



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Poppy
Murphy	Evangeline
Kerr	Rose
Bryon	Evelyn
Donaldson	Grayson
Soundar	Harry
Dahl	Cooper
Gavin	Muku
Mante	Kyler-May
Morpurgo	Fletcher
Riordan	Tamaya
Zephaniah	Joel
Malala	Shaylen
Blackman	Olive



Celebrating your child's Birthday; 'Celebrating You!'

From September we will introduce a non-uniform day (for your child only) on your child's birthday or any other preferred day, to further celebrate them and their special day.

Friday 22nd September 2023

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

25 Sep -Flu vaccinations
-Freedom from Abuse parent workshop 9-9:30am
3 Oct -PTA AGM 3:15-4pm
5 Oct -National Poetry Day
-Phonics workshop for Reception parents 9-10am
10 Oct -Year 3 Egypt Day
12 Oct -Year 2 school trip
-Phonics workshop for Nursery parents 9-10am
17 Oct -Bags2School collection
-Year 6 WW2 Workshop
-Parent consultations face to face
18 Oct -Parent consultations telephone
20 Oct -Inset Day/school closed
30 Oct -3 Nov -Year 6 Manor Adventure
3 Nov -Year 4 school trip
6-10 Nov -STEAM Week
10 Nov -PTA Disco
13-17 Nov -Feel Good Week
16 Nov -Year 5 STEM Trip
17 Nov -Children In Need
1 Dec -Enterprise Day 2:30-4pm
8 Dec -Occasional Day school closed

Friendship Award	Iris
Headteachers Awards	
Year 2	Eddie, Vinnie, Connor, Albie
Year 3	Bella, Ernie, Iyla, Mia, Muku, Oakley, Sophie

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:

Kerr - No pencil day

Morpurgo - Class disco

Malala -Movie and popcorn

UPDATE

Maths - Times Tables

Times Tables are at the heart of mental arithmetic, which helps form the basis of a child's understanding and ability when working with number. Once the children have learnt the times tables and related divisions by heart, they are able to work far more confidently - and efficiently - through a wide range of more advanced calculations.



At The Leys, we believe that through a variety of interactive, visually engaging and rote learning techniques, most children can achieve the full times tables knowledge required by the end of Year 4 (as per expectations laid out in the National Curriculum 2014).

This year, we are following a Times Table Reward System that builds up the times tables in a methodical and progressive format, ensuring that facts are retained and revised. These times table facts are assessed through weekly tests, taken in a set time period of 5 minutes. Progress of the children's weekly results are recorded and monitored.

It is expected that all children from Year 2 onwards practise the times table they are currently working on in preparation for the weekly tests. There are many ways in which children can learn times tables - for example, playing games, quick-fire questions from an adult, chanting tables, writing the tables out and using songs, websites or apps. To support the rapid recall of multiplication facts, at The Leys we promote the use of [Times Table Rock Stars](#) (TTRS).

CLASS OF THE WEEK:
Kerr



In English this week Kerr Class had an experience day. We read the book 'The Train Ride' and watched a journey from London to Edinburgh on a train. We then thought about the different things we could hear and see on the train. The classroom was also set up as a train station role play. We were able



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to buy tickets, be a train driver and travel on the train. We had lots of fun.



Class: Morpurgo
Robert

In English Year 4 are studying the wordless picture book Float by Daniel Miyares. We have been working on writing the story.

Robert has written:

Draw by draw. Hold by hold. Bend by bend. Now the boy had built an outstanding, phenomenal and delightful paper boat. Light-hearted and happy, he changed speedily and bolted into the road.

Scurrying along the wet, long pavement, the light-hearted boy imagined where his boat could sail. The fence was as spiky as sharks teeth in the stormy ocean - roaring, rumbling, crashing.

Reader of the Month



Reader of the month goes to Manny in Year 1.

Manny reads his reading book regularly at home and is close to receiving his first certificate already. Keep up this amazing work Manny!



Whole school attendance
target
= 97%

Whole school attendance this
week = 95.5%

Best class attendance this
week = Donaldson

The Leys Have Talent

Emily, in year 4, is a fantastic swimmer. Recently, she has received her stage 6 certificate and is now working on her stage 7!

Well Done Emily- Keep up the good work!



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'Five ways to Wellbeing'



If you looked at our website last week you would have seen the 5 ways to wellbeing. These are things that we can all do to support our mental health, especially on days when we are struggling.

Connect - talking to others or greeting strangers you meet

Be Active - go for a walk, run or just work out in the living room

Keep Learning - learn a new word, do a Sudoku or try a new skill

Take Notice - use your senses and engage in the moment

Give - links with kindness and helping others

Can you do all 5 before next week?

If you want to know more -

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help/guides-tools-and-activities/five-steps-to-mental-wellbeing/> - For the grown ups

<https://www.justtalkherts.org/e-learning/five-ways-children/index.html> - For the children

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR SEN INFORMATION REPORT

Designed to answer key questions about SEN



Bitesize information - parent

Easy straight forward language - parent

What you need to know - parent

SEN Information Report
2023-2024

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Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values



Year 4 have been having a fantastic time at swimming. There were some nerves before they left school but overall they were very excited to learn this really important life skill. They are settling into the routine well.



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Shaping Stevenage's cycling future

Please complete the survey via the link below to have you say...

[Have Your Say Today - Stevenage Cycle Hire - Commonplace](#) The consultation will run until 24 September 2023.

The link to our consultation platform includes 3 surveys to choose from.

1. those over the age of 18,
2. a youth survey.
3. a map survey. Designed for all participants. Drop a pin on the map and tell us where they would like to see cycle hire docking stations.

On average the survey takes approx. 2-5 minutes to complete but will depend on the individual, there is also a chance to win a £50 shopping voucher. At the end of the survey, it will ask if you would like to be entered into the prize draw.

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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 <u>Inset day: 20 October 2023</u> <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 <u>20 October 2023</u> <u>8 December (Occasional day) 2023</u> 4 January 2024 3 June 2024 12 July 2024</p>

