



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 28th April 2023

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

- 1 May -Bank holiday, school closed
- 8 May -Bank holiday for the Kings Coronation, school closed
- 9-12 May -Y6 SATS week
- 11 May -EYFS parent workshop 9-10 am
- 15-19 May -International Week
- 18 May -EYFS parent workshop 9-10 am
- 22-26 May -Healthy Living Week
- 26 May -Non uniform £1
- 8 Jun -Year 2 school trip
- 9 Jun -Non uniform Summer Fair donations (details closer to the date)
- 16 Jun -Summer Fair
- 26 Jun -Class group photos
- 29 Jun -Sports Day 1
- 30 Jun -Sports Day 2
- 3-7 Jul -Climate change week
- 14 Jul -Y6 Productions
- 17 Jul -Y6 prom
- 20 Jul -Last day of term 1:30pm finish
- 21 Jul -INSET Day, school closed

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Eryka
Murphy	Kolby
Kerr	Mo
Bryon	DJ
Donaldson	Jennifer
Soundar	Marnie
Dahl	Sophia
Gavin	Kacey
Mante	Ava-Mai
Morpurgo	Darcie
Riordan	Luca
Zephaniah	Luke
Malala	Patrick
Blackman	Jamie
Kipling	Kai



Times Tables Leaders

Well done to
Ava Mai
Alfie H
Devon

For most improved time
(playing in the Studio
area) over the past 7
days

Friendship Award	Ronnie F
Headteachers Awards	
Year 1	Mo
Year 3	Pearl, Frederick, Trystan, Lily, Naeem, Fletcher, Ani, Rhys, Felicity, Afia, Aniela, Robert, Nathania, Holly, Chloe, Olivia, Charlie, Immie
Year 4	Harleen, Joel, Delilah
Year 5	Shikana

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:

- Donaldson** - Free homework pass
- Morpurgo** - Movie and popcorn
- Riordan** - Free homework pass



PSHE

Since starting 1Decision, our new PSHE scheme of work, at the start of the Spring term, each year group has now embedded this in their weekly timetable. Children are thoroughly enjoying the quality class discussions where they can share their thoughts about a variety of appropriate topics. Each unit contains thought provoking videos that require the children to make the best choice and they also are able to see what happens if the not best choice was made.

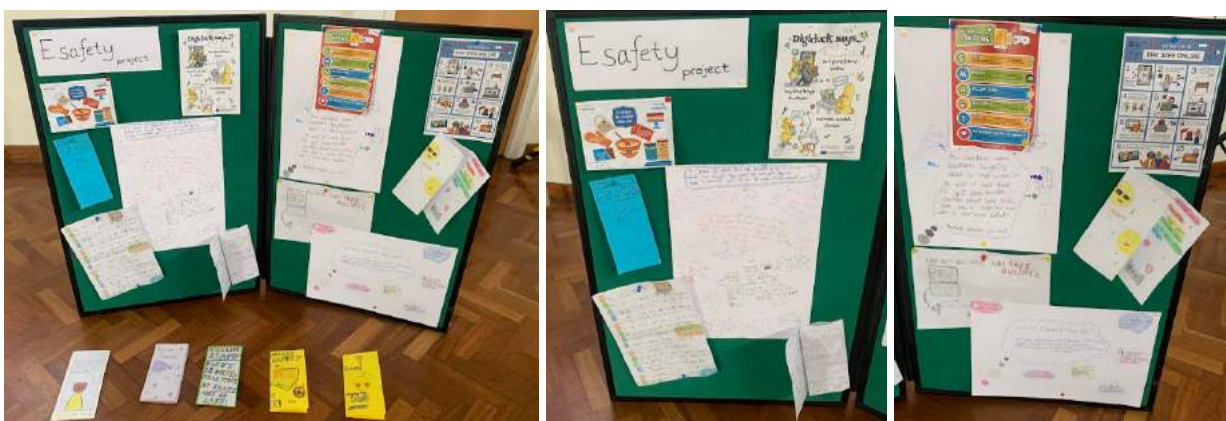
Year 1 has been learning about 'Growing in our World'. They are able to recognise what they can do for themselves now they are older. They have been describing the common features of family life and recognise the ways in which our families are special and unique.

Year 2 has been focusing on their class charter and how to respect others.

