

#### The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ....Leading Tomorrow

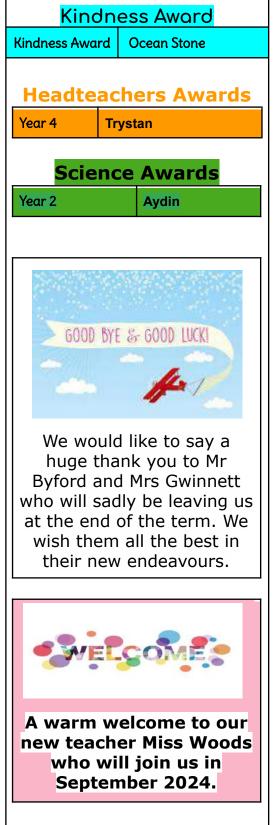
Star of the Week		
Class	Pupil	
Murphy	Zenel	
Benjamin	Jomiloju	
Kerr	Louie	
Bryon	Agnes	
Donaldson	Nicolas	
Soundar	Harry	
Dahl	Stanley	
Gavin	Uno	
Mante	Ava-Rose	
Morpurgo	Rhys	
Riordan	Tamaya	
Zephaniah	Octavian	
Malala	Ethan	
Blackman	Elliot	



<u>Times Tables Leaders</u> Well done to... 1. Lola 2. Maggie 3. Lilly D

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

Friday 19th July 2024	
DATES COMING UP!	к
(please note all dates are subject to change)	
<ul> <li>22 Jul- Yr 6 Prom</li> <li>23 Jul- School finishes 1:30</li> <li>24 Jul - Closed for Summer</li> <li>September 2024</li> <li>2 Sep - Inset Day</li> <li>3 Sep - Back to school</li> <li>3-6 Sep Science Week</li> <li>3 Sep - Tea &amp; Tissues - EYFS</li> <li>4 Sep - Y4 Meeting with new parents</li> <li>5 Sep - Y3 Meeting with new parents</li> <li>6 Sep - Y2 Meeting with new parents</li> <li>9 Sep -Y5 Meeting with new parents</li> <li>9 Sep -Y5 Meeting with new parents</li> <li>23 - 27 Sep - Bikeability Year 5 &amp; 6</li> <li>7 Oct - Flu vaccination visit</li> <li>10 Oct National Poetry Day</li> <li>18 Oct - School Disco</li> <li>24 Oct Non uniform PTA £1</li> </ul>	
25 Oct - Inset Day 28 Oct - 1 Nov - Half Term	





#### **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 loose 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!





Our School is in the challenge!

The Leys Primary and Nursery School readloudchallenge.co.uk #BeProudReadAloud





### 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.









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 = £718.30Sports Day bake sale = £350.35School Disco = £1735.00International Food Festival = £850.00These 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.



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



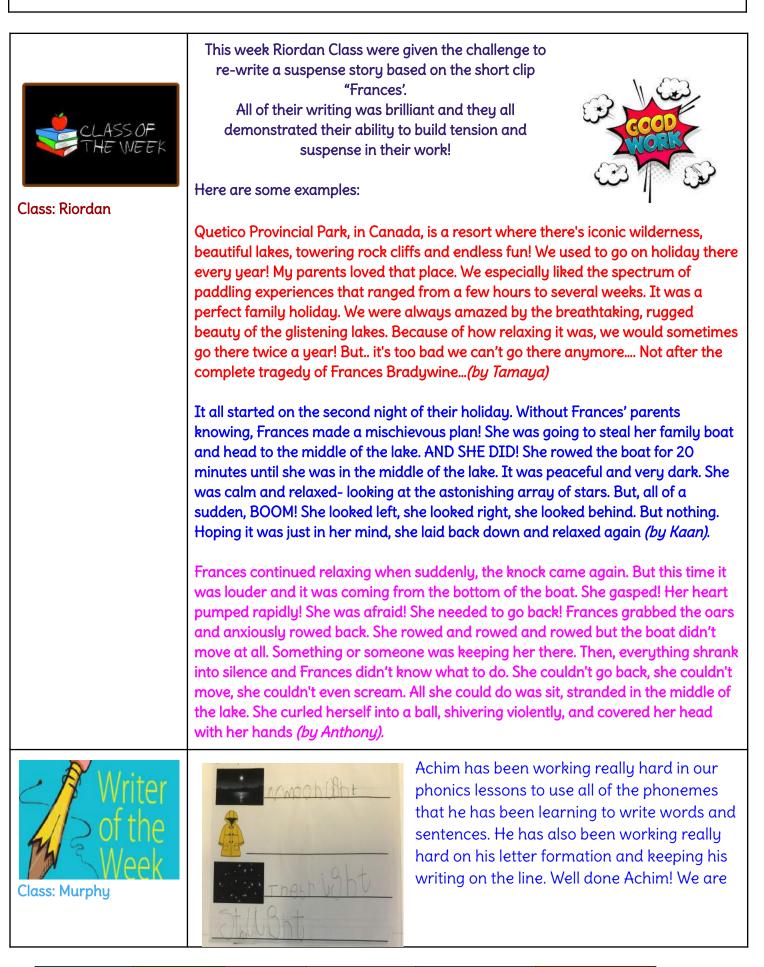
This Summer Term we held a school competition for the best 'Scary Story'. All the entries were amazing and so we submitted them into a Young Writers Competition. We have just been notified that 20 of our entries have been chosen to be published in a Young Writers Book- 'The Spook Squad-Spine-Tinglers'.

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, Leo.



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very proud of how hard you have been working!



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.

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**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.

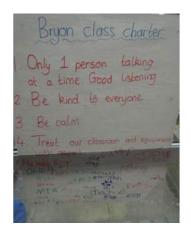
Gen-up on the lingo - Get up to speed on how players communicate while gaming to spot the signs of cyberbullying or negative behaviour.

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/#ris ks

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



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 1 Class charter

Year 3 Samba Workshop



Year 2 Conscience Alley of Kindness

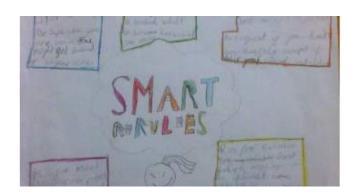


Year 2 Mindfulness



Year 3 Egyptian Day





Aspirations

#### Year 4 Safe Internet Smart Rules

#### Year 4 Shrove Tuesday



Year 5 Enterprise Day

Year 5 Mini Police







Year 6 Anti-Bullying Workshop

Year 6 Eco Club





## 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				
AUTUMN TERM Start of term: 4 September 2023	SPRING TERM Inset day: 4 January 2024	SUMMER TERM Term: 15 April - 24 May 2024		
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