

# The Leys Primary and Nursery



19th June 20

★ Accelerating progress    ★ Enriching wellbeing    ★ Promoting partnerships

## Inspiration of the week



Marcus Rashford only 22 years old—plays for Manchester United and England striker. This week he wrote an open letter to the government calling on them to end child poverty in the United Kingdom. A day later the government announced a change in policy regarding the extension of free school meals for children during the summer holidays, with his campaign credited as a major turning point in governmental talks! That must be better than a hatrick!!! A remarkable young man!



## The highlight of the week in Year 2—Hargreaves

Our children enjoyed dressing in rainbow colours on Tuesday for our health workers. Luca got very creative by colouring in his top to make it a rainbow of colours.

**Important dates coming up**  
 Week starting  
 29th July- Black Lives Matter- Equality week  
 6th July; Sponsored Sports Week

THE LEYS LEARNING VALUE SUMMER

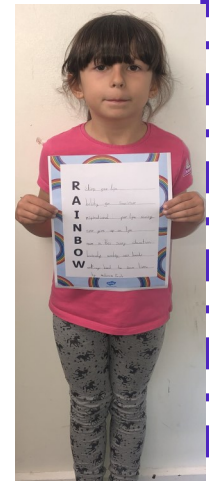
**Compassion**

This week we shared Phase 2 of our re-integration into school for pupils in Years 2 3 4 and 5, and we are really looking forward to seeing more of our pupils next week. We understand how disappointing it was for some parents to learn that we are not opening up for all pupils. However we are living in different world at the moment, and we had been given clear guidance about how to arrange the school in groups no bigger than 15 that allows for 2m distancing. For all schools this has been the biggest challenge. At the Leys we have tried to do our very best for our Leys School community. This week I pay tribute to all our staff here who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes, with many hard at work all during Lockdown, while trying to teach their own family. Staff have all returned to school happy to support and help our families in any way they can, despite their own worries about their families. I have been really impressed with their dedication and determination to provide positive learning experiences for our pupils! THANK YOU! Leaders and Governors are well aware of their enormous contribution to our local community.

## The highlight of the week in the key worker pod in the Junior block

We have been super impressed with Rebecca today - she has settled in well and wrote this acrostic poem for the NHS workers.

R	isking for life
A	bility for saviour
I	nspirational for life saving
N	Ever give up on life
B	rave in this scary situation
O	bviously washing our hands
W	orking hard to save lives



## The highlight of the week in the Key worker pod (in the Y2 building!)



This work was done over the last 3 weeks. We picked flowers from the meadow, pressed them, put them on plain paper to make a beautiful picture and put them in cellophane. Then we cut out a black picture frame for our pictures and stuck them in.

Some children made them into cards for their family.



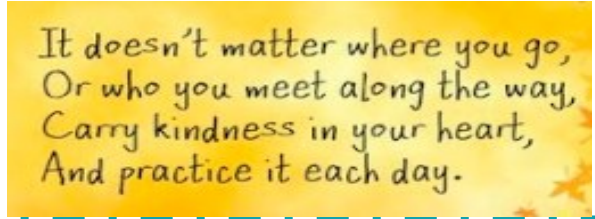
# Your Best

If you always try your best  
Then you'll never have to wonder  
About what you could have done  
If you'd summoned all your thunder.

And if your best  
Was not as good  
As you hoped it would be,  
You still could say,  
"I gave today  
All that I had in me."

## The highlight of the week in Year 5 - Rosen

This week, Rosen class were asked to find or write their own inspirational poem or short story and share them in our Google Meet session. Some of these poems were very uplifting and relevant in this current period.



## The highlight of the week in Year 4 Strong

The highlight of the week in Strong class was looking at all of our artwork on our google meet. We had a variety of work, including a 1000 piece puzzle being made by Gaja, and a seaside rock that had been painted by Evie. Aiden had also created a picture of a Nike show, and created some wonderful coin rubbings.

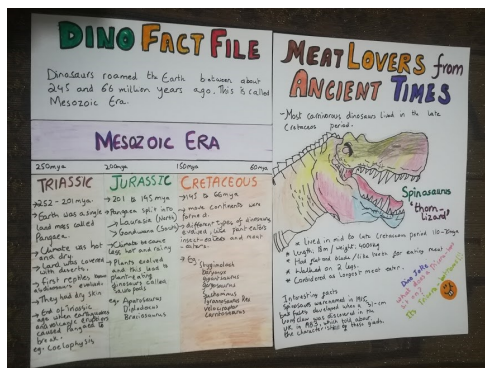


## The highlight of the week in Year 3—Dahl

Elisabeth has written a brilliant story and has been reading out a small part during each Google Meet. She is a fantastic writer and always leaves us waiting for the next chapter! Well done Elisabeth, you are a star.

## The highlight of the week Year 3—Freedman

Our highlight in Freedman class this week has to be our fantastic google meets! We are having so much fun playing drawing competitions, memory games and we were even treated to a special presentation by Asad - who knew so much about the ferocious dinosaurs!



