



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 13th September 2024

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Murphy	Amelia
Benjamin	Vinny
Kerr	Dion
Bryon	Franklin
Donaldson	Mia
Soundar	Maryam
Dahl	Christian
Gavin	Vida
Mante	Nova
Morpurgo	Logan
Riordan	Oliver P
Zephaniah	Samson
Malala	Dawson
Blackman	Noor



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

1. Stacia
2. Anthony
3. Eniola

**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)

- 16 Sep** School photos
- 23 - 27 Sep** Bikeability Year 5 & 6
- 7 Oct** Flu vaccination visit
- 10 Oct** National Poetry Day
- 16 Oct** Phonics Workshop - Nursery Parents 9-10 am
- 17 Oct** Phonics Workshop - Reception Parents 9.15 - 10.15am
- 18 Oct** School Disco
- 24 Oct** Non uniform PTA £1
- 24 Oct** PTA meeting 3.15-4pm
- 25 Oct** Inset Day
- 28 Oct - 1 Nov** Half Term
- 3 Nov - 6 Nov** Y6 - PGL
- 18 Nov** Road Safety Week
- 21 Nov** Y5 - School Trip
- 22 Nov** Movie Night
- 29 Nov** Enterprise Day
- 2 Dec** Occasional Day
- 6 Dec** Whole School Stay and Play 2.30 - 3.15pm
- 17 Dec** Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
- 20 Dec** Last Day of Term School finishes at 1.30pm
- 23 Dec - 3 Jan 2025** Christmas holiday
- 6 Jan 2025** - Inset Day
- 7 Jan** - New Term Starts

**Kindness Award**

Kindness Award | Joella, Ruby, Poppy,

**Headteachers Awards**

Year 1	Bobby
Year 2	Mia M, Charlie S, Buddy, Charlie R

**Attendance Wheel of Reward**

**Each week in assembly the wheel will be spun for the most improved class attendance**



**Be here to have a go!**

**This week's winners & rewards:**

**Bryon - Free seaters pass**

**Donaldson - Extra long play with games**

**Morpurgo - Yes day**

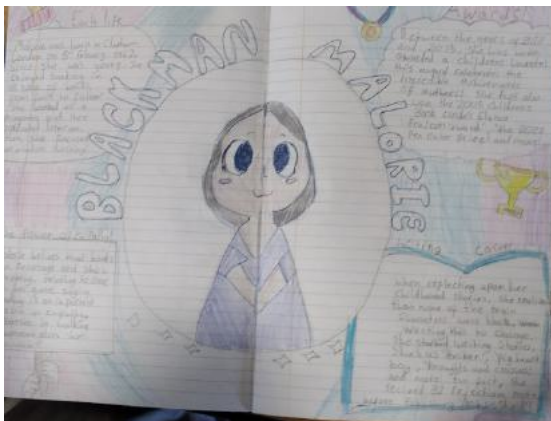
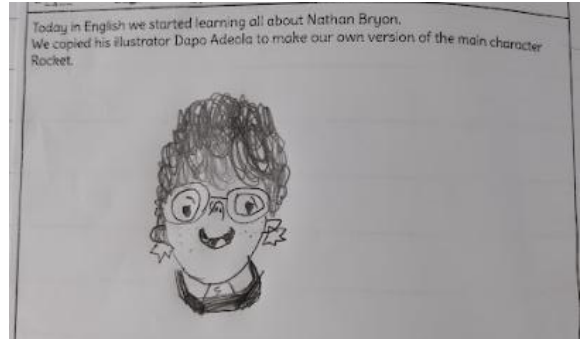
**Zephaniah - Extra long play with games**

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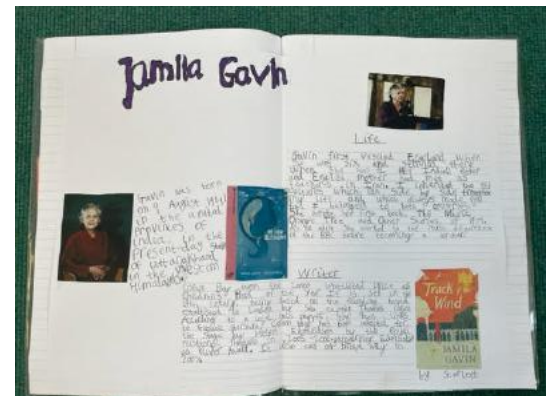
## Author Week

**This week in writing, every class has been focussing on their Author.  
Who are they? Where do they come from? What books have they written?**

- Reception has been reading books written by their class author.
- Bryon has been researching their author, drawing pictures and reading their books.
- Kerr has been reading 'The Tiger went to tea' and planning a tea party.
- Soundar has been creating fact files all about their author.
- Donaldson has been describing the animals in the Gruffalo
- Gavin, Dahl, Mante, Morpurgo, Riordan, Zephaniah and Blackman have all been creating double page spreads with facts and information about their authors.
- Malala has completed a Diary Entry based on their author.



