

The Leys Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Zephaniah	Oliver
Anderson	Charlie
Sendak	Todimu
Carle	Pearl
Hargreaves	Divya
Ahlberg	Olivia
Dahl	Sijibomi
Freedman	Kazim
Strong	Chantelle
Pratchett	Teddy
Morpurgo	Jason
Tolkien	Aiden
Lewis	Muneeb
Rosen	Nikodem
Shakespeare	Kodey
Dickens	Darci
Kipling	Ella

DATES COMING UP!!!

June 21-25' Speak out, Stay safe' week

22 June Y6 Cake sale Bring 50p

23 June Y6 cake sale Bring 50p

June 28 -July 2 THE BIG PEDAL

30 June Sports Day EYFS 9.30 -11.00

Key stage 1 1.30-3.00

1 July Sports Day LKS2 9.30-11.30

UKS2 1.00-3.00

July 5-9 Art Week

7 July WYMONDLEY WOODS Year 4

8 July WYMONDLEY WOODS Year 4

9 July WYMONDLEY WOODS Year 4

9 July Roman Soldier Year 3

9th July Reports out to parents

10 July Rec/Nur tours 10- 2pm for new families

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.

July 19-21

19 July Y6 PROM

21 July Y6 Leavers Assembly



NSPCC
Speak out. Stay safe.
programme

Next week our pupils are taking part in the NSPCC programme Speak out Stay safe. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly, interactive way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline. (letter out today)

Class of the week	
Friendship Cup	
Headteacher Awards	
Reception	Dylan R Stanley W
Year 1	
Year 2	Delilah E
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	

SPORTS DAYS:

Wed 30th June

EYFS 9.30 - 11 am

KS1 1.30 - 3.00 pm

Thurs 1st July

LKS2 9.30-11.30 am

UKS2 1.00-3.00 pm

LETTER HOME TODAY!

Due to the recent announcements on June 14th we have decided that we are unable to invite parents and carers to the sports events due to the logistics of social distancing and restrictions in numbers of people gathering outside. This is disappointing news for all of us, and we hope this will all change next year!!!!

CAKE SALE



(letter home today)
Year 6 will be bringing around cakes to all the classes on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd to raise money for their Fun Week. Bring 50p on both days

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Please check out this news article in the Comet this week! Thank you to our Year 6 pupils who have led the drive in the town to encourage our government to provide more support for Nepal. Nepal has been hit hard by the new variant of Covid-19. We should be very proud that this drive for social



action is being led by Dr Christie our Assistant Headteacher who is working very closely with the British Council to forge close links with Nepal, even during such challenging times; and has gathered together several other schools in Stevenage to join him. Great news from our MP Stephen McPartland that support is being offered from the UK!

Children beg UK government to help Nepal in COVID-19 crisis

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With Nepal in the grip of a second wave of coronavirus, primary school children in Stevenage have written to their MP or the prime minister, imploring the UK government to help.

Last week, Nepal's prime minister made an urgent plea to Boris Johnson for vaccines against COVID-19.

Less than three per cent of Nepal's population has been fully vaccinated and the country is struggling with shortages of hospital beds and oxygen supplies.

Now, 1,000 pupils from 12 schools in Stevenage, Knebworth, Graveley and Datchworth - including The Leys and Almond Hill - have written to either Stevenage MP Stephen McPartland or Prime Minister Boris Johnson, asking them to step in.

These schools have forged close bonds with schools in Nepal through the British Council's Connecting Classrooms programme.

Dear Mr Johnson,

I understand that you must be very busy, but I think it's very important to you as the people of Nepal need our help. I have heard that the virus of COVID-19 has spread very quickly, especially in Nepal, and we must do something about this.

On 18 April, the health secretary announced that the UK will support the people of Nepal to help the Nepalese people. I think this is a very good thing to do. I hope you can help me to write to your MP or the Prime Minister to help them to help the people of Nepal.

The little hospital in Nepal is very small, and the people who are there need our help. I think you can help them to get the medicines they need. I hope you can help them to get the medicines they need.

In a very short time, we have seen a lot of people who are sick. I think you can help them to get the medicines they need. I hope you can help them to get the medicines they need.

Lily, a Year 6 pupil at All Saints C of E Primary School in Datchworth, wrote to Stevenage MP Stephen McPartland.
Picture: ANDREW CHRISTIE

Jacob, in Year 5 at Martins Wood in Stevenage, wrote to Mr Johnson: "It is extremely important we give countries like Nepal resources such as vaccines, hospital beds, oxygen, masks, visors and hand sanitiser. Whenever you do not want to help somebody in need, think about how you would feel if you were in the position of that unlucky person."

Israella, in Year 4 at Stevenage's St Margaret Clitherow, wrote to Mr McPartland: "Please help them and help me not to worry."