## The highlight of the week in Year 4-Morpurgo

Morpurgo's highlight of the week is Muneeb's Captain America themed cookies! We have been challenging ourselves to bake a variety of different biscuits, cakes and yummy treats, measuring ingredients carefully.



## Writer of the Week—by Olive Ahlberg class

**Hansel and Gretel** Quick as a flash the witch pushed Gretel into the oven. Hansel shouted "let me go you wicked old witch!" The mean witch screeched "YOU MADE ME ANGRY!" This loud argument woke a wolf near by. The sneaky wolf crept into the candy cottage and gobbled up the horrible witch. Hansel still locked the cage was terrified. all of a sudden a gingerbread man appeared and distracted the astonished grey wolf. The gingerbread man took out his tooth and put it in the cage. He unlocked it. The wolf turned his head and licked his lips. Hansel thought the wolf was looking at the gingerbread man but he had disappeared just as quickly as he appeared. So the chase was on and Hansel won. Hansel made it home safely.

## The highlight of the week in Reception—Anderson

This week we have been looking at things we find in the sky. The children have had a lot of fun making paper aeroplanes and going outside the throw them and then use footsteps to measure how far they fly. The children found that paper was better to use than card.





### The highlight of the week in Year 4—Pratchett

My highlight of the week in Pratchett class this week is Samuel's Science work. Sam and his siblings went on a nature hunt and found lots of different animals and he has noted them down in categories with more information about what he found. He used scientific language which I was really impressed with. Well done Sam, keep it up!!



### The highlight of the week in Year 5— Lewis

This week Lewis class celebrated the NHS. Brooke created a rainbow art piece. We thought about the definition of 'hero' and identified some heroes in our lives. Aaron wrote the following: "My hero is my mummy's neuro physio. She comes to our house once a week and spends an hour doing exercises to help get her right arm up and moving again. We are very grateful and we thank her everyday. Mummy's neuro physio is called Claire. She is the best and she is trying really hard to get my mummy moving again."



### The highlight of the week in Year 5 –Tolkien

Our video conferences this week have focussed on making sure that we do a variety of things in a day, even if rain sometimes forces us to change our plans! Special mentions must go to Joseph for inventing a new board game and to Liam and Oliver for contributing to a community art project on Grace Way. It was great to see you all!

### The highlight of the week in Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been learning about plants and what they need to grow. We have decided that plants need water, sunlight and soil. Children have planted some seeds into 4 different pots. One pot will have water, sun and soil. The second pot will have soil, but no water or sunlight (we have hidden the pot in a dark cupboard!) The third pot will have soil and sunlight, but no water.

The fourth will have lots of sunlight and water, but no soil. Each day we will check on these pots to see what has happened. We have seen lots of beautiful plants and flowers growing outside. We can't wait to pick up the strawberries from the Nursery garden.



### The highlight of the week in Year 3 -Wilson

This week on our Google Meet Wilson class celebrated our key workers with a rainbow themed quiz and rainbow scavenger hunt. The children all did really well on the quiz despite there being some tricky questions. Isobella made a real effort with her outfit for the day.



### The highlight of the week in Year 6—Shakespeare

This week in the Shakespeare pods we have been learning about various pandemics that have occurred throughout history and how they compare to the Covid-19 outbreak. The children were surprised to learn that the 'Spanish flu' of 1918-19 killed 50 million people which was more than died in the whole of the First World War. Also fascinated to discover that smallpox was found in the mummy of the Egyptian pharaoh Ramses V, who lived



many thousands of years ago and the nursery rhyme, 'Ring-a-ring o' roses' was thought to have been written about the outbreak of bubonic plague in the 14th century.

### The highlight of the week in Reception—Zephaniah

This week in Zephaniah class the children have been learning about kites and pinwheels linked to the theme in the air.

They each created their own pinwheel taking care to decorate them before using a split pin to join the parts together.



### The highlight of the week in Year 1—Sendak

Sendak class have been doing lots of mindfulness meditation this week. We have been following some wonderful guided sessions on YouTube. The children find it very relaxing and some say that it makes them feel sleepy.



### The highlight of the week in Year 1—Carle

In Carle class we have been growing beans and doing work around the book 'Alien Tea on Planet Zum-Zee.



### The highlight of the week in Year 6— Dickens

Our highlights this week have been watching the Online Assembly yesterday which was hosted by The Duchess of Cambridge. During the assembly, she asked the children what kindness means to them, how they can show kindness to others, and also show kindness to themselves. Often, children forget about self-care, and they need to be just as mindful of being kind to themselves and developing good mental health, self-confidence and self-esteem. Dickens had a short circle time, where we discussed the meaning of kindness and how we can use it in our daily lives in different ways.



Above this, the Year 6s have also begun writing again! We were inspired by a picture called 'Uprooted' which has sparked out imaginations to write adventure thriller first-person narratives about a house that was uprooted