**The pupils have loved learning about their class author and the writing work they have produced has been brilliant!**



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Class: Mante

This week Mante class has been learning all about our class author Priscilla Mante. Priscilla Mante is a London-based author originally from Glasgow. She writes fiction primarily for children, focusing on themes of friendship, family, and empowerment. Her stories often feature brave girls who go on adventures and tackle real-life issues.

As part of our work to discover the author we are named after this week we have been creating a biography all about Priscilla Mante and we have been reading some of her first book Jaz Santos vs. the World. This is the first book in the series about Jaz and her friends and is about Jaz as she starts her very own football team.



Class: Gavin

Scarlett

Gavin class was researching and creating two page spreads about Jamila Gavin, our class author.

Scarlett found and wrote a very nice fact about Gavin's culture:

Gavin first visited England when she was six and settled there when she was 11. Her Indian father and English mother had met as teachers in Iran. 'I inherited two rich cultures which ran side by side throughout my life and which always made me feel I belonged to both countries.'



**Attendance Matters**

Every student. Every day.

Whole school attendance target = 97%

Whole school attendance this week = 96.8%

Best class attendance this week = 99.2%

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## The Leys Have Talent



Nevaeh-Faith received a football certificate from JT coaching this weekend. Her confidence and determination for football is growing massively.

☀ Well done Nevaeh-Faith ☀



Welcome to all our new families and children. We work hard at The Leys to support the wellbeing and mental health of our children, staff and families. Through this weekly update we try to reduce the stigma and misconceptions around mental health, make families aware of resources, apps and websites, local training opportunities, activities in school and awareness days. Within school our two Mental Health Leads, Mrs Barr and Mrs Clibbon, have a wealth of knowledge and can help guide staff and families to a range of advice when required. We also have weekly access to Leila Touhami, our Stevenage Mental Health Support Practitioner from CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services). Who supports a range of children and their families with quality assured programmes. This half term she will be working with our Year 4 cohort on 'Managing Our Emotions'. The school also buys 3 hours of counselling sessions weekly from Safe Space (Herts CC therapists), Mrs Parrett (who has completed Emotional Literacy Support Assistant training) is supporting individual and small groups of children with their wellbeing and developing strategies to help them cope with life's problems and we have our two nurture room teams who are supporting children who also present with SEND needs. For urgent mental health help or if you need to urgently speak to someone, Call the Single Point of Access (SPA) Tel: 0800 6444101 available 24 hourly or go to <https://www.hpft.nhs.uk/get-help/> If you have non-urgent concerns or require general support, please check out our website page or contact the mental health leads through the school office. <https://www.leys.herts.sch.uk/nad-parent-toolkit.html>

### Help and support for parents/families

**If you are in a position where you need to have a confidential conversation about any family issues, then please contact our Family Worker, Sally Clibbon, who will be happy to talk with you.**

**Sally can be contacted through the school office, phone on 01438 314148 or via email [familysupport@leys.herts.sch.uk](mailto:familysupport@leys.herts.sch.uk)**

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

### Autumn 1 – Settling in / All about me

This week the children have been settling into Nursery and learning a new routine. They have enjoyed exploring different areas of our classroom and learning how to play in them. This term children will be discussing the golden rules that keep us happy and safe in Nursery. The children are having lots of opportunities to learn our names and to get to know each other through circle games and group activities. The children have been enjoying exploring the outdoor area and engaging in lots of different activities as part of their Child Initiated Learning. It has been lovely to see the children exploring different areas and beginning to develop some friendships!

## 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 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<p>Start of term: 3 September 2024 Inset day: 2 September 2024 25 October 2024 Term: 2 September - 25 October 2024 <u>Half term holiday: 28 October - 1 November 2024</u></p> <p>Occasional day: 2 December 2024 Term: 4 November - 20 December 2024 <u>Christmas holiday: 23 December - 3 January 2025</u></p>	<p>Inset day: 6 January 2025 Start of term: 7 January - 14 February 2025 <u>Half term holiday: 17 February - 21 February 2025</u> Term : 24 February- 4 April 2025 <u>Easter holiday: 7 April - 21 April 2025</u></p>	<p>Term: 22 April - 23 May 2025 Bank Holiday: 5 May 2025 <u>Half term holiday: 26 May - 30 May 2025</u> Inset day: 2 June 2025 23 July 2025 Term: 2 June - 23 July 2025 <u>Summer holiday: 24 July 2025 - 29 August 2025</u></p> <p><u>Inset Days 2024 - 2025</u> 2 September 2024 25 October 2024 2 December (Occasional day) 2024 6 January 2025 2 June 2025 - New inset day 23 July 2025</p>

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