



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 3rd February 2023

DATES COMING UP! (please note all dates are subject to change)

6-10 Feb -Internet safety week
 7 & 8 Feb -Parent consultations
 10 Feb -Non uniform £1
 -Parent Forum
 13-17 Feb -Half Term
 24 Feb -School Disco
 -Reception screening 1
 27 Feb -Reception Screening 2
 2 Mar -World Book Day- wear your PJ day for story time.
 13 Mar -In class school photos
 13 -17 Mar -STEAM week
 17 Mar -Red Nose day
 21 Mar -Poetry day
 31 Mar -Non uniform £1
 -School finishes 1:30pm
 3-14 Apr -Easter holidays
 20 Apr -Bag2School collection
 1 May -Bank holiday, school closed
 8 May -Bank holiday for the Kings Coronation, school closed
 9-12 May -Y6 SATS week
 15-19 May -Walk to school week
 26 May -Non uniform £1
 9 Jun -Non uniform Summer Fair donations (details closer to the date)
 16 Jun -Summer Fair

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Luthando
Murphy	Hetav
Kerr	n/a
Bryon	n/a
Donaldson	n/a
Soundar	n/a
Dahl	Brianna
Gavin	Todi
Mante	Filips
Morpurgo	Betsy
Riordan	Elliot
Zephaniah	Oliver
Malala	Victoria
Blackman	Isabel
Kipling	Elizabeth



School Disco
Friday 24th
February
Tickets available
now via school
gateway

Friendship Award	Year 4 Lily Gardner
Headteachers Awards	
Year 2	Oliver
Year 4	Delilah & Betsy
Year 5	Loyla, Oliver S, Ollie, Maya, Perla, Elliot, Leo

Attendance Wheel of Reward

Each week in assembly the wheel will be spun for **most improved class attendance**



Be here to have a go!

This week's winners & rewards:

Bryon - Eat cake
Mante - Class baking
Kipling - Movie and popcorn

UPDATE

Geography

Since the start of the spring term, Year 6 has been learning about coastal features. We explored how a range of weathering (erosion, biological, physical and chemical) can affect our coastlines. In order to do this we used a variety of different materials to show the different types of weathering.

We also looked at formations of the coast (bays, headland, stacks and beaches), the children were able to describe and understand the process of how different coastal features are formed.



CLASS OF THE WEEK:
Monte Class



This week in Monte class, we have been diving deep into our learning about the Anglo Saxons. We have been doing artwork and clay sculptures with runes, finding out about British place-names that come from the Anglo Saxons and finding out the general history of these amazing people.



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Class: Dahl
Pupil: Freddy

In RE Dahl class have been learning about the Miracles of Jesus from the Bible. This week they wrote a diary entry as the blind man who was healed.

Dear Diary,

You won't believe it! There was a miracle performed by a man named Jesus. He put a mud mixture on my eyes and told me to wash my eyes in the pool. It's a miracle! I can now see!

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

This week Year 2 have been learning new skills! We focused on how to tie shoe laces. This was very tricky for lots of children but we kept emphasising 'If at first you don't succeed, try, try again!'

It was very good for the children's perseverance skills!



Today the WellBeing Champions met for their half term catch up. We discussed what classes and individuals have done to support their WellBeing this half term. Also the importance and how we can all be good friends. We reviewed what will be happening next week for 'Children's Mental Health Week' and shared our new class worry boxes and the formats we have made to support children telling us about their worries and our very exciting new badges designed by Alys in Year 6.

The Leys Have Talent

Emmy, in year 1, is now officially a fashion designer with the company 'Emmy Art Studios'.

She is going to Spring Fair- the country's biggest show related to art and is creating Gifts and T-shirts to try and get her work licensed and distributed.

This is absolutely fantastic and we look forward to hearing more information in the future.

Good Luck Emmy

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We'd like to say a huge thank you for our amazing new projector and screen in the hall, which was funded by a grant of £2000 from Councillor Phil Bibby and the balance of £1,795 by the Friends of the Leys PTA.

Thank you all for your support and generosity.

Parent Forum

Join us on *Friday 10th Feb* in school for our Parent Forum and share your views, ideas, worries & suggestions

For catering purposes it would be helpful if you could inform your child's teacher via the year group email by Friday 3rd February if you would like to attend

If you're worried a child you know is at risk of FGM, contact our helpline on 0808 028 3550



FGM (Female genital mutilation) helpline

Email: fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk

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.*

Nursery Tour Dates - Sep 2023 admissions

Monday 6th February - 10am -11 am

Friday 24th February - 1pm-2pm

Friday 3rd March - 1pm-2pm

Please contact the school office to book a tour

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Under 5's Pop Up Dental Clinics



Do you live in Stevenage

January, Wednesday 18 th	9.30-12.30	Broadwater Family Centre – Longmeadow Primary School, Oaks Cross, SG2 8LT
January, Thursday 26 th	9.30-12.30 1.30-4.00	Bridge road Family Centre – Woolenwick Primary School, Bridge Road east, SG1 2NU
February, Wednesday 1 st	9.30-12.30 1.30-4.00	Strawberry fields Family Centre – Round Diamond School, Whitehorse Ln, Stevenage SG1 6NH
February, Thursday 9 th	9.30-12.30 1.30-4.00	Shephall Family Centre – 5 The Hyde, Shephall way, SG2 9SD
February, Wednesday 15 th	9.30-12.30 1.30-4.00	Bedwell Family Centre – Unit 2-3 Bedwell Park, Exchanged Road, SG1 1NB
February, Thursday 23 rd	1.30-4.00	Shephall Family Centre – 5 The Hyde, Shephall way, SG2 9SD
March, Wednesday 1 st	9.30-12.30 1.30-4.00	Bedwell Family Centre – Unit 2-3 Bedwell Park, Exchanged Road, SG1 1NB

What we will be offering:

Free Dental screening for under 5's

A dentist will check your child's teeth with a mouth mirror. We will then give you tailored advice around tooth



Topical fluoride application

Topical fluoride can be applied, this helps strengthen teeth and prevent decay.



Free Toothbrush and toothpaste

We have age appropriate toothbrushes and fluoride toothpastes to give to all children who are screened, and stickers too!



Come and meet the dental team!



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Essex Fire Museum Open Days
Tuesday 14th February 2023
Sunday 26th February 2023
(10.00am to 4.00pm)



Visits must be pre-booked via:
museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

**Address: Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire station,
Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS**

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Jessica Kuffour
Lead Consultant
Tune into ASD

An Autism Awareness Chill and Chat Session Facilitated by Jessica Kuffour and Dami Rock

A time to chat about Autism and related conditions.
A time to listen, ask questions and share experiences from various perspectives.



Dami Rock
Creative Strategist
Filmmakers Therapy Couch

Episode 11

Wednesday 8th February 2023
7.30pm-8.30pm GMT via Zoom

Are you:

- a parent/carer or a family member of someone diagnosed with Autism or related condition or awaiting an assessment?
- an adult on the Autistic Spectrum, have a related condition or exploring an assessment?
- an Educator or another professional who works with people diagnosed with Autism or related conditions?

You may be all of the above or none of the above but you feel passionate about connecting more with the wonders of our world and gaining more insight into ways to embrace the difference.

There's no fixed agenda so we will just flow with you and whatever comes our way. Find your tribe here with us.

Come let's talk.

Bring your own drinks, come zoom with us with your camera on or off. Let's tune in together.

**To register for this free event please visit: www.tuneintoasd.com
or email: letstalk@tuneintoasd.com**

"It was so insightful and relaxed. I managed to put my children to bed while I tuned in, off camera."



Term dates 2022-2023

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