



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 6th May 2022

DATES COMING UP!

9.5 to 12.5 Y6 SATs week

16.5- 20.5 Walk to School Week & French Week

20.5- Dress up in red, white and blue for French week

23.5 -27.5 Healthy Living Week

26.5 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee party

26.5 Year 6 Fun Day (PE)

(non-uniform- PE wear)

27.5 Occasional day School closed

May half term 30.5 to 3.6

6.6 - School closed to pupils

8.6 Bags2 School Collection day

9.6 Y2 Mountfitchet Castle

10.6 Non- uniform- bring in item for Tombla

16.6 Book Fair arrives

17.6 Summer Fair 3.15 to 5.30pm

20.6- 24th STEAM week

23.6 Summer HIP review (Maths focus)

24.6 Pupil Parliament 11am

29.6 Sports Day choice 1

30.6 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

Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Reuben
Murphy	Eddie
Kerr	Oscar
Waddell	Ocean
Donaldson	Freddie H
Gravett	Olivia
Dahl	Thando
Freedman	Grace
Strong	Skyla
Morpurgo	Jack
Tolkien	Kaitlyn
Lewis	Leah
Rosen	Whole class
Shakespeare	Olivia
Dickens	Abigail
Kipling	Adrian

Friends of The Leys PTA Key Dates

10th June - Non uniform £1

17th June -Summer Fair
3.15 to 5.30pm

Attendance Awards	Tolkien and Waddell
Friendship Cup	Emmy - Morpurgo Class
Headteachers Awards	
Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	Freddy
Year 3	
Year 4	Brayden and Ollie E
Year 5	
Year 6	

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:

**Waddell - Movie and popcorn
Morpurgo and Kipling -
Non-uniform day**

Young Voices Concert Trip

On Tuesday 26th April, 27 children from our school choir went on a trip to Wembley Arena to sing with other schools at a Young Voices Concert. It was a long but very exciting day! When we arrived we found our seats and then there was a rehearsal with all the other schools. There were dancers, a live band and a conductor. It was a big sound when we all sang together and it was really loud when everyone clapped and screamed!

We had a break to eat tea and then it was time for the concert!

The audience arrived and suddenly all the lights went out. We waved our torches and sang all the songs we had been learning for weeks with big smiles on our faces!

“It was a fun experience to be with friends and sing together.” Bella

“It was amazing to sing with other school choirs!” Baylie

“My favourite song was Mambo Italiano because it was fun to dance to.” Chloe

“It was a once in a lifetime experience!” Ellen



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CLASS OF THE WEEK



Tag Rugby trip

Year 3 Freedman class were lucky to attend the Rugby festival last week. The children learnt new skills and enjoyed a full day of sporting events and even did the daily mile on their return to school!



Class: Dahl
Pupil: Darcie

In class we have been writing a twisted version of The Three Little Pigs. The children have identified the features of play scripts. Here is an extract from Darcie's work:

In the beautiful countryside, there lived a young mummy pig and her three baby pigs Jimmy, Harrold and Johnny. They all lived happily together until mum said "You need to go and build your own houses now because you are getting older now. So they left their tiny house that kept them all safe all of their lives. They were very mad at her for kicking them out.

Mother pig: I want you to get out and find a way to build yourself a house.

Jimmy: (puts his hands on his hips) I'm scared of the big bad wolf.

Harrold: (Harrold the middle pig tries to hide behind Jimmy.) I can't build a house, I don't know how.

Well done Darcie, I am looking forward to reading the full script when it is finished.

Policy Change



IMPORTANT

We have changed our sickness policy with immediate effect. If your child(ren) has been sick they may now

return to school after being clear of sickness for 24 hours.



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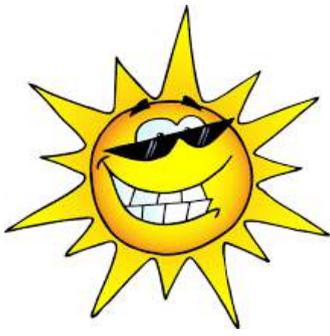
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The Weather forecast for next week is looking lovely and warm.