Andrew Christie, assistant head at The Leys, said: "We worry for our friends in Nepal. We hope our children's letters can persuade the government to transport much-needed medical supplies to support the overwhelmed Nepali healthcare system."

Mr McPartland said he was really pleased to receive the letters and will be writing back, offering to visit the schools.

He said: "We have already provided Nepal with 250 ventilators, 2,000 pieces of PPE and a new oxygen generation plant that is saving 150 lives a day. Our surplus vaccines go to COVAX and we are one of the largest donors, with Nepal being allocated almost two million vaccines so far."

"At the G7 summit, the prime minister has persuaded the other leaders to work together and fund another billion vaccines for poorer countries. This builds on the amazing success of British people and scientists that provided billions of pounds to help develop vaccines to fight this disease."

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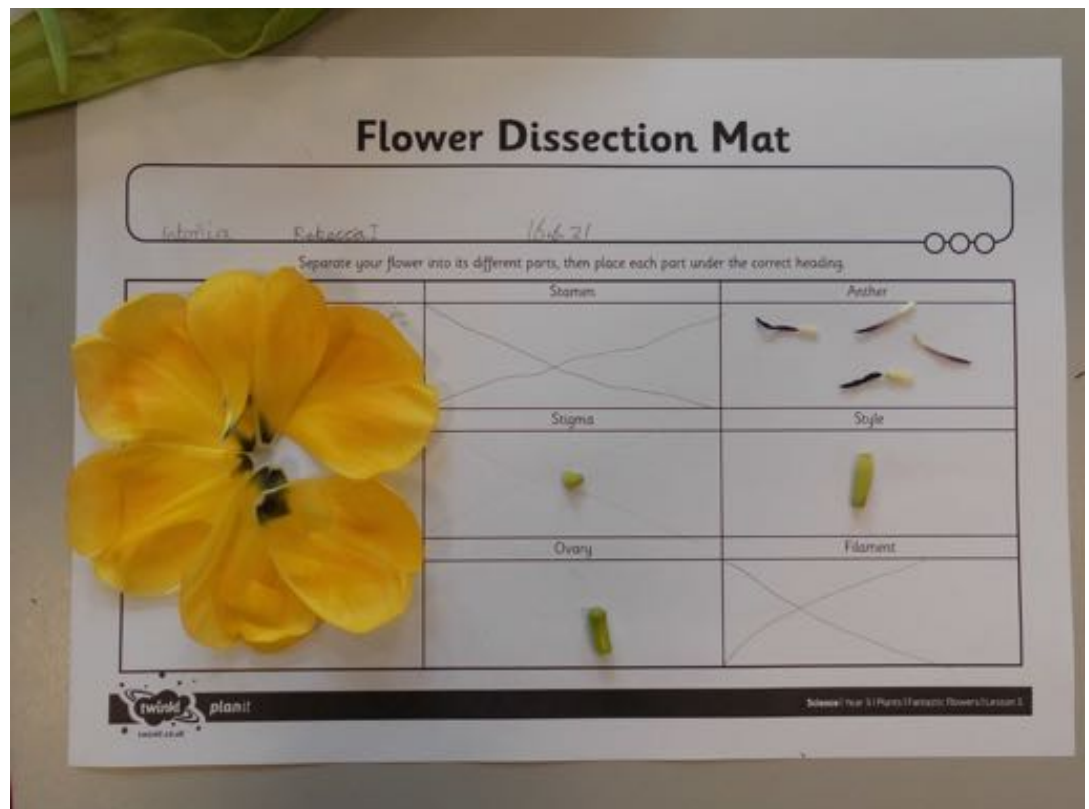
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CLASS OF THE WEEK



In Freedman class we have been continuing with our Fantastic flowers topic in Science. We learnt the names of the different parts of a flower and dissected tulips to look closely at them with magnifying glasses. To link with our Duke of Edinburgh challenges we kept the newly planted and renovated train planter watered as part of 'looking after our school environment'. Next week we will be doing two experiments, one with growing cress and the other with 'flying saucers!'.



