

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	Lenny
Anderson	Lexi
Sendak	Daisy-Mae
Carle	Fletcher
Hargreaves	Maggie
Ahlberg	Poppy
Dahl	Elliott
Freedman	Becca
Strong	Joshua
Pratchett	Luke
Morpurgo	Kai
Tolkien	Olivia
Lewis	Lily
Rosen	Stefan
Shakespeare	Harrison
Dickens	Aaron
Kipling	Alfie F

DATES COMING UP!!!

July 19-2021

19 July Y6 PROM 6-8 pm
 21 July Y6 Leavers Assembly
 11.30-12.00 pm
12.00 pm finish for Y6
 21 July School finishes at 1.30 p.m.



This week we have been celebrating all the amazing achievements of our English Football Team!! They have been true role models for our young people in the way they have responded to the media backlash after the game!!! They all played their best to the very end! We all agreed at the Leys that it is time to STOP HATE and show Racism the RED CARD in our country! As a pupil in Year 6 told me - SEE IT. REPORT IT. STOP IT!



show racism
the red card

We talked in assemblies about the wonderful cultural diversity we have in our school, our town and our country! One of our younger pupils told me "We are just one big family!"



Class of the week	Year 6
Headteacher Awards	
Year 2	Anthony B
Year 3	Charlotte B
Year 4	Leo SH
Year 5	Abigail J Aimee M Salmon U Ester G Eliza W Layla B
Year 6	Tyler-Ray I Riley H

September 2021

2nd Sept RETURN TO SCHOOL

NEW TEACHER/Parent meetings: 9.00- 9.45 am
Infant hall

Year 3 - 06/09
 Year 1 - 07/09
 Year 2 - 08/09
 Year 6 - 09/09
 Nursery - 10/09
 Year 4 - 13/09
 Year 5 - 14/09
 Rec - 15/9

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT
1.30 pm on
WEDNESDAY 21st
JULY



" There is no place for racism or hate of any kind in football or in any area of society....and by driving out the hate and being kind to one another we will win!!!"

Bukayo Saka 19 years old

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CLASS OF THE WEEK



ANDERSON CLASS

This week we really enjoyed French day. We started the day with some art, making a French flag and trying to make an Eiffel Tower. We then enjoyed our colour hunt in the meadow and tried some French bread with butter and jam. It was yummy! We also enjoyed trying to learn a French colour song although we found this quite tricky! Our favourite thing of the day was our Skittles experiment where we made a rainbow!



Afia's Surprise

**Afia put five delicious fruits in her basket for her friend Pearl.
Afia walked to Pearl's house. The fox took the red apple
The panda took the yellow mango.**



Writer of the Week
Afia
Carle class

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WELLBEING



This week our Well-Being Champions have created a film to share their ideas about how to calm down when you are frustrated, stressed or anxious. They have shared this with their classmates and families on the website and facebook.

The Stevenage Mental Health Support Team are also running online workshops over the summer for parents and children on anxiety, friendships, transition and returning to school. Please book these directly by clicking the link to Eventbrite from the school website..

Date	Time	Topic	Where do I sign up?
Wednesday 27 th July	10:00-11:00	Parent: What is Anxiety?	Book Here
Tuesday 3 rd August	10:00-11:00	Young People: Managing Transitions (Year 5 - Year 6)	Book Here
Tuesday 10 th August	11:00-12:00	Young People: Managing Transitions (Year 6 - Year 6)	Book Here
Wednesday 11 th August	14:00-15:00	Managing Transitions (Year 5/6/7/8)	Book Here
Monday 16 th August	10:00-11:00	Parent: Managing Transitions	Book Here
Monday 16 th August	14:00-15:00	Understanding Transitions (Year 6/7/8)	Book Here
Wednesday 18 th August	10:00-11:00	Going Back to School (Year 5-6)	Book Here
Wednesday 18 th August	14:00-15:00	Going Back to School (Year 7-8)	Book Here



This week we have been celebrating French day. The theme was 'Les Couleurs'. Children have had lots of fun learning French names for colours by taking part in many colour themed activities such as colour hunt in the meadow, creating pictures of rainbows and making colourful streamers. Children have also learnt and recorded French songs called 'Toutes les couleurs du monde' (All the colours of the world) and 'Les Couleurs en Français' (French Colours Song).

In Early Years children have made French flags and enjoyed creating a rainbow with Skittles. Both children and teachers have had lots of fun taking photos with French props.

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We have all had a mini taste of France eating French baguettes with butter and jam. The Leys school would like to thank Asda Stevenage for donating strawberry jam to help celebrating this day. We have had lots of fun!



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Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

As this week has been Fun Week for Year 6 the children have taken part in many different activities outside in the lovely weather and inside their classrooms. The children have had to work in teams to solve different challenges. The children really enjoyed their Problem Solving day that took place earlier this week. In their teams, the Year 6's had to work through problems methodically. The different challenges set were - SkyWalk, Deep dive, Key Code, and Ski Run!!



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Art

UPDATE

Over the past week at The Leys we have had an art week with the focus on inspirational people. The children have been learning about a variety of artists including Andy Warhol, Caroline Kirton and Barbara Hepworth, they have had the opportunity to study a variety of pieces by their chosen artist and create pieces of art inspired by these great artists.

Across the school children have reflected on people they find inspirational and why. In Strong class the children chose a range of people including Ms Humphries, Harry Kane, Ariana Grande and Usain Bolt, Apostolos said that he chose Usain Bolt because "he is confident in his races and believes in himself".

I have been amazed by the artwork produced by the children and I am looking forward to displaying these around the school. The children have worked with a variety of mediums, including water colours, sketching pencils, tin foil and plastic spoons and rubber bands to make sculptures.



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.

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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

AUTUMN 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 - 4 January 2022

SPRING TERM

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

SUMMER TERM

Term: 19 April - 27 May

Half term holiday: 30 May 2022 - 3 June 2022

Inset Day: 6 June

Term: 7 June-21 July

Inset day 22 July

Summer holiday: 25 July 2022 - 31 August 2022

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