



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

## Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Grayson
Murphy	Albie
Kerr	Nova
Waddell	Cooper
Donaldson	Samson
Gravett	Poppy
Dahl	Erin
Freedman	Fynley
Strong	
Morpurgo	Lilly-May
Tolkien	
Lewis	
Rosen	
Shakespeare	Jenna
Dickens	
Kipling	Mayci-Lou

## Friends of The Leys PTA - Key Dates

17th June -Summer Fair 3.15 to 5.30pm & non- uniform (no donation needed)

## Friday 10th June 2022

### DATES COMING UP!

16.6 Book Fair arrives  
 17.6 Summer Fair 3.15 to 5.30pm & non-uniform (no donation required)  
 20.6- 24th STEAM week  
 24.6 Pupil Parliament 11am  
 30.6 Sports Day choice 1 (changed due to unforeseen circumstances)  
 01.7 Sports Day choice 2  
 4.7-8.7 Commonwealth Week  
 5.7 School Photographs  
 6.7 to 8.7 Year 4 Wymondley Trip  
 14.7 Transition Day  
 15.7 Year 6 Production 2pm & 6pm  
 18.7 Year 6 Prom  
 20.7 House point reward pm  
 21.7 Last day 1.30pm finish  
 22.7 School closed for all staff

**New Parent Meeting- infant hall  
9.15 to 10am**

Parents/ Carers will be invited to a meet their child's new class teacher- please see dates below;

**13.6 Reception**

20.6 Year 3

27.6 Year 6

11.7 Year 1

Other year group meetings will take place in September 2022

Attendance Awards	Gravett & Lewis
Friendship Cup	Lily Redmond & Delilah Eddy
Headteachers Awards	
Reception	
Year 1	Harlie, Lucy, Hannah, Amaya,Olivia, Saaya, Odin, Dhyay
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	Abigale & Tyler
Year 6	

## Attendance Monopoly Winners

Each week in assembly a dice will be rolled for **most improved class attendance**.



**Be here to have a go!**

**This week's winners & rewards:**

**Kerr - Movie and popcorn  
 Strong - Board game afternoon  
 Rosen - Movie and popcorn**

# UPDATE PE

On Friday 27th May, 19 pupils from Years 5/6 represented the school football teams in the Mixed and Girls cup finals.

The Girls match was first to be played and with great resilience and determination we won the match beating Giles 4-2. The Girls played excellently and topped off their unbelievable season winning the cup!

The Mixed match was next to be played and again with great resilience, fight and determination we were able to draw 2-2 with Codicote in normal time (having lost to them 3-1 on Monday 23rd May). We played 10 minutes of extra time and still no winner so the game went to penalties. After 4 great penalties by The Leys and 2 excellent saves by Malakai we won the match 4-2 on Penalties!

## 2021 - 2022 League & Cup Results

### Mixed Team

- 2nd place in League
- Cup winners

### Girls Team

- League Winners
- Cup Winners
- Summer Tournament Winners



Out of a possible 5 trophies this season our school won 4 of them! Massive credit to all the boys and girls that represented our school teams this year and also to parents/carers for supporting the team and transporting students to and from games. A **BIG THANK YOU** from Mr Newlands to pupils and to parents/carers, this season would not have been possible without you !!!

### CLASS OF THE WEEK



### Kerr Class

Kerr class have started practising for sports day. We have spent time out on the field using the running track with Mr Newlands and Mrs Chapman. The children are very excited for sports day and all the fun it will bring. The children are excited to cheer on their friends and are showing a great team spirit during practice. We talked about how important it is to be healthy and taking part in sports is a key part of a healthy lifestyle. Well done Kerr class and keep up the hard work.

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Class: Strong

This week Strong class has been looking at our new class book zeraffa Giraffa. We have started this week by exploring some of the pictures in the book. We have done this by playing I spy, these are some of the extracts from childrens work.

"I am a happy and gorgeous girl, who doesn't have a loving family. I love dancing and I have a white hat and white hot hair."

"I am a beautiful woman, earring a baby pink coat and matching, small bonet. Beside the fluorescent pink doors, you can see me clearly."

"I have sage green leaves and a bight brown stump. I am very helpful to the world. Sometimes I dance in the wind and people will sit under me in the hot weather."

"My lucious crimson hair dances in the summer breeze like a fizzing firework in the sapphire sky."