Year 3 has been learning about different ways we can receive money. They looked at how to keep money safe and described the skills you may need in a future job or career.

Year 4 has been looking at 'A World without Judgement'. Comparing their strengths and goals with each other and how we can use our strengths to help others.

Year 5 has completed a research project on E-Safety which they have presented in assembly.



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Punctuality

In order to communicate the importance of punctuality we will be regularly updating parents/carers via text message when their child(ren) is late for school. We hope that together we can tackle and improve both attendance and punctuality.

Sponsored Read



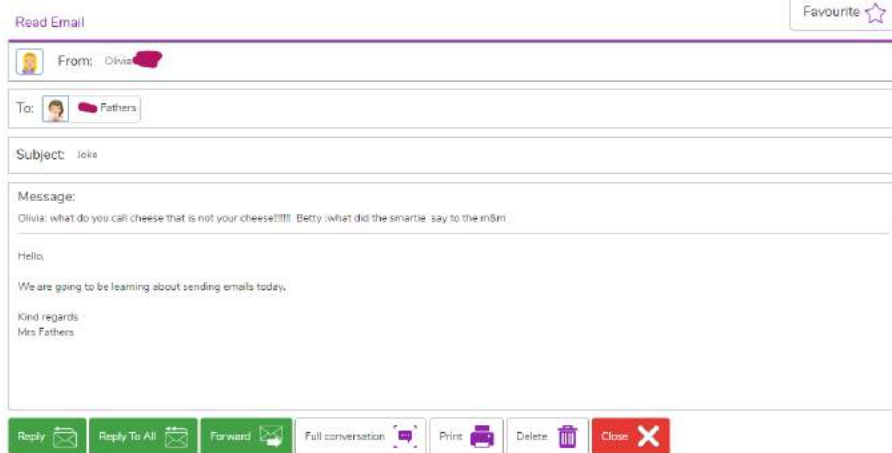
Thank you to everyone who took part in our Easter Sponsored read. We were able to raise over £800 pounds towards new books for the school. Congratulations to the winners of our Easter Eggs for raising the most money in their Key Stage. Evelyn in Reception who raised £100, Charlie in Year 2 who raised £75 and Olive in Year 5 who raised £70.

Thank you again for all of your support in sponsoring your children!

CLASS OF THE WEEK:
Gavin



In computing this week we have been learning about different forms of communication and specifically focusing on Email. The children used 2Email on Purple Mash to send emails to each other. As a class we discussed internet safety rules, what was appropriate to send in an email to our classmates and what we should do if we received something that was inappropriate. The children decided to use an email to say hello, tell their favourite joke and ask questions about our likes and dislikes. The children had a fabulous time.



Class: Benjamin

Well done to Orla, for her brilliant work in phonics and being able to work more independently.

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Scientist of the Month

Lilly D

We have been learning about plants in both Science and English this week. Lilly has shown a great understanding of what plants need to grow well and has used Scientific vocabulary to explain the processes. This is her description of the parts of a plant:

Roots

Roots anchor the plant and absorb water and nutrients.

Stem

The stem keeps the plant upright to transport water and food to the rest of the plant.

Leaves

Leaves take in the carbon dioxide and sunlight and use photosynthesis to make food for the plant.

Flowers

Flowers are brightly coloured so bees can come and take some pollen.

King's Coronation Countdown

Pupils in lunchtime hub enjoyed designing and decorating biscuits to celebrate the King's Coronation.



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Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

In Nursery, we have been talking about different acts of kindness. The children came up with some lovely examples such as; helping our friends, helping to tidy up and sharing toys. They were very fortunate to see some wonderful examples of acts of kindness over the past few weeks. The local play scheme donated a huge array of items for local schools to utilise within their settings. The Nursery team and some very generous Nursery parents helped to collect and transport these items back to The Leys. The children and the school want to thank all of those that took time out of their day to help and an extra special thank you to **Amazing Occasions - Herts Bouncy Castles**, for providing a van to transport the larger items. The Leys Nursery now has an array of wonderful items that we will use to enhance our Early Years provision. We couldn't have done this without the support of our wonderful parents, thank you!



www.hertsbouncycastleles.com



WELLBEING



April is **Stress Awareness** month

Stress is a condition or feeling experienced when a person perceives that: "Demands exceed the personal and social resources the individual is able to mobilise."



