



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

**Friday 6th October 2023**

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

- 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
- 13 Dec -Flu Vaccination (2nd visit)
- 15 Dec -Christmas jumper day  
-Christmas dinner
- 19 Dec -Christmas parties
- 20 Dec -Last day of term 1:30pm finish  
-Non-uniform day

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Dawnie
Murphy	Amelia
Kerr	Lucas
Bryon	Honey-Rose
Donaldson	Haydn
Soundar	Connor
Dahl	Ava
Gavin	Bella
Mante	Alex
Morpurgo	Robert
Riordan	Mia
Zephaniah	Olly
Malala	Nancy
Blackman	Mitchell



**Times Tables Leaders**  
Well done to...  
**Becca J**  
**Kaan**  
**Kyler-May**  
For most improved time (playing in the Studio area) over the past 7 days

Friendship Award	Year 4, Kacey
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**Headteachers Awards**

Year R	Florence
Year 1	Keira T
Year 6	George N, Leo H

**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 - PJ day**
- Dahl -Non-uniform friday**
- Riordan -Free homework pass**



**School Disco**  
**Friday 10th**  
**November**

# UPDATE

## Geography -Diversity

Year 4 has been learning about settlement changes and learning about how the Romans brought adaptations to Britain. They introduced the idea of accepting others and encouraging differences in a community.

Year 5 has been learning about the differences and similarities between our country and eastern European countries. Some of our children have thoroughly enjoyed speaking about their own environment and home countries and it has been lovely for the other children to experience this.

Year 6 have been doing work around trade and the importance of this for the UK. They have been learning about what the UK imports from various other countries and how we integrate these things (food, transport etc) into our daily lives.

CLASS OF THE WEEK:  
Dahl



This week in Dahl class, we have been learning about sun safety. The children designed an experiment to test the effects of UV rays. We cut out shapes of black card and stuck it onto paper and put them on the windows to see what happens to



the paper. The children have predicted that the paper will get lighter because the UV rays will lighten it. We are all very excited to see what happens in a few weeks.



Class: Riordan

Lily G - The Highwayman

The Highwayman-scary, mysterious and brave  
Roaming mysteriously towards his horse - quick, brave and dark.  
The stormy day, first light of the sun, now was the moment.  
The wealthy royals were returning.  
The highwayman was roaming, roaming, roaming,  
under the midnight sky.

In the misty darkness, the trees are scary nightmares and the strands  
of grass are sharpened pencils holding a blanket of snow.  
Rickety, clattering, rolling.  
The old dusty carriage appeared in the shadowy distance.  
The sky was gloomy and dark, but the mythical magical moon,  
lit up the midnight sky.

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Whole school attendance  
target  
= 97%

Whole school attendance this  
week = 97.2%

Best class attendance this  
week = Dahl



## The Leys Have Talent

We'd like to say a HUGE well done to Thomas in Benjamin Class, who has learnt how to swim by himself without any armbands or floats.

This is an amazing achievement for a 4 year old.

We're all very proud of you Thomas, keep up the great work.



## WELLBEING

New roles - This week our peer mediators, who have completed 2 sessions of training with Miss Garner, started their new roles. We have two Year 5 children helping each lunchtime supporting the younger children with playground friendship issues. Our peer mentors this year are; Nellie, Logan, Isla, Emma, Daniel, Tamoya, Amber, Harlene, Delilah and Janelle.

We have also completed our first meeting with our Wellbeing Champions. These children are nominated by their classes to support other children with their wellbeing and help them get support when this is needed. Our wellbeing champions this year are; Year 2- Iris, Yuvan Year 3 - Ella, Riley Year 4- Poppy, Aniela Year 5- Kobi, Janelle Year 6- Amber and Shaylen.

## Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

This week year 1 has been looking at how we can keep ourselves safe. We thought about ways to keep safe in familiar and unfamiliar environments (e.g. beach, shopping centre, park, swimming pool, on the street) and how to cross the road safely. We also thought about the people whose job it is to help keep us safe and what to do if we felt unsafe. The children came up with lovely ideas about how we can be safe in many different situations.

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This week our pupils had the pleasure to meet Rev Edward Keene of St Nicholas Church in Stevenage.

They learned about the inspirational life and commitment of Jesus.

Pupil also had the opportunity to learn and ask questions about the role of a Reverend in Church.



**The Anti-Bullying Alliance is a coalition of organisations and individuals that are united against bullying.**

**[Anti-Bullying Alliance](#)**

**Is your child due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2024?  
The Leys Primary and Nursery School is offering tours on:**

- **Monday 13th November 10am -11am**
- **Friday 24th November 1.30pm -2.30pm**
- **Monday 27th November 10am -11am**
- **Monday 4th December 1.30pm -2.30pm**

**Please telephone on 01438 314148 to book an appointment to tour our amazing setting and meet the early years team**

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<https://www.withyouth.org/herts-haven-cafes/>

Children/young people, parents and carers and the professionals who work with them are all invited to join us to celebrate the launch of our Herts Haven Cafés between 2pm and 5pm on Tuesday 17 October.

These cafés are a haven of support for children and young people in the county aged 10 to 18, offering free-of-charge, emotional wellbeing support without the requirement of a referral. We would love you to join us for our official opening at The Bowes Lyon Centre in Stevenage, one of the café venues, to see how the service can support children and young people, and families in Hertfordshire.

There will be exciting activities on the day, as well as refreshments, gift bags and a raffle! 😊

## SLEEP, SELF ESTEEM, EMOTIONAL WELLBEING SESSIONS

HCT children's wellbeing Team- Workshops for parents/carers

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered to a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop.

All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit the Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Eventbrite page:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-school-nursingservice-hertfordshire-33494371787>

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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                      Half term holiday: 23 October - 27 October 2023</p> <p>Occasional day: 8 December 2023                      Term: 30 October - 20 December 2023                      Christmas holiday: 21 December - 3 January 2024</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</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>