Please remember to apply sun cream before sending your child to school and bring a suitable sun hat for them to wear while outside.

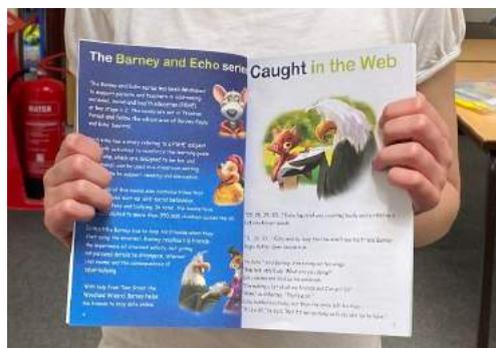
Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

Year 5 has taken part in some team activities during their PE session this week. Teamwork is necessary between pupils, between pupils and teachers, and among parents, teachers and pupils in the school community. The more teamwork fundamentals exhibited, the more opportunity exists for pupils to learn the vital skills of compromise and collaboration.



Team or group work inside or outside the classroom teaches students the fundamental skills associated with working as a collective unit toward a common goal. This type of teamwork introduces a variety of skills that will be valuable for students later in the workforce, such as communication, compromise and collective effort. In any type of group work, pupils must agree about who will handle various components of a project and work in tandem using one another's strengths to accomplish assigned tasks. This teaches time management, resource allocation and communication.

After their game, the children then began looking at a book together.



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WELLBEING



This week we attended a meeting with other mental health leads from Stevenage, to share good practice and find out about other local organisations that can support children and families struggling with mental health needs. One of the organisations presenting was 'Herts Mind Network', who shared that they have a designated website for young people and a helpline (01923 256391) for children aged 10-17 years. They also have bite sized training videos on topics such as Emotional Well Being and Coping Strategies and the 5 Ways to Well Being, which are suitable for parents or older children who want to understand strategies to help themselves.

<https://www.hertsmindnetworkcyp.org/training-workshops/spot-the-signs-emotional-wellbeing/video-resources/>

PE / Sport Update

This week Leah came to school and showed off her medals and trophy that she had won in a tournament that she played in her local girls team 'Stevenage Starlets'. In a recent match against Bury Rangers, Leah was awarded not only her own team's player of the match but also the oppositions too. More recently, she played at a tournament at the Isle of Wight bringing home 'player of the tournament'. Well done Leah !!!



We are a nut free school

Please ensure your child does not bring any foods containing nuts into school, this includes chocolate and hazelnut spread such as Nutella and cereal bars.

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The Leys Have Talent

Charles, in year 5, attended a football summer camp in Knebworth for four weeks. He received many medals including the most improved player, best player and winning the tournament. Well done Charles.



Family Friday sessions **Summer Term 2022** **8.45am to 9.15am**

We will be running a number of 'Family Friday sessions for each year group, combining both Stay & Share with Family Reading -allowing the opportunity for parents/carers to view their child's work in their classrooms. Please arrive at 8.45am and enter via your child's classroom with their child.

22.4 Year 2 Stay & Share- Reading focus

29.4 Year 1 Stay & Share

6.5 Year 3 Stay & Share

13.5 Year 4 Stay & Share

20.5 Year 5 Stay & Share

10.6 Year N Stay & Play- Mr Byford & Mr Newlands will lead a play session

17.6 Year R Stay & Play -Mr Byford & Mr Newlands will lead a play session

24.6 Year 6 Stay & Share looking through your child's work/ books

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;

13.6 Reception

20.6 Year 3

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*.

Please note that the May half term break has been extended on both sides to allow more time for travelling for planned holidays.

Friday 27th May 2022 Occasional Day due to Queen's Platinum Jubilee- school is closed

May half term Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Monday 6th June Inset Day- School is closed

Pupils return on Tuesday 7th June 2022

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

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