



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

## Friday 23rd September 2022

### DATES COMING UP!

29 Sep - Phonics workshop for Reception parents 9-10 am  
 30 Sep -Yr 2 Friday Stay and Share 8:50am  
 October -Black History Month  
 4 Oct -Harvest assembly  
 4 Oct -PTA -Meeting at 3.30pm  
 6 Oct -Phonics workshop for Nursery parents 9-10 am  
 -National Poetry Day  
 7 Oct -Yr 1 Friday Family Reading  
 12 Oct -Y6 Manor Meeting  
 13 Oct -School Photos  
 14 Oct -PTA Disco  
 -Yr 5 Friday Family Reading  
 17-21 Oct -Just Talk Week  
 18 Oct -Face to face parent consultations 3:30 - 7pm  
 19 Oct -Telephone parent consultations 3:30 -5pm  
 21 Oct -Non-uniform £1  
 -Yr Rec Friday Family Reading  
 24-28 Oct -Half term  
 31 Oct-4 Nov -Yr 6 Manor Adventure  
 2 Nov -Nursery parent teacher meetings 12pm  
 4 Nov -Yr 3 Friday Stay and Share 8:50am  
 7-11 Nov -Poppy Appeal  
 9 Nov -Yr 6 parent teacher meetings 1pm  
 11 Nov -Yr 2 Friday Family Reading  
 -PTA Bags 2 School  
 14 Nov -Odd Socks Day!  
 14-18 Nov -Anti Bullying week  
 18 Nov -Children in Need

### Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Alex
Murphy	Charlie
Kerr	Amy
Bryon	Haydn
Donaldson	Lettie
Soundar	Harlie
Dahl	Harrison
Gavin	Freddie H
Mante	Devon
Morpurgo	Liam
Riordan	Nancy
Zephaniah	Seamus
Malala	James
Blackman	Darcie
Kipling	Jayson

School Photographs  
Thursday 13th October

PTA Disco  
Friday 14th October

Non-uniform £1  
Friday 21st October

PTA Bags 2 School  
Friday 11th November

Children in Need  
Friday 18th November

Attendance Awards	Gavin & Donaldson
Friendship Cup	Uno & Erika
Headteachers Awards	
Reception	
Year 1	Yasa, Connor, Vida & Christian
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	Liam, Muhammad, Darcie, Delilah & Anthony
Year 5	
Year 6	

### Attendance Monopoly

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:

**Donaldson - Class baking**

**Morpurgo - Class baking**

**Blackman - Non uniform**



4th October 2022

3:30pm

## UPDATE

For the first two weeks of term, the pupils in every class were researching and writing about their class author.

Year 6 created two page spreads detailing information about the early life and success of their authors.

Year 5 researched and created biographies detailing aspects of their authors careers.

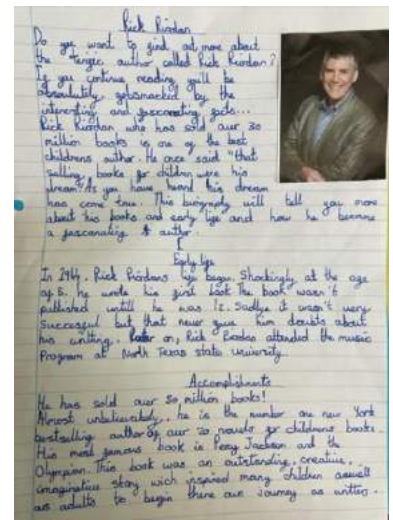
Year 4 also created two page spreads detailing the lives of their authors.

Year 3 created biographies discussing the achievements and success of their authors.

Year 2 wrote letters to their class authors- they are hoping for a reply!

Year 1 focussed on a story written by their class author and retold them using story sequences!

Some of the work that has been produced is absolutely fantastic! The pupils were given the opportunity to present their work in assembly and they showed outstanding enthusiasm!



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# POETRY COMPETITION

On the 6th October it is National Poetry day. As part of the celebrations, The Leys are holding a poetry competition. The children have been asked to choose one poem from a list they have been provided with and perform to their class. Performances will take place on National Poetry day. Their teachers will choose two winners from each class to perform in assembly!

