



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 04 October 2024

Kindness Award

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Murphy	Lola
Benjamin	Isaac
Kerr	Aniqa
Bryon	Ariadne
Donaldson	Olivia
Soundar	Rose
Dahl	Joseph
Gavin	Eddie
Mante	Alaya
Morpurgo	Olivia K-W
Riordan	Remii
Zephaniah	Freddie
Malala	Lily R
Blackman	Amelie

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

- 7 Oct *Cancelled* Flu vaccination visit - to be rescheduled
- 10 Oct World Mental Health Day
- 16 Oct Phonics Workshop - Nursery Parents 9-10 am
- 16 Oct Y6 Parents Meeting PGL
- 17 Oct Phonics Workshop - Reception Parents 9.15 - 10.15am
- 18 Oct School Disco
- 22 Oct Parents evening
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- 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
- 4 Nov Poppy Appeal Week
- 11 Nov Anti bullying Week
- 15 Nov Children in Need
- 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	Amelia M
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Headteachers Awards

Year 3	Lily-Mai S, Santino, Vinnie, Aaradhya, Gabriella, Scarlett, Iris
Year 4	Mia, Bella, Amaya

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:

Murphy - Class cooking

Gavin - Class cooking

Riordan - Extra long play with game

Malala - Free seating pass for one day



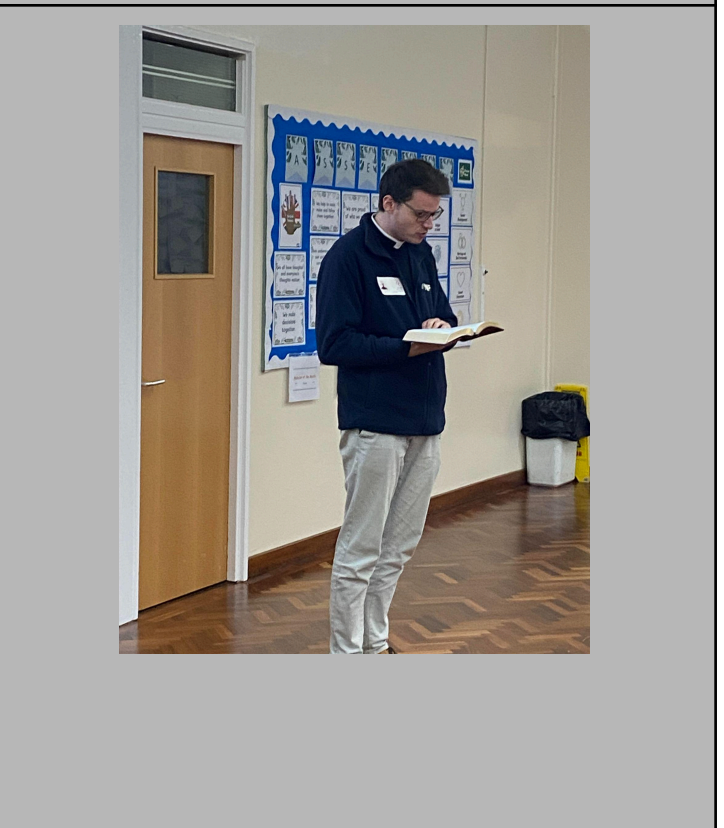
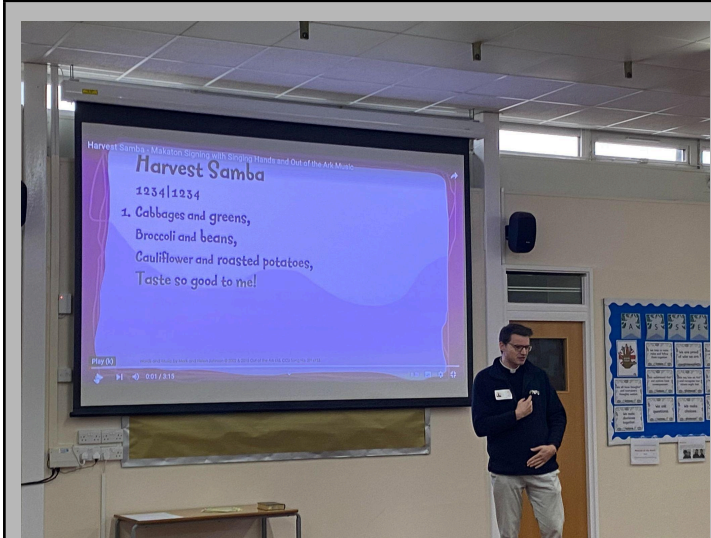
Times Tables Leaders
Well done to...

1. Mo
2. Tanya
3. Toni

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

Harvest time

This week Reverend Edward Keene visited our assembly from St Nicholas church to talk to our pupils about the importance and meaning of Harvest. He discussed the ancient Harvest festival traditions in Britain and how we celebrate them in schools today. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed a sing along !





