

The Leys Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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Star of the Week

	Class
Zephaniah	Alaya-Rose
Anderson	Samira
Sendak	Daisy-Mae
Carle	Samson
Hargreaves	Logan
Ahlberg	Daniel
Dahl	Leo
Freedman	George
Strong	Baylie
Pratchett	Joel
Morpurgo	Alys
Tolkien	William
Lewis	Niamh
Rosen	Layla
Shakespeare	Alfie M
Dickens	Tomi
Kipling	Alfie F

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

What a wonderful week in school! We have very happy staff, pupils and parents and carers this week!!!! It has been great to see our pupils so excited and enjoying being back with their class! Can you please ensure they get an early night, as we have noticed that they are tired! This will ensure they have the energy for both friendship and learning!!!

RED NOSE DAY

Friday 19th March 2021

PUPILS can wear their own clothes AND BRING A FULL UNOPENED CEREAL BOX for a whole school dominos event! No other donation is needed.

Please note that we aim to donate the cereal boxes to the foodbank FOODSHED following the event.



5 important steps

to help our schools and childcare settings stay open



Adults wear a face covering at drop off/pick up



Stick to one adult at drop off/pick up



Adults keep 2 metres apart



Avoid car sharing



Self-isolate if anyone in your household has symptoms

Class of the week	
Friendship Cup	
Headteacher Awards	YEAR
Ronnie F Ethan G Joel R Teddy B Jamie P Kaitlyn F Charles VG Kai C	FOUR
William G Sadeya C Ollie C Raheel R	FIVE

SHOUT OUT

This week I would like to give a **BIG SHOUT OUT** to our Physical Education Team Mr Byford, Mr Newlands, Mr Angove and Mr Sapsed!! Please read their update below! They are all truly inspirational, as they are so passionate about their subject, it is infectious! The children love PE in school, and although it is challenging, they still have lots of fun!!! These teachers are great role models for our pupils as they expect the best from everyone! Thank you so much gentlemen for all your dedication, enthusiasm and hard work!!!! We know we are very lucky that you work in our school!

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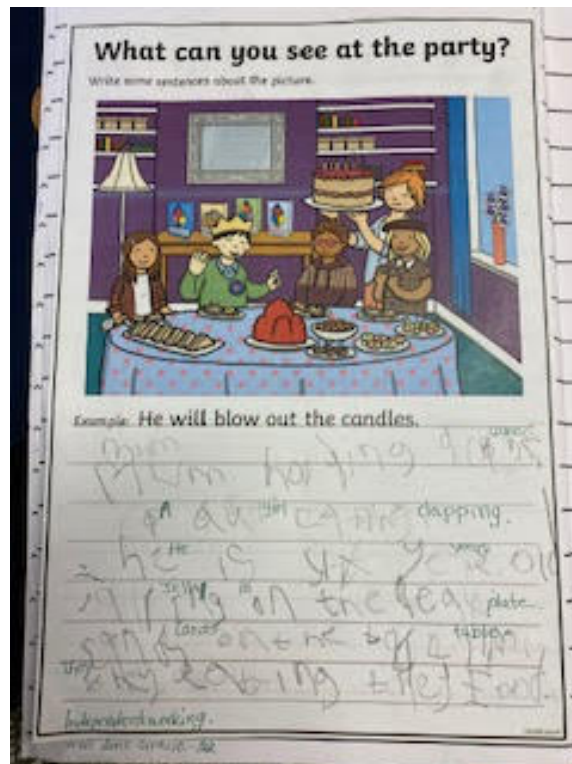
CLASS OF THE WEEK TOLKIEN class



As part of our learning about the ancient Greeks, we are imitating their most famous type of art: pottery painting. Here are some of our designs, which we will be painting onto clay next week!



Writer of the Week-
Gracie Boyce - Year 5
Rosen



Mum is holding a cake.
A girl clapping.
He is six years old.
Jelly is on the plate.
Cards on the table.
They are eating the food.

Well done Gracie!

