



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Huxley
Murphy	Hunter
Kerr	Harper
Bryon	India
Donaldson	Maya
Soundar	Aydin
Dahl	Hedrian
Gavin	Hailey R
Mante	Oliver
Morpurgo	Serah
Riordan	Dawson
Zephaniah	Charlie
Malala	Bailey E
Blackman	Jess



Times Tables Leaders
Well done to...

Amber M
Poppy F
Gianna

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

Friday 1st December 2023

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

**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.

Year 3 9:15 -10:15am

Year 4 10:30-11:30am

Year 5 1-2pm

Year 6 2-3pm.

19 Dec - All years Christmas
parties

20 Dec -Last day of term
1:30pm finish

-Non-uniform day

4 Jan -INSET Day school
closed

5 Jan -Back to school

26 Jan -Yr4 Trip

Friendship
Award

Year 4 Ava Rose for
always helping and
supporting those
around her.

Headteachers Awards

Year 1	Kaiden
Year 6	Mitchell, Archie

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:

Bryon - Free homework pass
Gavin - Chromebook
Blackman - Games afternoon

Parent/Carer Survey

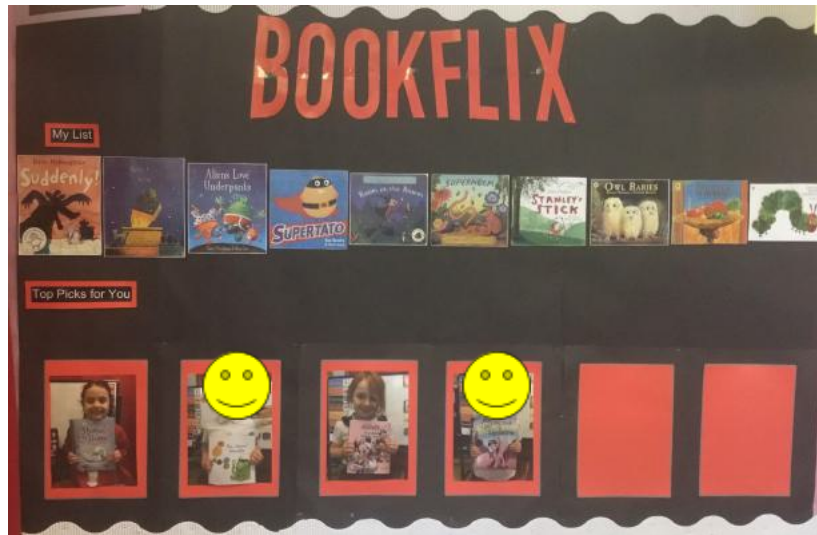
We'd really appreciate all
our parents/carers taking
the time to complete this
survey about our school
(link below).

Thank you

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VYSMNSG>

UPDATE

Reading



At the Leys we not only want the children to become confident and fluent readers, but want them to develop a love of reading. One of the ways we are promoting reading for pleasure is using 'Bookflix'. Children are encouraged to recommend books to their friends. If they find a book at home that they really like and want to recommend, children can bring it into class and tell their friends all about it. It is then added to their class 'Bookflix' display.

CLASS OF THE WEEK:
Zephaniah



This week Zephaniah have been preparing for Enterprise day.

The children have learnt how to make rocky road. They all got involved with crushing biscuits, melting chocolate and mixing it all together. The end result was great and they look forward to selling it on Friday.



Class: Blackman

This week children have been writing their own ending to our WW2 story 'Rose Blanche'

That was the day that Rose Blanche went missing. Everyone was leaving. Rose had gone. Mother searched everywhere and Rose was nowhere. "Rose! Rose! Rose!" mother screamed! The neighbours asked "Are you OK?". Mum said she was fine but she couldn't find Rose. The neighbours suggested Mother went with them. She declined, thanking them for the offer but acknowledging that Rose wouldn't have gone without telling her.
By Charlie B

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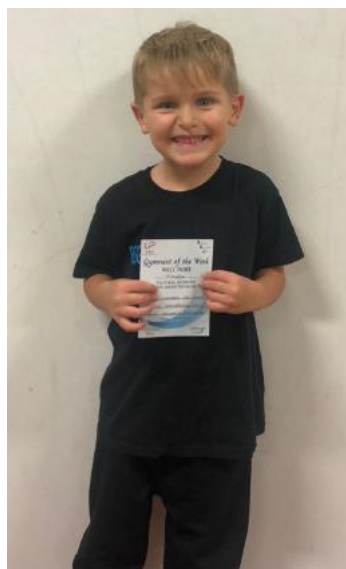
Empowerment



Whole school attendance
target
= 97%

Whole school attendance this
week = 95.1%

Best class attendance this
week = Soundar



The Leys Have Talent

Congratulations to Reggie in Reception,
who has received his first 'Gymnast of
the Week' certificate for learning a new
skill.

What a fantastic achievement, well done
Reggie!



At this time of year, financial pressures increase and this can impact on all of our well being and general stress levels. Often children are very aware about the family's financial concerns and this can also impact on their wellbeing. Within school we have developed a scheme of work from EYFS to Year 6 to help the children to become more aware of money and to make positive choices about how they spend it. HSBC have been supporting staff by running

workshops in school and will be returning next week to continue this work.

If you or your child are worried about money the link below can provide some practical help and advice to support you.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/money-and-mental-health/>

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Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

This week Year 5 have worked hard as a team, working in groups and collaborating for Enterprise Day. They had to work on a budget and calculate what materials and ingredients we would need for cost and how to make a profit. They have made and decorated jars for stationary gifts, beautifully handmade Christmas cards and delicious Rocky Road cookies.



Stevenage Pupil Parliament

Last week, Maya S and Charlie I from year 6 attended the first Stevenage Pupil Parliament for this academic year. They met the Stevenage Mayor and discussed important matters concerning pupils in Stevenage. For this meeting both pupils showcased our Feel Good Week and discussed possible events for the spring term - The Big Litter Pick.

We are extremely proud of our pupils. Well done for positively representing our school.



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Families Feeling Safe is an award-winning Social Enterprise, delivering high quality Protective Behaviours training, courses and workshops.

Their work means children, young people and families feel safer in their communities by improving their resilience and emotional & mental wellbeing.

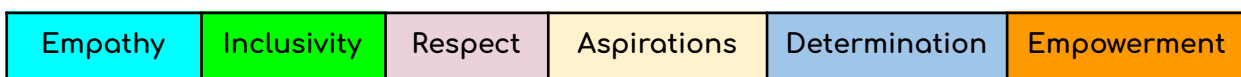
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Thank you for supporting The Royal British Legion by purchasing poppies in school. Together we raised **£279.52**

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



Term dates 2024-2025

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