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

Year 5 have been discussing changes during puberty. They have been discussing both the physical and mental effects it may have and how we can keep ourselves as healthy as possible. They have had a big discussion as a class and they have also written some questions that they would like to find out during the next few weeks.



### WELLBEING



Part of our 5 ways to Wellbeing is to be active. As well as the many clubs we run at school. Here are a few other ideas available locally in Stevenage;

Herts Inclusive Theatre runs from 4.45-6pm on a Thursday at the Gordon Craig Theatre

<https://clubhubuk.co.uk/clubs/stevenage-childrens-theatre/>

Every sport in Stevenage from Archery to Zorb football!

<http://www.sportstevenage.co.uk/>

Scouts in Stevenage are available to all from 4-18 years and they are even coming to the school fair!

<http://www.stevenagescouting.org.uk/>

Herts Music Service is based at The Nobel School. They have a Steel Pans group on a Tuesday plus lots of Saturday morning classes.

<https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/music-centres-in-hertfordshire/stevenage-music-centre/stevenage-music-centre.aspx>

<https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/media-library/documents/stevenage/smms.pdf>

<https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/media-library/documents/stevenage/lsmf.pdf>

For the more adventurous, there are always water sports at Fairlands park or even hiring a pedalo!

<https://www.sll.co.uk/fairlands-valley/activities/#main-content>



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## The Leys Have Talent

In June half term Logan & Marnie ran a 5k pretty muddy kids obstacle course to raise money for Cancer Research. They have managed to raise £740 as well as the £142 in gift aid. They loved getting wet and muddy and stayed motivated throughout by thinking of the family members that have suffered with cancer.

Well done Logan and Marnie, we are all so proud of you. This is a brilliant achievement for such a worthy cause.



## Fun Day/Fun Run

On Thursday 26th May, we had a whole school fun day / fun run that all year groups (except Nursery) participated in. During the morning Year 6 had planned and rehearsed activities for the rest of the school to have fun and participate in. I can safely say every child who participated in the events thoroughly enjoyed them, a big well done to Year 6! In the afternoon the whole school (except Nursery) participated in a fun run. The fun run included activities such as water soakers, hurdles, slalom run and through the hoop. ALL children, staff and parents enjoyed the event which was a great success for the school. Thank you and well done to everybody involved on Thursday.

PE Team

## Book Fair



Please come to our book fair. Books will be available to purchase from Friday 17th June at the Summer fair and then before and after school from Monday 20th until Wednesday 23rd.

Books can be purchased with cash or online using the QR code. All books purchased will give the school rewards to buy books for school. Thank you for your support.

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**Family Friday sessions      Summer Term 2022      8.45am to 9.15am**

We will be running a number of 'Family Friday' sessions for each year group, combining both Stay & Share with Family Reading -allowing the opportunity for parents/carers to view their child's work in their classrooms. Please arrive at 8.45am and enter via your child's classroom with your child.

17.6 Year R Stay & Play -Mr Byford & Mr Newland will lead a play session

24.6 Year 6 Stay & Share looking through your child's work/ books

## 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

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## Term dates 2021-2022

<p><b>AUTUMN TERM</b>                  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</p>	<p><b>SPRING TERM</b>                  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</p>	<p><b>SUMMER TERM</b>                  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</p>
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## Term dates 2022-2023

<p><b>AUTUMN TERM</b>                  Start of term: 5 September 2022                  Inset day: 1 September &amp; 2 September                  Term: 5 September -21 October                  Half term holiday: 24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022                  Inset day: 2 December &amp;                  Occasional Day: 5 December                  Term: 31 October - 21 December                  Christmas holiday: 22 December 2021 - 4 January 2022</p>	<p><b>SPRING TERM</b>                  Inset day: 5 January                  Term: 6 January - 10 February                  Half term holiday: 13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023                  Term : 20 February- 31 March 2023                  Easter holiday: 3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023</p>	<p><b>SUMMER TERM</b>                  Term: 17 April - 20 July                  Bank Holiday: 1 May                  Half term holiday: 29 May 2022 - 2 June 2023                  Term: 5 June-20 July                  Inset day: 21 July 2023                  Summer holiday: 24 July 2023 - 31 August no 2023</p> <p><u>Inset Day 2021-2022</u>                  1 September 2022                  2 September 2022                  2 December 2022                  5 December (Occasional day) 2022                  5 January 2023                  21 July 2023</p>
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