



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 8th September 2023

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

11-15 Sep -Class Author week
18 Sep -School photos
(individual and sibling)
25 Sep -Flu vaccinations
-Freedom from Abuse
parent workshop 9-9:30am
29 Sep -Macmillan coffee
morning
2 Oct -PTA AGM 3:30-4:30pm
5 Oct -National Poetry Day
12 Oct -Year 2 school trip
13 Oct -PTA School Disco
17 Oct -Bags2School
collection
-Parent consultations
face to face
18 Oct -Parent consultations
telephone
20 Oct -Inset Day/school
closed
30 Oct -3 Nov -Year 6 Manor
Adventure
6-10 Nov -STEAM Week
9 Nov -Year 4 trip
10 Nov -EYFS & KS1 Movie
Night
13-17 Nov -Feel Good Week
16 Nov -Year 5 STEM Trip
17 Nov -Children In Need
1 Dec -Enterprise Day
2:30-4pm

Friendship
Award

Reception -
Poppy R



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Whole school attendance target
= 97%

Whole school attendance this week = 97%
Best class attendance this week = Whole
school

The Leys Have Talent

Does your child excel in any out of school activities or have a special talent?

Have they achieved anything over the summer holidays?

Let us know by emailing Theleyshavetalent@leys.herts.sch.uk so that we can celebrate their success together!



Music Week

This week we have celebrated 'The Power of Music'.

We have dedicated a whole week to Musical activities to highlight the importance and enjoyment music can have on our lives and wellbeing.



Some of the whole school activities we have completed include:

'Samba Bamba & Bash your tash' - the children used a range of different instruments to create Samba music.



Musical Workshop with a Music teacher (some pupils even learnt a song in sign language!)

Rock Workshop- pupils got to explore music with a range of musical instruments.



Individual classes and year groups also completed their own musical activities including:

Year 5 who looked at the Disney songs A Whole New world and created their own verses!

Year 2 who looked at the History of music and how it has changed over the last 60 years!

Year 3 who looked at Matilda The Musical and created their own school poems!

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CLASS OF THE WEEK:



This week Mante class have been hard at work celebrating music week.

Mante class has been doing lots of work to celebrate classical music. We have made our own tambourines in DT, learnt about classical music in the past in Guided Reading, drawn a range of instruments in Art and written poems based on pieces of classical music that reminds us of the ocean.

This is one of the poems written by Brianna

Oh, the oceans how wonderful they can be,
The beautiful, vibrant fish were swimming in the deep lapis sea.
I went swimming into the ocean,
And I saw an amazing tropical fish in slow motion.
I picked up the soft, yellow sand,
It shimmered brightly in my hand.



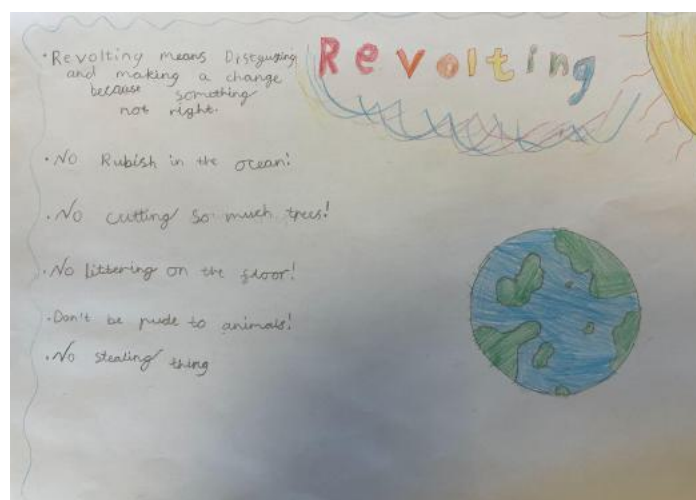
Class:

Gavin class has settled into Year 3 incredibly well. We kicked off the year by looking at Matilda the Musical as part of Music Week. We looked at the quote at the beginning 'All it takes to change the world is a little genius' First we focused on the song 'Miracle' and looked at how everybody was different and unique but yet every single person is a miracle.

Then we looked at 'When I grow up' and the children thought about what they would like to be when they grow up and all the wonderful opportunities that are available to them in the world.

Finally we looked at 'Revolting Children'. We looked at the different meanings of the word revolting. We then discussed what things we thought were just not right and we wanted to change (or lead a revolt) about. The children had lots of amazing ideas.

It was a fantastic way to kick off the year and we are very confident that we have many little geniuses in Year 3, all of whom will grow and develop to change the world. We can't wait to get that started this year!



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Nursery News!

The Leys Primary and Nursery School would like to say a big thank you to The Kaotic Angels LEMM UK Nomads for arranging donations from John Lewis to enhance our Nursery garden.



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WELLBEING



Last week lots of the staff met Greig Trout, an inspirational man who has not only survived both physical and mental ill health setbacks but gone on to inspire others to develop their own wellbeing. The staff were enthused by his message regarding kindness, which not only helps the receiver to have a better day but also whoever gives the kindness. We are all encouraging and recognising acts of kindness in school. If you want to find out more about Greig here are his websites and we hope he will be able to come and speak to the children later in the year.

<https://www.whenyousurvive.com/the-idea/>
<https://inspirekindness.com/blog/kindness-101>

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

What a fantastic first week back at school it has been. The children have been settling brilliantly into their new classes and have been reminding themselves about our school rules and values: **inclusivity, aspiration, empowerment, empathy, determination and respect**. Throughout the week, each class has completed learning linked to **The Power of Music!**

Are you worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online?

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Term dates 2023-2024

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<p>Start of term: 4 September 2023 Inset day: 1 September 2023 Term: 1 September - 19 October 2023 Inset day: 20 October 2023 <u>Half term holiday: 23 October - 27 October 2023</u></p> <p>Occasional day: 8 December 2023 Term: 30 October - 20 December 2023 <u>Christmas holiday: 21 December - 3 January 2024</u></p>	<p>Inset day: 4 January 2024 Term: 5 January - 16 February 2024 <u>Half term holiday: 19 February - 23 February 2024</u> Term : 26 February- 28 March 2024 <u>Easter holiday: 29 March – 12 April 2024</u></p>	<p>Term: 15 April - 24 May 2024 Bank Holiday: 6 May 2024 <u>Half term holiday: 27 May - 31 May 2024</u> Inset day: 3 June 2024 Term: 4 June - 23 July 2024 Inset day: 12 July 2024 <u>Summer holiday: 24 July 2024 - 30 August 2024</u></p> <p><u>Inset Days 2023 - 2024</u> 1 September 2023 20 October 2023 8 December (Occasional day) 2023 4 January 2024 3 June 2024 12 July 2024</p>

