

The Leys Primary and Nursery

20 December

★ Accelerating progress ★ Enriching wellbeing ★ Promoting partnerships



Star of the Week

Zephaniah	Harrison
Anderson	Betty
Sendak	Logan
Carle	Jake
Hargreaves	Lilly
Ahlberg	Jake
Wilson	Bobby
Dahl	Rylan
Freedman	Teddy
Strong	Hannah
Pratchett	Gracie
Morpurgo	Ester
Tolkien	Alex
Lewis	Riley
Rosen	Ella
Shakespeare	Sophia
Dickens	Ronnie

Important dates coming up
Back to school 7 JANUARY

FROM EVERYONE HERE AT THE LEYS...

Congratulations to all our pupils who received Governor awards for demonstrating our **LEARNING VALUE: Determination** this term.



OVERALL WINNER



Governor Award

Zephaniah	David O
Anderson	Richard G
Sendak	Devon S
Carle	Delilah E
Hargreaves	Spencer PA
Ahlberg	Antonia V
Wilson	Abigale C
Dahl	Jayson B
Freedman	Kaitlyn F
Strong	Malakai D
Pratchett	Ethan T
Morpurgo	Emily C
Tolkien	Elle M
Lewis	Eli C
Rosen	Alfie S
Shakespeare	Rosie J
Dickens	Willow W

THE LEYS LEARNING VALUE AUTUMN

Determination

Class of the Week

Strong

The friendship cup is presented to:

Kacper K

The best attendance award is presented to

Carle and Lewis

100% punctuality award is presented to:

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Headteacher Awards

Rec	
Y1	Zahid
Y2	Seamus, Denis, Antonia, Charlotte, Ella
Y3	Maya, Jacob, Frankie, Jayson
Y4	
Y5	Rhys
Y6	

Inspiration Award
Ester Gikuma

Congratulations to all our ambassadors who joined Governors at the Golden Table today. They were voted by their classmates for demonstrating our school values this term. What wonderful role models!



Ambassador Award

Zephaniah	Pearl S
Anderson	Holly W
Sendak	Jacob T
Carle	Liam V
Hargreaves	Layla S and Oliver E
Ahlberg	Finnley H
Wilson	Baylie G
Dahl	Alys C
Freedman	Ethan G
Strong	Sadeya C
Pratchett	Samuel M
Morpurgo	Aimee M
Tolkien	Lewis G
Lewis	Isabelle
Rosen	Ruby B
Dickens	Olivia A
Shakespeare	Agir A

Nursery This week in Nursery we have talked about how we celebrate Christmas. In arts and crafts we have made Christmas cards and decorations. On Tuesday we had the pleasure of visiting Santa in his grotto. We had our Christmas pyjama party too. We have enjoyed party food, playing games and dancing.



Christmas Dinner here at The Leys.





Anderson	Zephaniah	Carle	Sendak	Ahlberg	Hargreaves	Wilson	Freedman
		3	1	1	2	2	4
Dahl	Pratchett	Morpurgo	Strong	Lewis	Tolkien	Shakespeare	Dickens
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Bad News! No classes earned **BONUS POINTS** for being HERE EVERY DAY and ON TIME last week

Writer of the Week— Willow W Sleigh found on the school field



Early Monday morning, at a local Stevenage school, the site manager discovered something quite unbelievable.

Mr. Small, who is always the first in school each morning, doing his job as usual, noticed a glowing light and a faint sound of jingle bells coming from a large, dark mass on the school field. He recalls that he could not believe his eyes - it was a sleigh!

At the Leys Primary School on the 9th of December, Mr. Small was doing a usual check when he said, "It was a sleigh that was shimmering and glowing in the most beautiful hue of red – it was like no colour I have ever seen before!"

"I was the first to arrive at school that day, when I saw something glistening on the field. On closer inspection, I noticed it was a sleigh!" Mr. Small explained, "Initially, all the staff laughed at me, until I told Mrs. Humphries - the school's head teacher. She asked for proof of my discovery, so I showed her where I saw the sleigh," said Mr. Small with a bright smile across his face.

Enthusiastically, Mr. Small reported: "The sleigh was on the middle of the field; the ground was uplifted where the sleigh crashed; there were wrapped presents strewn all over the grass, and I could even see a faint rose-gold outline shining where the reindeer had once been." At the back of the sleigh, Santa's identification card was also found, along with chocolate-looking reindeer droppings which were also discovered at the scene.

