

# The Leys Primary and Nursery School



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Accelerating progress



Enriching wellbeing



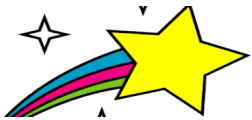
Promoting partnerships

Thought of the week next week

**When I smile at people they usually smile back.**

THE LEYS LEARNING VALUE Autumn 1

**excellence**



## Star of the Week

Zephaniah	Ella W
Anderson	Alfie G
Sendak	Jacob W
Carle	Christina A
Rowling	Darcie H
Hargreaves	Stefan S
Donaldson	Abigail J
Ahlberg	Jenna R
Wilson	Daisy
Dahl	Alex
Freedman	Bobby
Strong	Tom L'H
Pratchett	Ronnie T
Tolkien	Lily M
Rosen	Jimmy M
Lewis	Lily S
Shakespeare	Michael G
Kipling	Aaron
Dickens	William R

## MESSAGES TO PARENTS AND CARERS

Dear Parents and Carers, Another exciting week at the Leys. The pupils have loved their scooter skills, and next week Year 5 and 6 will have Bicycle skills! It is really important to ensure and teach pupil safety. I have also been really impressed how well all year groups have settled into the new Year and focused on their learning, especially Nursery and Reception!!!



**Do you park at St Nicholas Park carpark? It is a five minute walk to school...and also SAFER!!!! Try it this week.**

Introducing.....



Exciting news this week. We have started the journey to become a



school. The teachers have been given a new Chromebook to start getting familiar with Google applications for Education. We are also buying Chromebooks for our pupils to use. They will love it. From what I can see so far, it is a great step into the future!



**SCOOTER SKILLS**



Well done to all who have been awarded the first GOLD AWARDS this year for EXCELLENT presentation.



### Sports Ambassadors!

This week our talented Sports Ambassadors shared a presentation to the school about all the great sporting opportunities they will offer in the Junior and Infant playgrounds! Fantastic effort!!!



## Class of the Week

**Strong and Pratchett**

**The friendship cup is presented to:**

**Ellie L—Year 6**

**The best attendance award is presented to**

Tolkien, Shakespeare, Rosen, Carle and Dahl

**Gold Awards for excellent or most improved presentation**

Leah Y2 Emily G Y2 Emma Y2  
Jason Y4 Safah Y6 Benita Y6

## FRIENDS OF THE LEYS

**MEETING ON FRIDAY  
29th SEPT at 9 a.m.  
PLEASE JOIN US!!!**

## GOVERNOR UPDATE

**FGB TUESDAY 3rd  
OCTOBER 6.30p.m.**

## PARENT PARTNERSHIP

**PARENT FORUM  
MEETING 26th SEPT  
9.a.m.**



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### Social Moral Spiritual Cultural (SMSC) and British Values

On Monday our new Pupil Parliament representatives, Ola, Rose and Aaron from Year 6 attended a team building afternoon at Barnwell school sports centre. The children took part in a variety of games and challenges and met all the other pupil parliament committees from schools in Stevenage including those from the secondary schools. Our challenge before the next meeting in October is to meet, discuss and agree ideas of what Pupil Parliament will focus on this year. Last year's focus was on litter and cleaning up our town and also collecting food / clothing / money for the homeless. The children will be taking our ideas to the Stevenage Chambers where our next meeting is being held in Oct. We are very proud of our new Pupil Parliament representatives and are sure they will be very successful in their roles.



### **THE LEYS LEAFLET** *Writer of the Week James M Year 5*

#### THE ORPHANAGE OF NIGHTMARES

**Chapter 1** I have arrived at the abandoned orphanage. I walk through the once sturdy iron gates and I see something in the corner of my eye. A naked male statue, crumbling and covered in moss. I shrug and walk through a particularly greasy doorway. Once inside, I spot an old wooden table, with what looks like a spell book. Opening it up, I saw something that scared me to death. Pictures of children, all crossed out!

**Chapter 2** I quickly dashed out, only to find myself in a rather dusty, creaky corridor. Every three seconds, a splodge of water would fall. As I kept moving, a plank of wood crashed down in front of me. I winced. Did I have company? Slowly and unsurely, I crept into the orphanage back garden. Dead flowers bowed down to me as I walked cautiously by them. Quiet as a dormouse, I glanced back at the place, and then ran for it.

**Chapter 3** While running, signs appeared in around me, all booming You Are Not Alone. Fortunately, I found an old motorbike lying on the path. I quickly zoomed across the old rocky path, narrowly avoiding rocks as sharp as knives, trying to drag me down. I took one last look at that nightmarish orphanage, and disappeared...

#### IMPORTANT DATES

- 4 Oct No Pens Day
- 10 Oct Maths Week
- 17/18 October Parent Teacher meetings
- HALF TERM: 23-27 October**
- 2 Nov: Individual Photographs
- 6 Nov: Manor Adventure
- 10 Nov Remembrance Day
- 13-17 November Anti-Bullying Week
- 8 December Enterprise Day
- Winter Disco
- CHRISTMAS BREAK: 20 December – 3 January**
- HALF TERM HOLIDAY: 12-16 February**
- EASTER BREAK: 30 March – 13 April**
- HALF TERM HOLIDAY: 28 May – 5 June**

#### **CLASS: DAHL**

This week, year 3 has been working hard to produce a non-chronological report about one of their favourite animals. Before writing their very own independently we have been looking at the layout of reports, including many facts and wow words to impress our readers. Year 3 will focus on writing about a rainforest animal to link to their topic 'Rumble in the Jungle'.



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