This not only helps children to understand the techniques of poetry, it also helps them develop their oracy skills as well as confidence and acting skills.

We hope all pupils will take part and we can't wait to see their performances!

## Sports Ambassadors

On Thursday 22nd September, 10 year 6 students took part in 'Leadership Training' held at Barnwell Leisure Centre. The purpose of this event was to upskill the children who have been selected to become our school sports ambassadors teaching them how to play structured games with our KS1 pupils during lunch times. All of our 10 year 6 sports ambassadors enjoyed the morning and are now confident and keen to help our younger pupils progress into structured games during their lunchtimes.



### CLASS OF THE WEEK:



Kerr class has been working very hard learning about everyday materials! Exploring our wonderful outside area has been so much fun, we have been searching for plastic, rocks, metal and more! We cannot wait to learn more about the materials in the classroom and at home.

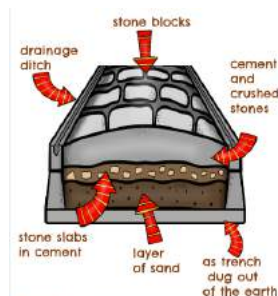
Our challenge for you:

Which material can you see below? Can you name 2 objects that are made out of it?



Class: Morpurgo  
Pupil: Joel Spence

We are writing instructions about building a Roman Road. The children had to include prepositions in their work.



1. First, you should dig a deep and wide trench into the earth.
2. Next, put a layer of sand into the trench.
3. Now put large stone slabs in cement above the layer of sand.
4. Then, put a batch of cement and crushed stone on top of the layer of stone slabs and cement. Following that, put heavy stone slabs over the batch of cement and crushed stones.
5. Finally, place drainage ditches beside the

large stone blocks.

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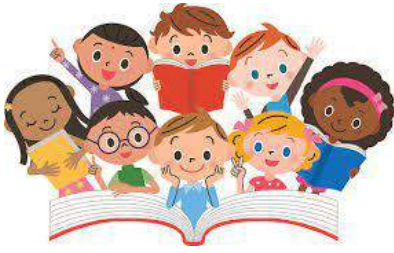
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## Reader of the Month



This month all of Donaldson class have been doing a lot of reading both at home and school. In school this month we have read a large amount of Julia Donaldson books, in celebration of our class author. With many children taking some of her books home to read for their class library books.



***We are delighted to announce that the school has been awarded a Local School Nature Grant, thanks to the players of the People's Postcode Lottery. Our pupils will be benefiting from a wildlife kit which consists of a collection of products that support wildlife and bring children closer to nature plus an HD colour camera with night vision and a motion sensor. In addition, staff will receive training to help children learn outdoors.***

## Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

### Bikeability



Last week 20 children from Year 5 & 6 took part in a 5 day cycle training course. This course is designed to improve cycle control and introduce children to riding on the road.

Day 1 they all successfully completed Level 1 which consisted of a complete cycle check and an assessment of their riding skills in a traffic free environment.

On days 2, 3, 4 and 5 the level 2 course consisted of basic manoeuvres and drills on road junctions on Ripon Road. These include left and right hand turns and overtaking parked vehicles.

Everyone successfully passed Level 1 & 2 courses. Well Done.

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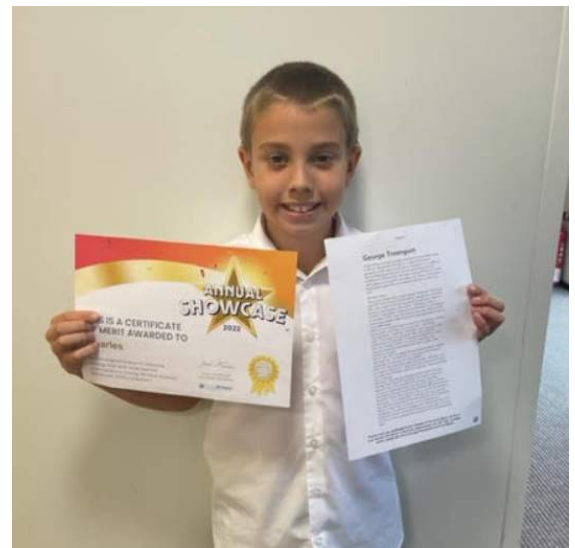
WELLBEING



