



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 19th July 2024

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Murphy	Zenel
Benjamin	Jomiloju
Kerr	Louie
Bryon	Agnes
Donaldson	Nicolas
Soundar	Harry
Dahl	Stanley
Gavin	Uno
Mante	Ava-Rose
Morpurgo	Rhys
Riordan	Tamaya
Zephaniah	Octavian
Malala	Ethan
Blackman	Elliot



**Times Tables Leaders**  
Well done to...

1. Lola
2. Maggie
3. Lilly D

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

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

- 22 Jul- Yr 6 Prom
- 23 Jul- School finishes 1:30
- 24 Jul - Closed for Summer

**September 2024**

- 2 Sep - Inset Day**
- 3 Sep - Back to school**
- 3-6 Sep Science Week**
- 3 Sep - Tea & Tissues - EYFS**
- 4 Sep - Y4 Meeting with new parents**
- 5 Sep - Y3 Meeting with new parents**
- 6 Sep - Y2 Meeting with new parents**
- 9 Sep - Y5 Meeting with new parents**
- 9- 13 Sep Author Week**
- 16 Sep - School photos**
- 23 - 27 Sep - Bikeability Year 5 & 6**
- 7 Oct - Flu vaccination visit**
- 10 Oct National Poetry Day**
- 18 Oct - School Disco**
- 24 Oct Non uniform PTA £1**
- 25 Oct - Inset Day**
- 28 Oct - 1 Nov - Half Term**

**Kindness Award**

Kindness Award Ocean Stone

**Headteachers Awards**

Year 4 Trystan

**Science Awards**

Year 2 Aydin



We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Byford and Mrs Gwinnett who will sadly be leaving us at the end of the term. We wish them all the best in their new endeavours.



A warm welcome to our new teacher Miss Woods who will join us in September 2024.

# UPDATE

## Reading at home

Making sure your child continues to read at home during the school holidays is vitally important to ensure that the children do not lose the amazing learning they have done throughout this year. There are so many ways you can ensure your child is still reading at home. Children can join the library for free and take part in their Summer Reading Challenge. They can also join the National Read Aloud Challenge that we have signed up for again this year. Below are some posters about these events and the QR code so that you can sign your child up to the Read Aloud Challenge for free. This is for all year groups and has hundreds of books available. Thank you for supporting your children and us!



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## Double Gold PE Winners!

We're thrilled to announce that our school has achieved 2 gold awards for PE. KS1 & KS2 Gold Sports Mark. This is a great achievement for our school community, pupils and PE staff.

The School Games Mark is a government-led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/about/school-games-mark/#:~:text=The%20School%20Games%20Mark%20is,school%20and%20into%20the%20community>



We'd like to thank everyone who has supported our school community when we've held an event, every penny really does make a huge difference.

Together this term we have raised a staggering **£3653.65**

Sponsored Read = £718.30

Sports Day bake sale = £350.35

School Disco = £1735.00

International Food Festival = £850.00

These funds have been used for new school reading books (Sponsored Read), £2 towards a school trip for every child, £100 for each year group to use towards extra classroom resources and a large sum will be going towards much needed new Chromebooks for the school.

A further **£411** has been raised by Year 6 towards their Prom.

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The staff and pupils at The Leys presented Katy with a thank-you gift for all her hard work and dedication to the school PTA.

Katy works behind the scenes preparing for all PTA events throughout the year.

Both Helen Westwood and Katy Newton are invaluable members of the PTA and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them on behalf of our school community.



## Young Writers



**This Summer Term we held a school competition for the best 'Scary Story'.**

**All the entries were amazing and so we submitted them into a Young Writers Competition.**

**We have just been notified that 20 of our entries have been chosen to be published in a Young Writers Book- 'The Spook Squad-Spine-Tinglers'.**

**This is amazing and all of the pupils who entered should be so proud of themselves!**

**A special Well Done to- Tamaya, Holly, Kunashe, Samson, Muku, Ivy, Antonia, Nellie, Lilly, Paris, Millie, Mia, Aiden, Eniola, Uno, Charlotte, Amber and Leo.**



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Class: Riordan

This week Riordan Class were given the challenge to re-write a suspense story based on the short clip "Frances'.

All of their writing was brilliant and they all demonstrated their ability to build tension and suspense in their work!



