



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Haven
Murphy	Logan
Kerr	Kaiden
Bryon	Manny
Donaldson	Nahla
Soundar	Jasmine
Dahl	Nova
Gavin	Iyla
Mante	Bianca
Morpurgo	Ani
Riordan	Isla
Zephaniah	Betsy
Malala	Ellanora
Blackman	Jake



Times Tables Leaders Well done to...

**Naeem
Amber
Tanya**

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

Friday 17th November 2023

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

23 Nov -Year 1 school trip
-Year N&R Parents in
Partnership Meeting 9-10am
24 Nov -Non-Uniform for
Enterprise day donations
-Whole school Stay &
Share from 2.45pm
30 Nov -Year N&R Parents in
Partnership Meeting 9-10am
1 Dec -Enterprise Day 2 - 4pm
- new earlier start time of 2pm
8 Dec -Occasional Day school
closed
12 Dec -Nursery Christmas
Come and Play sessions 11 am
-11.45am & 2pm - 2.45pm
13 Dec -Flu Vaccination (2nd
visit)
-Reception Christmas
Come and Play session 2pm
-2.45pm
14 Dec -Year 1 Christmas
Performance 9.30am - 10.30am
-Year 2 Christmas
Performance 2pm - 3pm
15 Dec -Christmas jumper day
-Christmas dinner
18 Dec -Junior Christmas
Performances. 1pm for Year 3
& 4. 2pm for Year 5 & 6
19 Dec - All years Christmas
parties
20 Dec -Last day of term
1:30pm finish
-Non-uniform day

Friendship Award	Year 2 Lily-Mai Year 3 Stanley
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Headteachers Awards

Year 2	Connor, Christian, Taha
Year 3	Dylan, Harry, Tieri, Lucy, Hannah, Shiv, Saaya, Stanley
Year 4	Trystan, Chloe, Serah, Aniela, Ani, Todi, Fletcher, Afia, Holly, Ani, Todi, Chloe
Year 5	Tamaya, Harleen, George, Logan, Nathan, Millie, Chelsea, Tanya, Gabriella, Nellie, Lily, Delilah, Dylan, Harry, Shiv, Saaya, Tieri, Hannah, Lucy

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:

Soundar - Class disco

Dahl - Picnic

Zephaniah - Class disco

UPDATE

Feel Good week

This week The Leys has been taking part in Feel Good Week. This is a shared week across Stevenage, focusing on mental and physical well being based on the 'NHS 5 ways to wellbeing'. Each class focused on one element each day.

Connect: On Monday, every Year 6 child was given a post-it note with another child in their class's name on. They were asked to write anonymously, something positive about that person. The post-it notes were then displayed on a board. The children enjoyed doing this as it created a positive atmosphere and made them feel good about themselves.



Year 5 connected with Year 4 and 6 on Monday to talk about their experience doing the Mini Police training. It was a great opportunity for them to share their learning and knowledge. The other classes asked great questions and the children in year 5 were very keen to share their learning.



Active: On Tuesday, Reception children were challenged to practise their skipping skills during CIL time. They discussed the importance of being active and how this is good for our bodies and our minds.



Take Notice: In Year 3 on Wednesday, the children took part in some yoga to start their day. The children noticed how yoga impacts the body and makes us feel good. They especially liked it when they laid on their tummies and took part in some deep breathing exercises.



Keep Learning: On Thursday in Nursery the children explored different emotions and themselves. The children were able to say what makes them happy and sad. The children also learnt the Makaton signs for both 'happy' and 'sad'. The children talked about their favourite books and one of the stories that makes them happy is 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We made lovely drawings of tigers and learnt about where tigers live and what they like to eat.

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Give: Friday saw Year 1 giving each other compliments. Each child drew a picture of themselves and the rest of the class wrote something that they love about that person around the edge. Giving and receiving compliments made them feel happy and good inside.

The Leys celebrated Children In Need on Friday with a non uniform day to help raise money for charity.



