarding this event. Unfortunately parents/guardians were not allowed to come this year due to Covid restrictions and social distancing implications so we had to make it extra enjoyable for both staff and pupils! Well done to everybody who took part over the 2 days and an extra big well done to the staff / pupils in **Australasia** who were this year's champions! We hope next year we will be allowed to invite parents/guardians to enjoy the big event and for us to hopefully be back to 'normal' if we all remember what that is!

Thank you again from the PE team !!!

Year 2



Year 3



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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.

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.
- 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

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