On Monday morning, the school was told about the mishappenings that weekend. Immediately, the children buzzed with excitement and started to gather evidence. Mrs Humphries sprang into action by assigning each year group to an activity to investigate. There were questions circling The Leys Primary School, such as: What is the sleigh doing here before Christmas? Where is Santa? Where are all his reindeer?

"Everybody is working ceaselessly to solve the mystery of Santa's abandoned sleigh by doing an investigative activity," Mrs. Humphries proudly reported, "The Year 2s are collecting reindeer droppings (which looked surprisingly like chocolate balls), the Year 3s are creating 'Missing!' posters in art, the Year 4s are collecting fingerprints as part of their science lesson, the Year 5s are interviewing witnesses or suspects in their drama lesson, and the year 6s are making CCTV cameras in DT."



The mysterious, yet very exciting, investigation is still ongoing. Children of the Leys have claimed they will not stop until they have solved the mystery and saved Christmas. If anyone has any helpful information or witnessed any further sightings of Santa or his reindeer, please contact: 10100 Daily News.

The mystery of Santa's sleigh

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After seeing Santa's sleigh the children planned the route he had taken by making a map. The children then wrote their Christmas list which we left by his sleigh!!!! (we hope he got it!)

Year 1

We heard a rumour that something special had happened on the Junior playground. We went to have a look and found Santa's sleigh. Miss Chandraratna found Santa's driving licence and Mrs Goodson found a ransom note from the elves. They had hidden Santa and wanted us to write about them to make them famous! The children wrote a beautiful account of what they found, and what happened!!!!

Year 2

Lots of children came into school very excited! We went to look at the sleigh. The children decided that Santa maybe hiding in the school somewhere. We looked for clues. The children wrote amazing stories about what they thought had happened to Santa!



Year 3

We visited the scene of the crime ...Santa's sleigh! We searched for evidence and wrote our own news report! We even interviewed our very own witness Mr Small. Following on from the newspaper we wrote Christmas eve poems describing our experiences as a family!

Year 4

The children came into school excited as they noticed Santa's sleigh on our field. Year 4 went out to explore the sleigh, sketching it and gathering information in order to write Santa's diary entries that were missing. The entries they write were amazing encompassing Santa and the journey he took which resulted in him landing at the Leys!!!

Year 5

Year 5 noticed that Santa had crashed into the school playground. They realised quickly that Santa and his reindeer could have been kidnapped by the Humbugs! The children wrote amazing Newspaper articles to inform the public about what had happened to Santa!!!!

Year 6

Year 6 discovered what appeared to be Santa's driving licence next to the sleigh. This inspired them to write a newspaper report of the mystery of the festive chariot on our playground!

Important Dates

- **JANUARY**
- 06/01 INSET Day
- 08/01 EYFS visit for potential parents
- 15/01 KS1 Rapid Fire Cricket Event
- 21/01 EYFS Parent Workshop 9 a.m.



Ho Ho Ho!!!! Our Christmas story had a happy ending as Santa arrived to tell his tale and give our pupils gifts!!! Thank you Santa!!!!



This week Reverend Brown was back to tell our Reception and Key stage 1 pupils the Christmas story! I

Term dates 2019-2020

Spring first half

7 January - 14 February 2020

Half term holiday: 17 February 2020 - 21 February 2020

Spring second half

24 February - 3 April 2020

Easter holiday: 6 April 2020 - 17 April 2020

Summer first half

20 April - 22 May 2020

Half term holiday: 25 May 2020 - 29 May 2020

Summer second half

2 June - 17 July

Summer holiday: 20 July 2020 - 2 September 2020

Start of term: 2 September 2020

INSET DAYS

2 December 2019 Occasional day

6 January 2020

1 June 2020

Christmas extravaganza perfectly performed by our Dance and Drama students



Nursery Admissions.

The current round is for parents and carers of children born between the 1st September 2016 and the 31st August 2017.

Parents will be allocated either a morning session: 8.45 a.m.-11.45a.m. or an afternoon session: 12.30p.m. – 3.30p.m. Parents have the option to request 30 hours Childcare provision through our setting. We also work alongside Pilgrims Way Playgroup to share the provision. We hold tours for parents and carers in the Spring term. Please contact the school to book a place.

Applications are made directly to the school from now up to the 13th March 2020. Please contact the school office if you need an application form.