



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Harmoni
Murphy	Denis
Kerr	Henry
Bryon	Reuben
Donaldson	Ava-Grace
Soundar	Lucy K
Dahl	Kyler-May
Gavin	Trystan
Mante	Paige
Morpurgo	Joel
Riordan	Emmy
Zephaniah	Rebecca I
Malala	Oliver
Blackman	Mia
Kipling	Mikah

School Photographs
Thursday 13th October

Parent Consultations
18th & 19th October

Non-uniform £1
Friday 21st October

PTA Bags 2 School
Friday 11th November

Children in Need
Friday 18th November

Friday 7th October 2022

DATES COMING UP!

12 Oct -Y6 Manor Meeting
 13 Oct -School Photos
 14 Oct -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
 24-28 Oct -Half term
 31 Oct-4 Nov -Yr 6 Manor Adventure
 2 Nov -Nursery parent teacher meeting 12pm
 4 Nov -Yr 3 Friday Stay and Share 8:50am
 7-11 Nov -Poppy Appeal
 9 Nov -Yr 6 parent teacher meeting 1pm
 11 Nov -Yr 2 Friday Family Reading -PTA Bags 2 School
 14 Nov -Odd Socks Day!
 14-18 Nov -Anti Bullying week
 16 Nov -Yr 5 parent teacher meeting 1pm
 18 Nov -Children in Need
 21-25 Nov -STEAM Week
 23 Nov - Yr 4 parent teacher meeting 1pm
 30 Nov - Yr 3 parent teacher meeting 1pm
 1 Dec - Enterprise Day
 2 Dec - INSET Day school closed
 5 Dec - Occasional Day school closed

Attendance Awards	Soundar & Zephaniah
Friendship Cup	Millie
Headteachers Awards	
Year 1	Christian
Year 4	Mia, Nellie, Chelsea, Tamaya, Grace and Isla
Year 6	Joel, Ethan,, Isabel, Mia, Teddy, Lucianna, Ronnie and Malakai

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:

Bryon - Class Baking

Dahl - Movie and Popcorn

Blackman - Active Day

History- Black History month

Black History Month is an annual celebration of the achievements of Black communities and the remembrance of Black history across the world. It was first celebrated in the UK in 1987 and takes place throughout October. It is an opportunity to raise awareness of Black history, traditions and contributions through celebration, events and education.

Whilst Black History Month takes place in October, it is a focal point rather than a suggestion that diverse histories and perspectives should be highlighted separately only during that month. It provides an opportunity to reflect on whole-school approaches to diversity, and to gather new perspectives, to enrich an inclusive and representative curriculum.

CLASS OF THE WEEK:



This week, Blackman class in year 6 have been looking at ways we can help limit global warming. We looked at different preventative methods, such as using environmentally friendly appliances (and lightbulbs), protesting to raise awareness of global issues, using electric energy such as cars, and planting more trees.

"If we plant more trees we will get more oxygen in the world and the trees will absorb carbon dioxide which gives us cleaner air to breathe" (Savannah, Ronnie, Asad)



Class: Riordan
Pupil: Emmy

The story of Alma- Conflict Paragraph:

Grabbing the door with both hands, she pulled and pulled but the door wouldn't budge. She stomped off. But then, the old creaky door opened by itself! Just like magic! Frantically running in the shop, Alma was eager to touch her replica doll which had now moved to the top shelf. She touched it. What happened next was indescribable....She couldn't move a muscle. She couldn't even speak, scream or talk. She had been trapped...Numb and paralysed by fear, she was crying on the inside but the tears were trapped in her eyes. She glanced at the hundreds of dolls around her knowing that these children had been taken aswell..the scared little girl did not know what was happening.

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Respect

Aspirations

Determination

Empowerment

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

Tutoring has started again for many children across the school, and one group has been looking at following instructions. They have spent time this week making sandwiches by reading instructions - a fantastic activity that can be completed at home too! This is a great activity which helps children learn valuable skills such as: cutting, spreading, reading and understanding.



Nursery and Reception Tour Dates

Monday 14th November 10 - 11am

Friday 25th November 1 - 2pm

Monday 28th November 10 - 11am

Friday 9th December 1 - 2pm



WELLBEING

Anxiety is a normal emotion for all of us, including our children, to feel at times in our lives. It helps us to strive for our best in an interview or exam and helps us stay more alert after a scare. For our younger children separation anxiety can be common and in older years it may be anything from insects to the dark, which causes anxiety. However, if anxiety starts to impact our day to day living it can become a problem. Some children are more likely to have worries and anxiety than others. Children often find change difficult and may become anxious following a house move or when starting a new school. Children who have had a distressing or traumatic experience, such as a car accident or house fire, may suffer from anxiety afterwards. Family arguments and conflict can also make children feel insecure and anxious. Teenagers are more likely to suffer from social anxiety than other age groups, avoiding social gatherings or making excuses to get out of them.

Things you can do to help an anxious child

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- teach your child to recognise signs of anxiety in themselves
- encourage your child to manage their anxiety and ask for help when they need it
- children of all ages find routines reassuring, so try to stick to regular daily routines where possible
- if your child is anxious because of distressing events, such as a bereavement or separation, look for books or films that will help them to understand their feelings
- if you know a change, such as a house move, is coming up, prepare your child by talking to them about what is going to happen and why
- try not to become overprotective or anxious yourself
- way there, such as seeing who can spot the most practice simple relaxation techniques with your child, such as taking 3 deep, slow breaths, breathing in for a count of 3 and out for 3. You'll find more guidance for helping children with anxiety on the [Young Minds website](#)
- distraction can be helpful for young children. For example, if they are anxious about going to nursery, play games on the d cars
- turn an empty tissue box into a "worry" box. Get your child to write about or draw their worries and "post" them into the box. Then you can sort through the box together at the end of the day or week

In addition, this week Herts Mind Network have launched a new resource - **Lumi Nova** to support children aged 7-12 with anxiety issues. This app has been funded and approved by the NHS, see below for more information.

https://www.withyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Herts_Lumi-Nova_Parent_eFlyer.pdf

The Leys Have Talent

Fletcher, in year 3, plays for Broadhall FC. He trains every Saturday but recently he took part in a football match where he won two medals. His first medal was for playing his first match and his second was for man of the match!

Well Done Fletcher!



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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

14/10	4/11	11/11	18/11	25/11	9/12
Y5	Y3	Y2	Y4	Y3	Y1

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WANTED!

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING
THE SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL



**WE URGENTLY NEED TO APPOINT A
SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL AT
The Leys Primary and Nursery School
DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD
BE INTERESTED IN TAKING UP THIS
POSITION**



THE PAY IS £9.50 PER HOUR (excluding enhancements)

JOB SHARE CONSIDERED

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
Active and Safer Travel Team on Tel: 01992 556803
or e-mail janet.fairhead@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Hertfordshire County Council, Active and Safer Travel Team,
County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DF.
Tel: 01992 556803 September 2022

Can we please remind you that it is parental responsibility to get your child to and from school safely



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*.

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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 2023 - 2 June 2023</u> Term: 5 June-20 July Inset day: 21 July 2023 <u>Summer holiday: 24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023</u></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>