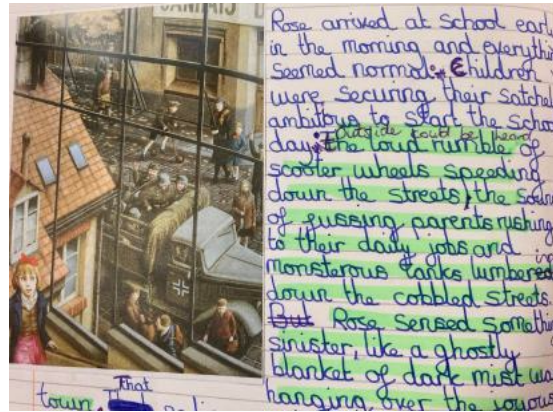
Donaldson Class windows

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CLASS OF THE WEEK:
Malala



During Feel Good week, Malala class got involved in activities such as posting positive messages to their classmates (see above), taking time out to practise skipping and learning the rudimentary aspects of sign language. All this helped the children to get closer to the week's core themes: Connect - Be Active - Take Notice - Keep Learning - Give. This is encapsulated in our weekly class award to a pupil who has shown an act of kindness.



With respect to English lessons, Malala class has made a strong connection with the WW2 book 'Rose Blanche'. Here is an extract from Shikana's writing. Whilst in Maths, Dr Christie was impressed with how well the children grasped the tricky concept of Long Division, to the point where Cyprian and Ellanora were invited to be coaches to others in the lesson.

In Art, the children thoroughly enjoyed planning and then making their own 'zines' (short for magazines). This has really taken off within the class and has spawned the creation of a 'Trending Zines' washing line where the children make zines in their spare time for others to read in school. A great example of how the children's hard work and creativity can blossom into something far bigger than initially planned!



Class: Kerr

Hetav - Feel good week.

We were writing compliments to each other in our class. Hetav wrote some wonderful compliments to his friends.

'You are a good friend' 'You are a really good dancer' 'You make me laugh' 'You have beautiful hair'

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Inclusivity

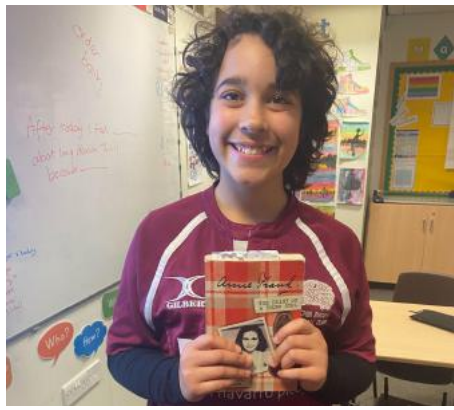
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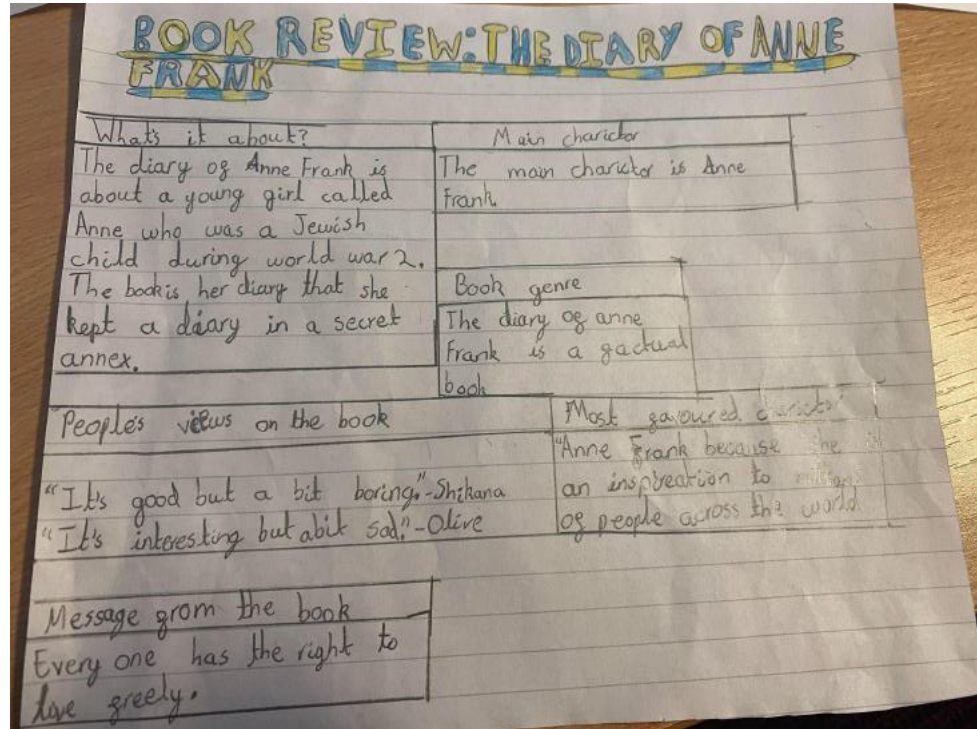
Empowerment

Reader of the Month



Olive in year 6 is an avid reader. She has been reading The Diary of Anne Frank, supporting her learning about world war two, and has written the following book review.

