



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Ziyad
Murphy	Darcy
Kerr	Vida
Bryon	Masood
Donaldson	Muku
Soundar	Oliver
Dahl	Kye
Gavin	Remii
Mante	Devon
Morpurgo	Thando
Riordan	Siji
Zephaniah	Charlie I
Malala	Alexis
Blackman	Ronnie
Kipling	Maya



Times Tables Leaders

Well done to...

Felicity

Syeda

Joshua M

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

Friday 16th June 2023

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

19 Jun -New to Reception
parent meeting 9am
20 Jun -Y6 trip
26 Jun -Class group photos
27 Jun -NSPCC Workshops
29 Jun -Sports Day 1
30 Jun -Sports Day 2
(reserve)
3-7 Jul -Climate change week
5-7 Jul- Yr4 Wymondley
7 Jul -Wear yellow for Ahoy
13 Jul -Stevenage school
transition day
-New to Year 6 parents
meeting 9am
-New to Year 3 parents
meeting 2:30pm
14 Jul -Y6 Productions
17 Jul -New to Year 1 meeting
9am
-Y6 prom
18 Jul -Nursery to Y6- stay
and share- 2.50 pm
20 Jul -Last day of term
1:30pm finish
21 Jul -INSET Day, school
closed

Friendship Award	Year 5 Olive
Headteachers Awards	
Rec	Kolby, Caelem, Zayn
Year 3	Joshua, Kyler-May, Poppy, Oliver, David
Year 4	Lily G, Lily R, Harleen, Delilah

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 - Outdoor
learning day**

**Mante - Games
afternoon**

**Zephaniah - Movie and
popcorn**

UPDATE

Writing

This year, the pupils across the whole school have made fantastic progress with their writing. It is clear to see that the pupils have enjoyed their writing lessons and the texts they are reading.

Here is a glimpse into what the pupils say:

'I liked Pinocchio and the good texts and the stories and watching the movie to help us with our writing'- Aaradhya- Year 1

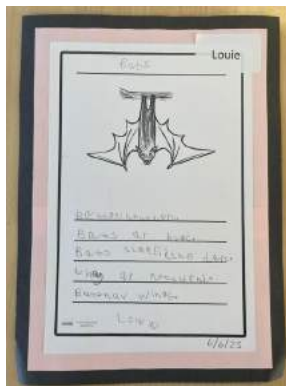
'I liked the story Funny Bums and Freaky Beaks because there were loads of weird animals and it was funny and it helped me with my writing alot'. Tristen- Year 3

'I love writing lessons because we get to write stories using our imagination'- Elizabeth- Year 6

Nursery



Reception



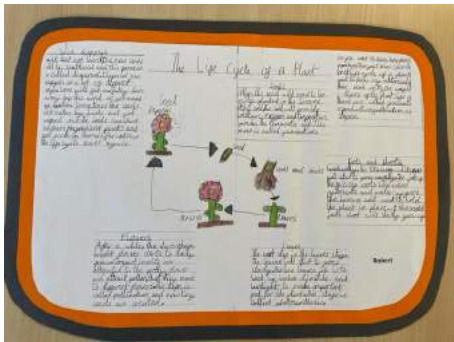
Year 1



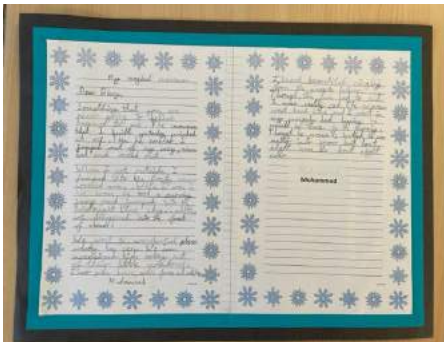
Year 2



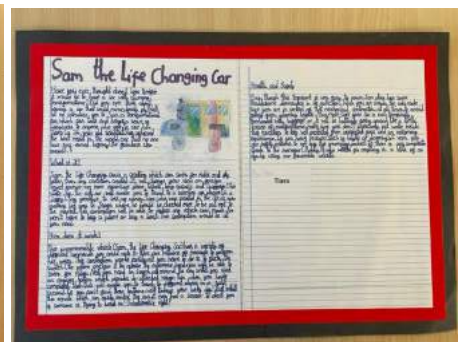
Year 3



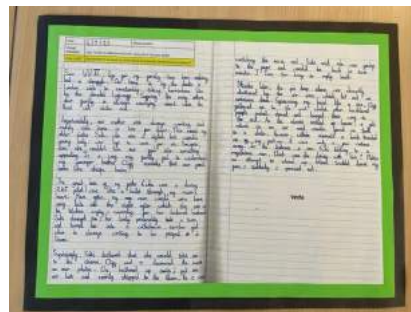
Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



CLASS OF THE WEEK:
Murphy



This week in Murphy Class we have been learning about Farm animals. In our fine motor area the children have been looking at different farm animals, drawing around their hands and then adding details to



make their handprints into different animals. The children have really worked hard and have really enjoyed learning about these animals.