The Stress Management Society uses a bridge analogy to approach the topic of stress. When a bridge is carrying too much weight, it will eventually collapse. It is possible to see the warning signs before this happens, the bridge would bow, buckle and creak.

The same principle can be applied to human beings, with excessive demands and challenges are placed on our bridges. There may be early warning signs. However stress can creep up on some of us, resulting in an unexpected breakdown.

Below is a link to a useful booklet from the Stress Management Society to help you understand and manage stress in yourself and those around you.

<https://www.stress.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/The-SMS-Branded-Stress-Guide-2023.pdf>

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Whole school attendance target
= 97%

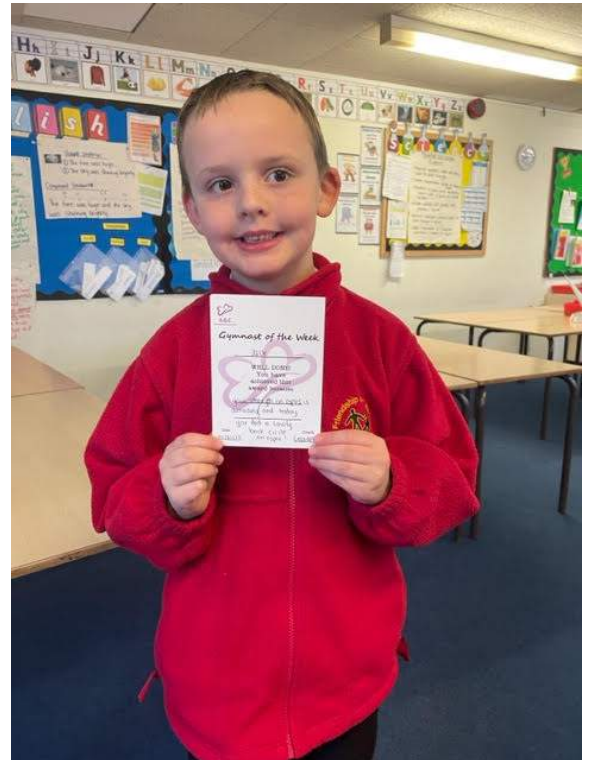
Whole school attendance this
week = 93.9%

Best class attendance this week
= Blackman 99.1%

The Leys Have Talent

Jack, in year 2, attends Stevenage Gymnastics club. He has recently received a certificate for Gymnast of the Week for his strength on ropes and his back circles.

Well Done Jack. Keep up the good work!



The month of June will be dedicated to celebrating and empowering our pupils about **future careers**

We would like to invite our parents/carers/relatives to visit our school and talk to our pupils about their jobs. We would appreciate and welcome talks from all careers.

Please call or email admin@leys.hert.sch.uk with your details and preferred year group, thank you.

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The Children's Society

What we do

We provide specialist support that empowers young people to make positive changes and rediscover their hope. They want a future they can look forward to and we're here to make sure they get it. Working alongside young people, their families and community, we will not rest until together, step-by-step, we've created a society built for all children.

[Preventing Child Sexual Exploitation | The Children's Society](#)

SENDCo drop in sessions

These sessions are to discuss:

- Information to share from home
- Initial concerns
- Making a plan to move forward
- Other arising matters you would like to raise after speaking with the class teacher

If you would like to book a drop in session with myself, please follow the link below

One slot per child

If you do wish to talk out of these times the door is always open

<https://leys.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Slots available			
Monday 24th April 2-2.15	Tuesday 16th May 9-9.15	Wednesday 14th June 2-2.15	Tuesday 11th July 3-3.15
Monday 24th April 2.15-2.30	Tuesday 16th May 9.15-9.30	Wednesday 14th June 2.15-2.30	Tuesday 11th July 3.15-3.30
Monday 24th April 2.30-2.45	Tuesday 16th May 9.30-9.45	Wednesday 14th June 2.30-2.45	Tuesday 11th July 3.30-3.45
Monday 24th April 2.45-3	Tuesday 16th May 9.45-10	Wednesday 14th June 2.45-3	Tuesday 11th July 3.45-4

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Donaldson Class enjoying the new outdoor classroom



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