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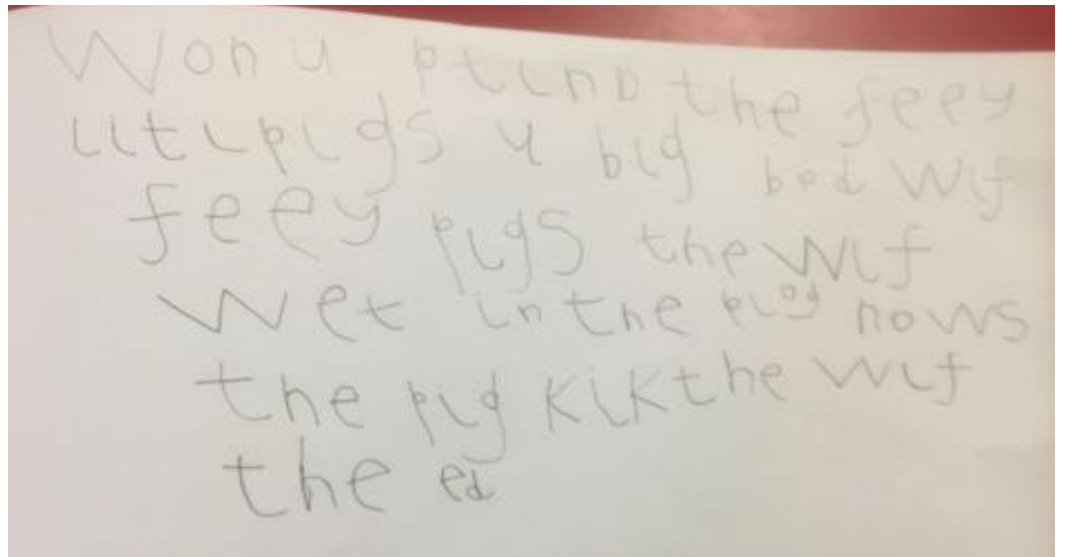
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Writer of the Week- Odin
Eddy

During child initiated learning today Odin chose to write his own version of the Three Little Pigs story. He took care with his handwriting and used his phonic skills to sound out each word.

"Once upon a time the Three Little Pigs and Big Bad Wolf. Three pigs and the wolf went into the pigs house. The pig kicked the wolf. The end."



WELLBEING



With Father's Day on Sunday, it is also International Father's Mental Health Day on Monday 21st June. In England in 2014, around one in eight men had a common mental health problem such as depression, anxiety, panic disorder or obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD). 3x as many men as women die by suicide. Men are less likely to access therapy and men are nearly 3x as likely as women to become dependent on alcohol and 3x as likely to report frequent drug use. Research also shows that 10% of new dads experience paternal postpartum depression (50% when mom is depressed!) and tend to need support of their own.

We often bring our boys up to think they need to be strong and manage their emotions without talking about their feelings. Yet this is one of the key ways to prevent Mental Health issues occurring in adulthood. Along with building trusting friendships, being able to ask for help and feeling good about yourself and your strengths are key strategies we need to nurture in our boys (and girls) to avoid these statistics continuing.

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Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

As part of Maths Money Week, the children in Year 2 had the opportunity for Show and Tell in their Geography lesson. The children brought in money from all around the world such as Europe, South Africa, Kuwait, UAE, Hong Kong, USA, Iran, Mexico, India, Saudi Arabia, Czech Republic, Australia and many more! The children looked at a world map to see where the money was from and then in groups they were able to explore what the money looked like and how it compared to our money. They had a fantastic time exploring the money!



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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Mathematics

UPDATE

MATHEMATICS
is not about
numbers, equations,
computations, or
algorithms:
it is about
UNDERSTANDING.

William Paul Thurston

This week the whole school was engaged in a fantastic real life Maths Money week.

There were fun and engaging activities in every class that encouraged the children to think about how we use maths in our everyday lives.

Some of the activities this week were:

Play shops- with real coins in some classes!

Money problem solving challenges

Budgeting challenges

Active Maths Money games

Linking maths to other subjects by finding out about money in other countries and how it has changed over time.

Finding out about how adults earn money and how important it is to use it wisely.

Everyone really enjoyed their week and learned a lot!

Here are some pictures from Maths money week around the school!



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Great to see our pupils having such great fun at our after school club @FUN&GAMESCLUB! They have a new quiet area to chill out in and the children have been enjoying picnics, crafts and games! Thank you to all our wonderful staff for making after school full of fun friendship and adventure!!!!



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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 2020-2021

Start of term: 3 September 2020

Inset day: 2 September

Term: 3 September -23 October

Half term holiday: 26 October 2020 - 30 October 2020

Inset day: 2 November

Term: 3 November -18 December

Occasional Day: 7 December

Christmas holiday: 21 December 2020 - 3 January 2021

Inset day: 4 January

Term: 5 January - 12 February

Half term holiday: 15 February 2021 - 19 February 2021

Term : 22 February-26 March 2021

Easter holiday: 29 March 2021 - 9th April 2021

Term: 12 April - 28 May

Half term holiday: 31 May 2021 - 4 June 2021

Inset Day: 7 June

Term: 8 June-21 July

Inset day 22 July

Summer holiday: 23 July 2021 - 31 August 2021

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<p><u>AUTUMN TERM</u> Start of term: 2 September 2021 Inset day: 1 September Term: 2 September -22 October <u>Half term holiday: 25 October 2021 - 29 October 2021</u> Inset day: 1 November Term: 2 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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