Here are some examples:

Quetico Provincial Park, in Canada, is a resort where there's iconic wilderness, beautiful lakes, towering rock cliffs and endless fun! We used to go on holiday there every year! My parents loved that place. We especially liked the spectrum of paddling experiences that ranged from a few hours to several weeks. It was a perfect family holiday. We were always amazed by the breathtaking, rugged beauty of the glistening lakes. Because of how relaxing it was, we would sometimes go there twice a year! But.. it's too bad we can't go there anymore.... Not after the complete tragedy of Frances Bradywine...(by Tamaya)

It all started on the second night of their holiday. Without Frances' parents knowing, Frances made a mischievous plan! She was going to steal her family boat and head to the middle of the lake. AND SHE DID! She rowed the boat for 20 minutes until she was in the middle of the lake. It was peaceful and very dark. She was calm and relaxed- looking at the astonishing array of stars. But, all of a sudden, BOOM! She looked left, she looked right, she looked behind. But nothing. Hoping it was just in her mind, she laid back down and relaxed again (by Kaan).

Frances continued relaxing when suddenly, the knock came again. But this time it was louder and it was coming from the bottom of the boat. She gasped! Her heart pumped rapidly! She was afraid! She needed to go back! Frances grabbed the oars and anxiously rowed back. She rowed and rowed and rowed but the boat didn't move at all. Something or someone was keeping her there. Then, everything shrank into silence and Frances didn't know what to do. She couldn't go back, she couldn't move, she couldn't even scream. All she could do was sit, stranded in the middle of the lake. She curled herself into a ball, shivering violently, and covered her head with her hands (by Anthony).



Class: Murphy



Achim has been working really hard in our phonics lessons to use all of the phonemes that he has been learning to write words and sentences. He has also been working really hard on his letter formation and keeping his writing on the line. Well done Achim! We are

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very proud of how hard you have been working!



# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Whole school attendance target  
= 97%

Whole school attendance this  
week = 92.6%

Best class attendance this week  
= 97.5%

## The Leys Have Talent



Nathania did a couple of dance performances under the theme, "Dancing Through The Decades" in Gordon Craig Theatre on 16th June 2024 and got a certificate. Nathania learns Ballet at Emerald Dance Academy and she really enjoys it.

🌟 Well done Nathania 🌟



Emily has just completed her first stage performance at The Gordon Craig Theatre, starring in the production "Fancy That!"

🌟 Congratulations Emily 🌟



Maaya, Saaya and Sophie in Year 3 performed for their Level 2 end of year presentation. The girls did so well and were awarded with a certificate.

🌟 Great work Maaya, Saaya and Sophie 🌟

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Nellie performed in 3 shows at the Harlow Playhouse in their showcase “I’m not afraid of the dark” with Premiere school of dance. She had so much fun and loved being on stage.

🌟Great work Nellie 🌟



**Online Gaming** - We all know that over the holiday children will have more free time and many of them will want to play games on computers, Playstations, Xboxes and tablets. However, parents need to be mindful of the positives and risks involved in such activities and how to support children to make this a fun, healthy activity and not expose their children to the mental health risks of in-game bullying, online grooming or in some extreme cases gaming addiction. A few things parents can do to support their children are;

**Set digital boundaries** - Use a family agreement to set rules on what they can play, when and how long for, to help them strike a healthy balance between gaming and other activities they can do.

**Use reviews and sites to pick age appropriate games** - Read parents and expert reviews of games they are interested in to help you choose the right games for them to play.

**Encourage them to play in shared spaces** - This is a simple way to stay engaged in what they are doing while gaming and step in if you feel something's not quite right.

**Set privacy settings and learn how to report in-game abuse** - Make it a habit to review their privacy settings on their account and make sure they remember where to report in-game abuse, so they can take action if they feel concerned.

**Gen-up on the lingo** - Get up to speed on how players communicate while gaming to spot the signs of cyberbullying or negative behaviour.

**Make gaming a family affair** - Trying out new games with children makes it easier to relate and can give you a better sense of what the game is about and prompt conversation or safety measures to help them stay safe.

**If you want to know more please visit this website** -

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/online-gaming-the-risks/#risks>

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



Year 1 Class charter

SMSC is a fundamental part of our school life. Here is a little showcase of what each Year group has been up to this year.



Diwali Lamps  
Year 1



Year 2 Conscience Alley of Kindness



Year 2 Mindfulness

Year 3  
Samba  
Workshop



Year 3 Egyptian Day



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## Year 4 Safe Internet Smart Rules

## Year 4 Shrove Tuesday



## Year 5 Mini Police



## Year 5 Enterprise Day



## Year 6 Anti-Bullying Workshop



## Year 6 Eco Club



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# Here for children day and night

Our Childline counsellors are here 24/7 to listen and help with whatever children are facing. Please donate today and help us be here for more children.

## Helplines

Help for adults concerned about a child

Call us on 0808 800 5000



Help for children and young people

Call Childline on 0800 1111

## Term dates 2023-2024

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