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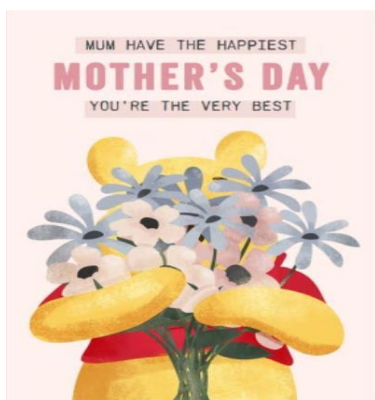
This week in assembly we have been learning about **Self-Efficacy**. Self-efficacy is the belief that you are capable of performing a task or managing a situation. It is about learning to **persevere** when you do not succeed at your first attempt. When a child equates success to internal factors, they develop a sense of mastery, which reinforces stronger self-efficacy beliefs. A child with high self-efficacy works harder, is more optimistic, less anxious and perseveres more. We watched a cartoon about The Tortoise and the Hare and talked about how determined the tortoise was to beat the hare in the race.

Parents can help their children develop self-efficacy by;

- **using specific praise** regarding the task (not necessarily the outcome) for example, "You did well because you tried three times to open the container without giving up."
- **providing just-right activities** - Children need to be encouraged to practice new skills that are challenging but achievable.
- **being honest** - Do not disregard the situation if the child does not succeed. Acknowledge the situation and offer suggestions for the child to use their strengths the next time.
- **praising effort**
- **modeling self-efficacy themselves**

If you want to learn more about self-efficacy have a look here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7GbHIZBRWY>



*Some lucky Mums are going to get a real surprise this weekend!
I have secretly spied some wonderful cards being made across the school! We all hope you have a wonderful day! You have achieved so much this year! This is a chance to relax that is a long time coming!*



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Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

We are all back to school! Yay! It has been a busy first week back for us all here at The Leys, but the children have been fantastic as always! Across the school we have been focussing on building relationships again, discussing the different things we did in lockdown, learning about others, further PSHE lessons and much more! The children have very much enjoyed being back with their friends and teachers, having school dinner, playing different games on the playground and more!



Circle Time In Nursery - Playing Our favourite games



Breakfast Time Chat In Nursery



Building Towers Together In Year1
TEAM WORK

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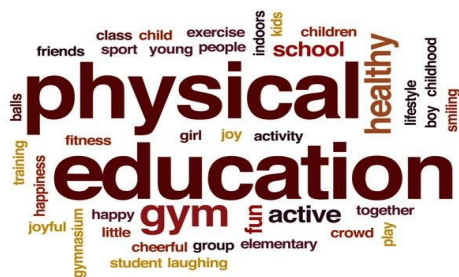
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Physical Education

UPDATE



Here at The Leys we are dedicated and passionate about providing all our pupils with the highest quality PE and Sports provision. We strive to achieve this by providing a rich and diverse PE curriculum with additional extra curricular activities. We are driven to ensure that our PE curriculum is accessible for all our pupils regardless of individual needs. Our vision for PE and Sport here at The Leys is supported and shared by all, starting with our Senior Leadership Team and specialised PE team and beyond.

We are very fortunate to have the expertise and passion of Mr Newlands, Mr Angove and Mr Sapsed who deliver curriculum time teaching and extra curricular activities. They are all excellent role models for our pupils. This is further supported by our teachers enthusiasm and desire to help us achieve our collective goals!!

As a school we are currently focusing on core physical skills as well as emotional and social wellbeing. These objectives are at the forefront of our planning and delivery as we move forward together. There has never been a more vital time for our pupils to engage and share our vision. As a team we have unfortunately noticed a decline in our pupils physical competence levels, therefore we are asking that you support us in our drive to improve by providing and supporting our pupils with as many physical opportunities outside of school, bike rides, family runs, long dog walks, outside garden fun, parks and by keeping active everyday!!

Over the coming weeks and months we will work hard, incredibly hard, to ensure that all our learners progress physically as well as striving to improve teamwork and social skills.

Thank you all for your continued support and efforts as we tackle these challenging times together.



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Term dates

<p>Start of term: 3 September 2020 Inset day: 2 September Term: 3 September -23 October <u>Half term holiday: 26 October 2020 - 30 October 2020</u> Inset day: 2 November Term: 3 November -18 December Occasional Day: 7 December <u>Christmas holiday: 21 December 2020 - 3 January 2021</u></p>	<p>Inset day: 4 January Term: 5 January - 12 February <u>Half term holiday: 15 February 2021 - 19 February 2021</u> Term : 22 February-26 March 2021 <u>Easter holiday: 29 March 2021 - 9 April 2021</u></p>	<p>Term: 12 April - 28 May <u>Half term holiday: 31 May 2021 - 4 June 2021</u> Inset Day: 7 June Term: 8 June-21 July Inset day 22 July <u>Summer holiday: 23 July 2021 - 31 August 2021</u></p>
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