Well done Olive!



Whole school attendance target = 97%

Whole school attendance this week = 94.9%

Best class attendance this week = Mante

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We'd like to say a huge **thank you** to our fabulous PTA for organising another incredible school disco.

Thank you also to all the staff and helpers that gave up their time to ensure the children had such a fabulous time. Together we raised **£1,115** for the PTA Fund.

The Leys Have Talent

Darcy in Kerr class, has completed Level 9 at her gymnastics class.

In order to achieve this she had to balance for 5 seconds on each leg on a bench, jump onto a vault, complete a forward roll, walk on a balance beam on tip toes and more skills.

Well done Darcy, you are a star!



Packed Lunches

We'd like to remind you that we are a **nut free school**. Please do not send your child to school with any biscuits/bars that contain nuts and please remember not to use Nutella in sandwiches.

Packed lunches should be healthy and not include any chocolate bars or sweets



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This week we have all been thinking about ways to help our Well-Being. Yesterday our Mental Health Worker delivered assemblies to all the children from Year 1-6 about strategies they can use to look after their mental health. On Wednesday our Well-Being Champions also met to discuss what they have been doing in their classes. Many of these children were also filmed as part of the wider Stevenage Schools Well-Being week. We look forward to seeing our stars!

Thank you!!!

We would like to say a massive thank you to the very generous parent who brought and donated this wonderful selection of books to school. We are so grateful and the children are going to love them!



Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

On Tuesday, our Key Stage 2 children took part in a countrywide online assembly about British Values and Protected Characteristics, delivered by Katie Harrison from Picture News. Katie talked about what British Values and Protected Characteristics are and why they are important. There was a guest speaker, Jack Lynch from Pop 'n' Olly who explained what discrimination is and why the Equality Act matters. The assembly encouraged the children to think about how they can make a positive impact in school and the wider world.



Our Shared British Values I Really Do Matter

What are the rights of a child? (According to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child)

Can I be friends with someone who doesn't believe the same things that I do?

How can my voice be heard?

What matters to me?

Individual Liberty

- I make the right choices
- I take responsibility for my actions
- I understand the consequences of my actions
- I manage risks
- I know how to exercise my rights and freedoms in an appropriate way

Rule of Law

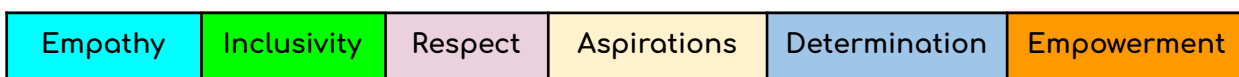
- I value and understand the importance of rules and laws
- I follow school rules and understand why there is a consequence if I do not
- I understand that everybody is responsible for rules and laws
- I know rules are there to protect me

Democracy

- I know I have a voice and my opinions will be heard
- I can listen carefully to others
- I know how to discuss an issue in a calm way and can show respect for others even if I disagree
- My vote counts

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

- I know my behaviour, actions and words can affect others
- I understand and respect that not everyone is the same as me and everyone needs to be treated as an individual
- I know that life is not the same for everyone
- I understand that people's faiths and beliefs are different and I respect that.



We will be running our **Autumn ‘Stay and Share’** sessions for each year group on **Friday 24th November from 2.45pm**, allowing the opportunity for parents/carers to view their child’s work in their classrooms.



How to spot child sexual exploitation

[How to spot child sexual exploitation - NHS](#)

School Tours

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

- Friday 24th November 1.30pm -2.30pm (places now limited)
- Monday 27th November 10am -11am (places now limited)
- 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

Term dates 2023-2024

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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> Occasional day: 8 December 2023 Term: 30 October - 20 December 2023 <u>Christmas holiday: 21 December - 3 January 2024</u>	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>	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> <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

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