



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 8th July 2022

DATES COMING UP!

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

Our Commonwealth Fair is being held on Wednesday 13th July. Parents/Carers are invited to come and see what the children have been learning about before and after school on this day. Please enter via the Morpurgo Class door (next to the kitchen, opposite the office).

Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Tanith
Murphy	Lexi
Kerr	Lettie
Waddell	Jack
Donaldson	Lily-Rose
Gravett	Freddy
Dahl	Daniel
Freedman	Glynn
Strong	Alex
Morpurgo	Ethan
Tolkien	Isabel
Lewis	Alys
Rosen	Oscar
Shakespeare	Zara
Dickens	Beatrice
Kipling	Jack

Attendance Awards	Freedman & Murphy
Friendship Cup	Pearla Y4
Headteachers Awards	
Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	All Year 4 pupils
Year 5	Maya
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:

Kipling - Milkshakes
Freedman - Class baking

UPDATE

Year 5 History Fair

Year 5 held an Ancient Greek Fair this week. They displayed all of their amazing work that they completed over the course of the last term. All of the pupils from around the school came to see what the year 5s had been up to and at the end of the day, their parents also came to have a look. It was an amazing day and the Y5 pupils really enjoyed teaching others about life as an Ancient Greek.



CLASS OF THE WEEK



This week class of the week is being shared between Strong and Morpurgo class. This week Year 4 has been to Wymondley woods. We have spent the last few days exploring the woods, completing challenges and spending our evenings singing and dancing around a campfire.

Year 4 have been really proud of the dens they have been building in the woods, making sure that they fit everyone in and shelter them from the elements. This was made slightly harder as the children also needed to take their building materials back to the camp to use as firewood!



Class: Rosen
Pupil: Christina Amuzu

Horror story climax:

The peace didn't last. BANG! BANG! BANG! This time it was louder. Loud like a person knocking on a wooden door with a hammer. But... There was no door. It was coming from the bottom of the boat. She froze in fear. She stared around the boat again, finding nothing. Her heart was pounding fast like a race car.

She gripped onto the boat until her knuckles went white. As she tried to relax herself, she knew she had to leave. The introvert grabbed onto the oars frantically and rowed with all her strength. She knew she would make good progress since the water was still and smooth. After a few minutes of rowing, she looked around thinking she had hit shore but the boat was anchored in place.

BANG! BANG! BANG! The explorer heard it again. Her eyes filled with tears. She drew her knees up to her chest and embraced them tightly, afraid to move. The terrified teenager wailed. Her sobbing echoed through the night's atmosphere. After calming herself down, the boat was silent once again for 10 minutes ... then 20 ... then 30.

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Reader of the Month Maya - Jeffers Class



The reader of the month for Jeffers class is Maya, she has been reading consistently at home with her mum and this has earned her a certificate for reading 40 times. Maya is confident to join in with reading in phonics and is trying hard to use her phonic knowledge to read the book with her partner.

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values



"Over the course of year 6, we have been using Watford's positive minds to get ready for the transition from primary school to secondary school. We have covered various topics such as gaming and how to talk about our mental health. I personally think that it has helped me because I understand mental health and who I can talk to about it better now. Some activities that we have done are; box breathing, stress buckets and human

bingo." *Ellen Year 6*



WELLBEING

Keep Learning is our final area for our 5 ways to well being. Here are a few ideas for the summer holiday.

Firstly keep your children motivated to read using the library reading challenge. The theme this year is 'Gadgeteers' and there are lots of ideas, games and rewards all available online through their website.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Free Workshops this Summer for Hertfordshire Families from Step2Skills

If you're looking for free family activities for the summer holidays, Step2Skills is offering a range of family learning workshops, which are all free!

Story Sacks - 2-day workshop - Stevenage - 25th and 26th July - Explore traditional tales and familiar stories through interactive games and activities, developing literacy and creative skills.

Nailing Numbers - 2-day workshop - Stevenage - 25th and 26th July - Through fun and interactive maths activities, this workshop encourages children and adults to think about what we know about money and developing good habits to make our money go further.

Hertfordshire Hedgehogs - 2-day workshop - Stevenage - 28th and 29th July - Taught by an expert in her field, this workshop is perfect for animal lovers out there and will teach you all about the wonders of hedgehogs and how you can help them, through fun activities and crafts.

To book your place on any of these free 2-session workshops, visit

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/adult-learning/find-a-course/event-booking?service=eventHAFLS>

And finally one for the adults....Here is the link to a range of FREE online level 2 courses from mental health to Autism or teambuilding.

<https://freecoursesinengland.co.uk/free-courses-1/>



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Sports Day

Wow! What a success!

This year we welcomed back our first 'non covid restricted' sports day. Starting off the day with our lovely nursery students and finishing the day off was year 6 with their last ever Leys sports day. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all staff, pupils and parents. We would like to thank everyone involved and parents/carers for attending. We look forward to next year.



The Leys Have Talent

Abigail, in year 6, and Kai, in year 5, represented the North Herts Swimming team at the annual Hertfordshire Primary School District Championships held in Watford.

Both Abigail and Kai achieved new personal bests in both of their races and helped the team to achieve an overall 3rd place finish.

Kai was also a part of the boys 4x 25m freestyle relay on the night where he and his teammates won Gold in the event.

Well done Abigail and Kai! Fantastic achievements!



Dance Festival

We're incredibly proud of Chloe, Chantelle, Elizabeth and Baylie who took part in the Dance Festival this week. They showcased their talent, confidence and skill incredibly, well done girls.



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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;

11.7 Year 1

Other year group meetings will take place in September 2022

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 2021-2022

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER 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	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	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

Term dates 2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
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>	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>	Term: 17 April - 20 July Bank Holiday: 1 May <u>Half term holiday: 29 May 2022 - 2 June 2023</u> Term: 5 June-20 July Inset day: 21 July 2023 <u>Summer holiday: 24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023</u> <u>Inset Day 2021-2022</u> 1 September 2022 2 September 2022 2 December 2022 5 December (Occasional day) 2022 5 January 2023 21 July 2023

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