Class: Morpurgo
Jenson

Arthur and the Golden Rope

Once upon a time there was a boy called Arthur Jimmy and everyone knew he was different. People thought he was a recipe for disaster. Once he was exploring the Disliked Forest but for Arthur it was lush and extremely quiet. For Arthur Jimmy you couldn't just venture out in any clothes. He wore a red coat with a triangular patterned scarf which he thought looked very sophisticated on him and polished black shoes. His collection varied from a staff, magical wands, ancient discoveries but his prized possession was a magical globe that may or not help him on one of his adventures.

The Leys Have Talent

Emma, in year 4, plays for Bedwell Rangers as a GoalKeeper.

She has been playing for around 9 months and recently she achieved the player's player of the Season!

Well Done Emma Keep up the good work!



Empathy

Inclusivity

Respect

Aspirations

Determination

Empowerment

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values



This week the Year 6 children went for a visit to The Thomas Alleyne Academy to spend time with the PE staff. The teachers shared with the children what they can expect in PE lessons (which will be similar in all secondaries in Stevenage). The children were split into classes and practised the skills required to play Rounders effectively (throwing and catching). They sought to then

implement these skills in several games of Rounders. The teachers commented how the children's fielding skills, in particular, improved as the session progressed. Well Done Year 6



It is **Men's Health Week** and the theme has been around internet use and that many men need more time away from their phone and screen time. The Mental Health Foundation's website has programmes of work supporting men's mental health, plus information, advice, blogs and stories from men sharing their experiences of mental health. There is an A-Z of Men's mental health and a guide to becoming a Dad and mental health issues.

<https://www.menshealthforum.org.uk/mhw>

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/mens-mental-health>

Empathy

Inclusivity

Respect

Aspirations

Determination

Empowerment

Athletics

On Thursday 15th June we attended our annual Athletics competition at Ridlins Athletics track, taking 12 Year 5/6 students and 8 Year 4 students. Our students competed so well in the scorching heat earning all of them a medal and some individual medals too. Overall The Leys came 3rd out of 19 schools in the Year 5/6 bracket which is an amazing achievement for our school. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves even though everyone was melting in the heat !

Well done boys and girls !

Mr Newlands



Empathy

Inclusivity

Respect

Aspirations

Determination

Empowerment



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Whole school attendance target = 97%

Whole school attendance this week = 96.2%

Best class attendance this week = **Mante 99.2%**

Refuge



For women and children. Against domestic violence.

Are you experiencing domestic abuse?

You are not alone

The freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline
0808 2000 247

[National Domestic Abuse Helpline](http://www.refuge.org.uk)

TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME TO THE 3 FOR 2 BOOK FAIR

GET 3 BOOKS FOR THE PRICE OF 2!

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M IN BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

Payment at our Book Fair

Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books

- You can pay easily and securely for these books and many more when you attend the Fair by using our online payment link at www.travellingbooks.co.uk/pay and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- If you're unable to visit the Book Fair, your child will be sent home with a Wish List and you can pay for their chosen books using our online payment system. Please make sure the Wish List is returned to your child's school.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to www.travellingbooks.co.uk/parents to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.

Help earn free books for your school!

Books benefit everyone and to ensure that as many children as possible have access to the best books, Travelling Books donate over £5.3 million worth of free books annually to schools nationwide to support literacy and reading for pleasure. You can help make a difference by purchasing from your Book Fair – every purchase earns your school rewards which they can spend on free books to stock their library and classrooms.

*Free books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organizer or Travelling Books for details. Book value may vary. Lowest priced book is free.

The Book Fair will be available before and after school from Monday 19- Wednesday 21st June.

This can be paid for with cash or using the QR code to pay online.

Empathy	Inclusivity	Respect	Aspirations	Determination	Empowerment
---------	-------------	---------	-------------	---------------	-------------



Well Done

Well done to
Chloe and
Elizabeth for
representing
the school at
Stevenage Pupil
Parliament .
They both met
our new Major
Myla Arceno and

discuss their ideas for Stevenage Feel Good Week
13th November 2023



Term dates 2022-2023

SUMMER TERM

Term: 17 April - 20 July

Bank Holiday: 8 May

Half term holiday: 29 May 2023 -
2 June 2023

Term: 5 June-20 July

Inset day: 21 July 2023

Summer holiday: 24 July 2023 -
31 August 2023

Inset Days 2022-2023

21 July 2023

Term dates 2023-2024

AUTUMN TERM

Start of term: 4 September 2023

Inset day: 1 September 2023

Term: 1 September - 19 October
2023

Inset day: 20 October 2023

Half term holiday: 23 October -
27 October 2023

Occasional day: 8 December
2023

Term: 30 October - 20 December
2023

Christmas holiday: 21 December
- 3 January 2024

SPRING TERM

Inset day: 4 January 2024

Term: 5 January - 16 February
2024

Half term holiday: 19 February - 23
February 2024

Term : 26 February- 28 March 2024

Easter holiday: 29 March - 12 April
2024

SUMMER TERM

Term: 15 April - 24 May 2024

Bank Holiday: 6 May 2024

Half term holiday: 27 May - 31
May 2024

Inset day: 3 June 2024

Term: 4 June - 23 July 2024

Inset day: 12 July 2024

Summer holiday: 24 July 2024 -
30 August 2024

Inset Days 2023 - 2024

1 September 2023

20 October 2023

8 December (Occasional day)
2023

4 January 2024

3 June 2024

12 July 2024

Empathy

Inclusivity

Respect

Aspirations

Determination

Empowerment