

PRESS GANG

Welcome to the first Press Gang Edition of 2021. We have had a very exciting term this Summer and the children from years 3 and 4 have some very interesting news and events to tell you about!



Press Gang consists of: Ronnie, Oliver, Ethan, Kai, Frankie, Isabella, Christina, Maya, Phebe, Veda, Charles and Elizabeth from Year 4 and Paris, Maya and Tiera from Year 3.

Sports Day

Despite Covid, the whole school took part in Sports day this year. We took part in all different kinds of races such as: sprint racing, balancing a beanbag on your head, a surprise race, ball on a racquet race and a hurdle race.



Global Goals



Life below water!

Our participants had a blast and everytime they raced they had a smile on their face!

Our PE teachers, who led the event, are: Mr Angove, Mr Byford and Mr Newlands.

These three teachers are spectacularly magnificent at their jobs and that's why all of the students were excited and happy on Sports Day.

The winners of Sports Day were Australasia, in second place was North America and in third place was Europe- CONGRATULATIONS!

Reported by Oliver Flecknell, Ronnie Fountain and Ethan Goodship.



Throw your rubbish away!

If you throw rubbish on the floor, it may get into the sea and the penguins and turtles may eat it. The world won't be the same without sealife!

Please make sure you pick up rubbish before it blows in the sea. Please pick up rubbish from the ground and put it in the bin!

Maybe, if you see rubbish, you could go litter picking or start a litter picking group to help the sea animals and our whole world!

Remember..if the rubbish goes in the water the sealife will think its food and choke on it and they could be injured!

Reported by Maya Sullivan, Paris Narh and Tiara Olanibi- Y3



#GlobalGoals

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Fit Kidz

In Fit Kidz, the Year 4 children have been taking part in different activities run by a member of the Stevenage Team - Chris Bull.

In these sessions, a number of activities are laid out in a circuit. We start on one activity and make our way around the circuit after spending 2 minutes at each one.

One of the activities was trampolining. We had three mini trampolines with varied exercises to do whilst jumping (for example - there are tuck jumps and star jumps). According to Phebe Woolf, from Morpurgo class, this was her favourite activity because it made her work the hardest.

Another activity was the 'tyre' task which was quite hard. The tyre has handles for you and your partner to flip it over- this was very heavy and very hard work!



WYMONDLEY WOODS

On Wednesday 7th July, Year 4 were ready to go to Wymondley Woods- our residential school trip. We were all excited to go there and some of the members of staff had planned fun activities for us to do on our trip.

When we arrived at Wymondley, we put our suitcases in our rooms and unpacked! We also had some packed lunches in carrier bags that we opened so we could have a small snack... Then we played ball games..



After our lunch, we went into the woods to build shelters using natural resources from the woods. We had to build shelters that could fit four members of our group in and we had to make it as waterproof as possible. Our shelters were absolutely amazing!



We also had some hurdles which we jumped over and ropes to do things such as 'snakes' (moving the ropes left to right).

Furthermore, we were given certain challenges to do on some of the activities which made things a little bit harder!



Luckily, we got three drink breaks after every three activities we took part in. Which was needed!

"I liked all of the activities because they make me sweat which means I am working hard" stated Ronnie Fountain from Pratchett class.

Reported by Elizabeth Ryan.

Next we had a campfire with Mr Blanch. We did campfire songs.



Then, we watched England play in the Semi Finals with a nice hot chocolate (well as much as we could because the laptop was playing up!). Finally, we went to bed but many children didn't sleep until 2.30am because they wanted to hear if England got into the final during extra time..... WE DID!

The next day, we had breakfast and we did an alphabet hunt in the woods before the 2nd group came to Wymondley. It was so much fun! We had to collect things in the woods to match each letter of the alphabet!

Kai Cheung thought that Wymondley was "really fun and everyone had a great time". Elizabeth Ryan "loved it." She thinks it was the best and she would definitely go there again.

We were sad to leave but we had to say bye bye Wymondley see you soon...

Reported by Charles VG and Elizabeth R

The Duke of Edinburgh Award!



By Isobella Crooks and Christina Amuzu, Strong Year 4

Poor Prince Phillip died at the age of 99, it's so upsetting. He was the Duke of Edinburgh! Therefore, our school- The Leys- have started an award named The Duke of Edinburgh award!! Every child is taking part in this event, we are so excited!

So, we have to complete a set of tasks to earn our Duke of Edinburgh award! We've all been assigned to do these challenges : complete the Daily Mile for 2 weeks, take care of the school environment, help or support a person in need, make a den, complete an orienteering course, create some wild art, showcase a talent to your class (sing a song/learn a new language!)

All of year 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 are trying their best to earn this award. Hopefully, everyone will earn this award before the end of this year. Year 4 completed many of these challenges at Wymondley Woods but there are many opportunities to complete them in school!

We think the Duke of Edinburgh award is very important and hope that all children receive their certificate at the end!

Young Carers



On today's news, at The Leys Primary and Nursery School, Mrs Davies, our HLTA, has provided a club called Young Carers. The club is mostly on Monday lunchtimes. We do super fun things together and we create different types of Art. Everyone there has so much fun and it's a really good club to relieve stress and to be happy. Mrs Davies started this club when we were in Year 3 and it has only got better since then.

"I really enjoy young carers because sometimes when I am sad and I go to this club, I get to relax and socialise" Veda Kishore.

We would like to thank Mrs Davies for all of her effort and hardwork.



Reported by: Phebe Wolf, Veda Kishore and Maya Behrendt

Covid 19



Throughout the last couple of years Covid-19 has been causing schools to add certain restrictions including: a one way system, teachers wearing masks and having to stay in our year group bubbles. Also, due to Covid-19, classes have had to have hand cream and packs for each individual child to prevent cross-contamination.

Games Club has had to be split into year groups and movie club has been split to different days.

We have not been able to go on many school trips and we have reduced the amount of visitors to our school.

However, we all understand the reasons why we have had to keep to these rules because all of us need to keep safe!

All the staff and pupils have reacted well to these new rules and hopefully many of these restrictions will be lifted as soon as possible and we can go back to our normal school life.

**Reported by
Kai Cheung & Frankie Scott**

England

Finals



Happily, England reached the football finals but unfortunately placed second against Italy in penalties 3-2. England did extremely well to reach the finals!

Charlie Vaughan Gray: “ I think England did extremely well to get into the finals, I thought when we won the semi finals we would have won the cup but we came second. We did really well!”

Congratulations to all members of the England Football team for reaching the finals and coming second!

Reported by Kai Cheung & Frankie Scott

Goodbye our Superwoman!

On today's news, at The Leys Primary and Nursery School, our lovely headteacher, Ms Humphries, is sadly retiring and leaving us at the end of this year.

She has been a great leader and role model to our school so we need to show her our appreciation by giving her a big smile when she leaves!

Everyone will be very sad to see such a kind and dedicated person leave next Wednesday! We all loved how she taught us new things in assembly about different inspiring people and subjects! She will be missed greatly. .

**Miss Humphries you have been a great head
Teacher!**

"I am very sad to see Ms Humphries leaving our school. However, I am also happy for her since she is starting a new chapter in her life" stated Mrs Khangura..

Goodbye Ms
Humphries we wish
you the best of luck!



Reported by Phebe Woolf, Maya Behrendt and Veda Kishore- Y4.