



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Tuesday 19th December 2023

Star of the Week

| Class | Pupil |
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| Benjamin | Nellie |
| Murphy | Albie W |
| Kerr | Kireigh |
| Bryon | Lulu |
| Donaldson | Mayra |
| Soundar | Isabelle |
| Dahl | Dhyay |
| Gavin | Jayden |
| Mante | Lilly |
| Morpurgo | Freddie |
| Riordan | Erin |
| Zephaniah | Emma |
| Malala | Naomi |
| Blackman | Paris |

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

20 Dec -Last day of term
1:30pm finish
-Non-uniform day
4 Jan -INSET Day school closed
5 Jan -Back to school- Just Talk day
19 Jan - Show Racism the red card. Non uniform -wear red
26 Jan -Yr4 Trip
5 - 9 Feb - Internet safety week
6 Feb - Bags2School Collection
9 Feb -School Disco
13 Feb - Parents meeting - face to face
14 Feb - Parents meeting - phone appointments
16 Feb - Non uniform day £1
19 - 23 Feb - Half term

Friendship Award

Shaylen - for sharing and caring with her classmates

Headteachers Awards

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| Year 1 | Denis, Carla |
| Year 3 | Maaya, Muku, Eniola, Bella, Oakley, Mia |
| Year 4 | Samson, Joshua |



Times Tables Leaders Well done to...

1. Amber M

2. Austin

3. Frederick

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

Christmas performances

Year 1 performed our play 'Little Blue Star'. The children all looked great in their costumes and did an excellent job. Well done to all the year 1 children.



Year 2 performed "Wriggly Nativity". They did an amazing job and should be beaming with pride!

Year 3 performed a variety of Christmas songs and poems for Year 3. They sounded fabulous!

Year 4 performed three Christmas songs and four poems.

Year 4 spent a lot of time rehearsing and did themselves proud with the performance being absolutely wonderful.

Year 5 performed a range of songs and poems. They all did a fabulous job! Well done to those who wrote their own poems and bravely read poems aloud.

For Year 6, Blackman class shared a poem about Christmas traditions in Italy 'Il Natale è amicizia' and sang 'Dominick The Donkey.' Whilst Malala class recited 'A Soldier's Christmas Poem' which was written by a marine in the US military and sang 'The 12 Days of Christmas.'



MUSIC AT THE LEYS - THE LEYS SCHOOL CHOIR



Once again, our choir were invited to sing at Truro Court and Norman Court for their residents and staff again this year. So, we walked there last

Tuesday morning to sing for them and share some Christmas Cheer! This was a lovely performance/singalong outing and an experience that the children will remember for some time to come! The children sang the special Christmas songs they learnt this year and all those present sang a number of traditional Christmas Carols together.

It was, as always, a special occasion where there was much excitement, love and joy shared between the young and older people in our community.



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Inclusivity

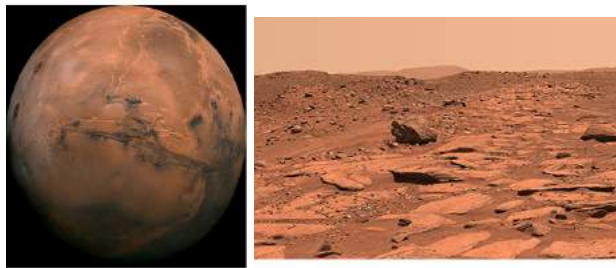
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Aspirations

Determination

Empowerment

CLASS OF THE WEEK:
Riordan



For English writing, Riordan Class have been learning about Mars and how they would survive, if their space shuttle was stranded in Space. We read a fictional Mars transmission about an astronaut stranded in space near Mars and what he said in his message. The children then had to choose and research their own planet and write a transition to send to Earth.

An extract from 'Venus Transmission' by Mia Roache.

Hi this is Maddison Hall, scientist for PATG (Planets Across the Galaxy). Today is Venus 13, and as I hope you know..... I am still Alive!!! I can say without a doubt, this will be a huge shock to you and the rest of the team who almost definitely thought I'd become crushed crisps when a colossal asteroid had threatened to shatter the ship into a million pieces on Venus 8! I am speculating that when I was separated from the team my antenna snapped, wrecking my bio monitor and ingraining itself into my chest.



Class: Donaldson
Iris

The Snow Dragon

We got there on a Snow Dragon to Iceland and the Arctic Circle. We were faster than a helicopter. When we landed we saw feathery feathers of blue and lime green, fiery red, snowie white colours dancing gently in the night sky. I felt calm because it was like feathery feathers of blue floating down in the gentle night sky. I felt excited because ruby red gently made the night sky sparkle.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Whole school attendance target
= 97%

Whole school attendance this
week = 92.8%

Best class attendance this week
= Malala

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The Leys Have Talent

Well done to Elliott for his positive progress and achievement in playing the Piano.



Thank you

Thank you to Brayden and his family for collecting our certificate and reward from our school's 'Children's Christmas tree', in Stevenage Centre.



As well as providing us with lots of entertainment over Christmas, the BBC website also has a wealth of support and advice for the whole family's well being. Whether it's, what your children are eating, how much they are playing online, how to talk to your teenager or how to get them to sleep? They have experts and celebrities giving advice and top tips on a wide variety of mental health and wellbeing topics. Lots to get you through the festive

period and help set a family new years resolution for 2024! Here's a link straight to the page.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/groups/cw9v6l8d0q6t>

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Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

This week in Nursery and Reception we have had a Christmas themed stay and play session for the children and their grown ups. The children enjoyed showing their grown ups around their classroom and spending time on a variety of Christmas activities. It was great to see so many parents attend.



Thank You

Thank you to Mrs Davies for setting up our awesome Christmas Golden Table



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Help, advice and resources for parents and carers

Offer your children support and guidance with our range of online safety guides

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

A little bank of kindness

Welcome to St Nicholas timebank. Where everyone has something to give.

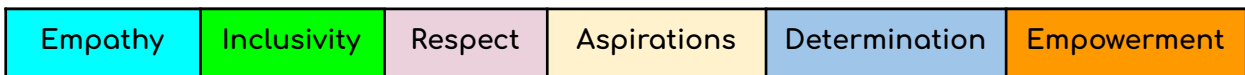


St Nicholas Timebank

<https://stnicholas.madeopen.co.uk/>

Term dates 2023-2024

| AUTUMN TERM | SPRING TERM | SUMMER TERM |
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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> | <u>Inset day: 4 January 2024</u> <u>Term: 5 January - 16 February 2024</u> <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 <u>4 January 2024</u> 3 June 2024 12 July 2024 |



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