



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Nahla
Murphy	Isabelle
Kerr	Uno
Waddell	Oakley
Donaldson	
Gravett	
Dahl	Darcie
Freedman	Thomas
Strong	Naomi
Morpurgo	Luca
Tolkien	Tyler
Lewis	Ahmad
Rosen	Alexis
Shakespeare	Sidney
Dickens	Ellen
Kipling	Tegan

Friday 24th June 2022

DATES COMING UP!

30.6 Sports Day choice 1
 1.7 Sports Day choice 2
 4.7-8.7 Commonwealth Week
 5.7 School Photographs
 6.7 to 8.7 Year 4 Wymondley Trip
 14.7 Transition Day
 15.7 Year 6 Production 2pm & 6pm
 18.7 Year 6 Prom
 20.7 House point reward pm
 21.7 Last day 1.30pm finish
 22.7 School closed for all staff

Attendance Monopoly Winners

Each week in assembly a dice will be rolled for most improved class attendance.



Be here to have a go!

This week's winners & rewards:

Kerr - STEAM activities
Strong - non-uniform day
Lewis- STEAM activities

Attendance Awards	Dickens & Donaldson
Friendship Cup	Liam V
Headteachers Awards	
Reception	Antonia
Year 1	Dhyay, Odin, Ronnie, Hannah, Oliver, Oakley & Noah
Year 2	Ruben
Year 3	Muhammad & Paige
Year 4	
Year 5	Isabel, Asad, Jamie, Tyler, Joshua, Chloe, Zack, Oliver, Isabella, Alexis, Abigale, Charlie, Elizabeth, Ryan, Alys, Jacob, Leah, Ahmad, Jack Ryan, Veda, Zachary, Charles, & Olivia
Year 6	



THURSDAY 30TH JUNE!

UPDATE STEAM

The theme for STEAM week was "How we can explore the world around us" with classes taking the opportunity to explore the outdoor school environment. In Year 6, children gathered things found in nature to create portraits, using different shades and textures to good effect.



Year 5 took pictures of our school environment, making comparisons about the area. They also completed sketches of an outside object and then adapted it to create something useful- for example they sketched a tree stump and then adapted it to create an outside table.

Year 4 have been studying cityscapes and designing their own model cities, giving careful thought to the materials they could use to build them. They then used their designs to begin building their cities from recyclable materials.

CLASS OF THE WEEK



This week Dahl class have been learning to tell the time. We have learnt the rhyme to remember how many days are in each month. Then we made the most of some nice weather and went outside to do some active Maths where we had to run to the correct number of days in a month, months in a year, days in a normal year and seconds in a minute.



Class: Freedman
Pupil: Grace

We have been working on upleveling our sentence work. Some sentences about the whole school text Zeraffa Giraffa and some of their own ideas.

Elated children pushed eagerly through the crowds to count her spots.

The shiny maned horses galloped round the race track for the old Queen, because it was the Jubilee.

The tough guards stood outside of the Queen's castle, as a thief was on the loose.

Empathy

Inclusivity

Respect

Aspirations

Determination

Empowerment

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

This week, some year 5 children have been undergoing training to become Peer Mediators next year. This will enable the children to help calm and tricky situations and offer advice and solutions to children out on the playground who may be struggling at break and lunch times.

This will help children gain confidence in their social interactions; as well as give them life skills which they can apply in other situations.



WELLBEING



Connecting with others is one of the 5 ways to Well-being. Connections are the interactions we have with others, ourselves and the world around us. Positive connections are interactions which make us feel good. It is essential we help children to form connections with other people because it helps them to:

- Build self-esteem
- Feel like they belong
- Share positive experiences
- Get emotional support when needed

Things to try

- if possible, take time each day to be with your family, for example, try arranging a fixed time to eat dinner together
- arrange a day out with friends you have not seen for a while
- try switching off the TV to talk or play a game
- have a picnic with friends or family
- visit a friend or family member who needs support or company
- make the most of technology to stay in touch with friends and family. Video-chat apps like Skype and FaceTime are useful, especially if you live far apart



PE / Sport Update

On Thursday 9th June, 10 students from our Year 5/6 cohort participated in a Stevenage Athletics competition competing against 14 other schools. The children smashed their events and 80% of them made it to the finals. We came away with 2 individual gold medals, 2 individual silver medals and 1 individual bronze medal. Our mixed relay team also came away with a bronze medal from their event. Mr Newlands also won a gold medal in the teachers 4x100m relay, showing the children how to properly do it 😊. We also got mentioned in the local comet newspaper!

St Ippolyts won the Year 4 group, with Shephalbury Park, Peartree Spring and Codicote all tied for second, while Roebuck, The Leys and Codicote were also separated by just two points in the combined Year 5 and 6 category.

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The Leys Have Talent

Alex, in Year 2, passed his first exam in Karate yesterday.

He has been learning karate for nearly 2 years.

He has been awarded 9kyu, red belt.

Well Done Alex- an excellent achievement!



Please help us to be in with a chance of winning £1000 for books for our library, by nominating us via this link
<http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

New Parent Meeting- infant hall 9.15 to 10am

Parents/ Carers will be invited to a meet their child's NEW class teacher- please see dates below;

27.6 Year 6

11.7 Year 1

Other year group meetings will take place in September 2022

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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.

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 - 5 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 - 26 May
 Half term holiday: 30 May 2022 - 3 June 2022
 Inset Day: 6 June
 Occasional day: 27 May
 Term: 7 June-21 July
 Inset day 22 July
 Summer holiday: 22 July 2022 - 31 August 2022

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Term dates 2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<p>Start of term: 5 September 2022 Inset day: 1 September & 2 September Term: 5 September -21 October <u>Half term holiday: 24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022</u> Inset day: 2 December & Occasional Day: 5 December Term: 31 October - 21 December <u>Christmas holiday: 22 December 2021 - 4 January 2022</u></p>	<p>Inset day: 5 January Term: 6 January - 10 February <u>Half term holiday: 13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023</u> Term : 20 February- 31 March 2023 <u>Easter holiday: 3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023</u></p>	<p>Term: 17 April - 20 July Bank Holiday: 1 May <u>Half term holiday: 29 May 2022 - 2 June 2023</u> Term: 5 June-20 July Inset day: 21 July 2023 <u>Summer holiday: 24 July 2023 - 31 August no 2023</u></p> <p><u>Inset Day 2021-2022</u> 1 September 2022 2 September 2022 2 December 2022 5 December (Occasional day) 2022 5 January 2023 21 July 2023</p>