General Mental Health reminders and information especially for new parents. Please check out the Mental Health section on the school website (in the Parents section). It has emergency contact information, the school policy, plus general support for all our wellbeing and lots of further websites and advice. If you can't find what you need the school's Mental Health leads are Mrs Barr and Mrs Clibbon, who have a wealth of further advice and support to help with a whole variety of issues from sleep to bereavement. We also have Leila Touhami, our Mental Health Practitioner, who works in school on a Thursday supporting children's mental health through; whole class, small group and parents with individualised provisions. If we can't resolve concerns directly we can also support parents with referrals to more specialist agencies.

## The Leys Have Talent

Charles, in year 6, took part in a Young Writers competition. His story was so fantastic that it was chosen to be in their annual showcase 2022 collection. He also received a certificate of merit! Well done Charles, this is an outstanding achievement.



## Volunteers Needed!



We are looking for Parent or Carer volunteers! If you have a spare hour or more to support our pupils with Reading and support our teachers to prep for lessons. Please contact our office or email [admin@leys.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@leys.herts.sch.uk)

**Cost of Living Support** - Please see follow the link below for details

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/families-first/news-and-campaigns/cost-of-living.aspx>

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*Our Pupil Cabinet, which is made up of Year 6 children, were recently elected through a whole school election having given speeches at KS1 and KS2 assemblies. The Pupil Cabinet meets on a half-termly basis to discuss important matters that arise from the Pupil Parliament. The elected children are given the responsibility to represent the pupil voice in meetings with senior leaders and ultimately help shape the direction of the school.*

*This year's Pupil Cabinet is made up of:*

- *Abigale*
- *Alexis*
- *Asad*
- *Baylie*
- *Charles*
- *Chloe (Chair)*
- *Christina*
- *Elizabeth (Vice Chair)*
- *Isobella*
- *Malakai*
- *Olivia*
- *Phebe*
- *Ronnie*
- *Veda*



*This year, Dr Christie is supporting the Pupil Cabinet with their review of the Pupil Parliament outputs and what to take forward to the Senior Leadership Team.*

Friday Stay and Share / **Friday Family Reading** morning **Autumn Term 2022**

We will be running a number of 'Stay and Share' sessions for each year group, allowing the opportunity for parents/carers to view their child's work in their classrooms.

We have also planned for each year group to have 'Friday Family Reading' sessions, for pupils to read their book to their family members.

For both, parents/carers would simply walk into the classroom with their child- staying for a maximum time to 9.15am to minimise disruption.

Each year we will need to send Text messages to invite parents- we will add dates to facebook and the newsletter weekly.

Black- Stay and Share  
Red- Friday Family Reading

8.50 to 9.15am

30/9	7/10	14/10	21/10	4/11	11/11	18/11	25/11	9/12
Y2	Y1	Y5	YR	Y3	Y2	Y4	Y3	Y1

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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.

## Term dates 2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<p>Start of term: 5 September 2022                      Inset day: 1 September &amp; 2 September                      Term: 5 September -21 October                      Half term holiday: 24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022                      Inset day: 2 December &amp; Occasional Day: 5 December                      Term: 31 October - 21 December                      Christmas holiday: 22 December 2021 - 4 January 2022</p>	<p>Inset day: 5 January                      Term: 6 January - 10 February                      Half term holiday: 13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023                      Term : 20 February- 31 March 2023                      Easter holiday: 3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023</p>	<p>Term: 17 April - 20 July                      Bank Holiday: 1 May                      Half term holiday: 29 May 2023 - 2 June 2023                      Term: 5 June-20 July                      Inset day: 21 July 2023                      Summer holiday: 24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023</p> <p><u>Inset Day 2022-2023</u>                      1 September 2022                      2 September 2022                      2 December 2022                      5 December (Occasional day) 2022                      5 January 2023                      21 July 2023</p>