Class: Blackman

This week in Blackman class we have been thinking about ways we could improve our school, in terms of both the environment and our learning.

We discussed the practicality of some suggestions (bring your adults to school with you everyday!)

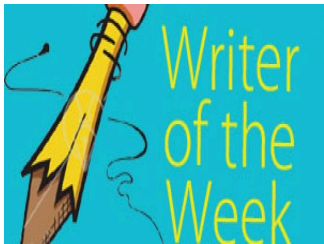
Some suggestions were;

Formal peer mentor training

Allergy safe lunches for all

Seasonal decorations in classes

Outdoor water dispenser



Class: Zephaniah

In Zephaniah class this week, we have begun to write our letters to football players addressing child labour, and how the book 'Kick' reflects the reality of millions of children all around the world. Afia has written an incredible paragraph highlighting this.

'At school, our class and teacher have been reading the prize-winning, first-class, best-selling book 'Kick' by Mitch Johnson. The story follows a young football-obsessed boy called Budi, who dreams of playing for one of the most renowned teams on Earth instead of slaving away every day, sweating over every stitch as he sews football boots in a factory in Jakarta. What if he made your football boots?

Despite Budi being a fictional character, his story illustrates reality for 152 million children globally who are subject to child labour, just for you to wear your favourite players' kits.'



Whole school attendance target = 97%

Whole school attendance this week = 96.9%

Best class attendance this week = Malala

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The Leys Have Talent



Kireigh in year 2 Soundar class got a certificate of appreciation from football today due to his confidence growing massively and being determined to learn and not give up. He is very proud of himself managing to score a couple of goals.



Well done Kireigh



Already this term, we have trained our Year 5 Peer Mentors - Fletcher, Oliver, Felicity, Naeem, Serah, Austin, Remii, Harrison, Freddie, Nathania, Elsie and Charlie, who are working in pairs and threes one lunchtime each week to support the younger children with friendship disagreements and strategies to help them have a positive playtime.

We have also completed our first meeting with our Well-being Champions, Year 2 - Olivia and Kiera, Year 3 - Antonia and Scarlett, Year 4 - Oliver and Maaya, Year 5 - Brianna and Kunashe, Year 6 - Ethan and Delilah.

In addition to this, some of our Year 6 children will receive training to become Youth Ambassadors. This is a new county initiative to train children to support themselves and their peers and to give children a voice to improve mental health services for themselves and others.

Spiritual, Moral, Social 🏆, Cultural and British Values

In Year One this week we have been learning about the changing seasons, we have focused on the seasons of Autumn and the changes that it brings. We had a special Harvest assembly led by Reverend Edward Keene and then we wrote our own Autumn repeating poems. Kerr class then made a poem together as a whole class and learnt to perform it using sign language.

Autumn

I see fluffy orange squirrels.

I see golden leaves falling down.

I see spooky orange pumpkins.

I see Autumn all around.

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Performances at the Leys!

This year we are doing a big push on oracy and public speaking. As a result we will be giving each class at least 2 opportunities to perform. Please see the timetable below to see when your child will be performing. It would be fantastic to see you there to support them.

Aut 1	Aut 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 5 Class Assembly/ Performance	iRock EYFS- Christmas stay and share in class KS1 Christmas performances (separate yr1 and yr2) Year 3 History Fair Year 6 History Fair	Year 3 Class Assembly/ Performance	iRock Year 1 Class Assembly Year 2 History Fair	Year 4 Class Assembly/ Performance	iRock Year 6 play Year 4 History Fair Year 5 History Fair

Is your child due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2025?

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you must apply to start an infant or primary school (Reception class) in September 2025. The closing date for Reception class applications is 15 January 2025. You must still apply for a Reception place, even if you already have a place in the Nursery associated with your preferred school.

The Leys Primary and Nursery School is offering tours on:

- Monday 18th November 2024 1.30pm -2.30pm
- Thursday 21st November 2024 10am -11am
- Tuesday 26th November 2024 10am -11am
- Monday 9th December 2024 1.30pm -2.30pm
- Tuesday 10th December 2024 10am -11am

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Have you talked PANTS yet?

Since 2013, Pantosaurus has helped over six million parents to Talk PANTS and help keep children safe from sexual abuse.

Developed with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.



Contact the NSPCC Helpline

You can contact the NSPCC Helpline by calling **0808 800 5000** (11am–5pm Monday to Friday) or **emailing help@NSPCC.org.uk**.



Have you got any unwanted Christmas jumpers?

If so, we will be very pleased to take them off you. Please drop them off at the school office.



Term dates 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM

Start of term: 3 September 2024
 Inset day: 2 September 2024
 25 October 2024
 Term: 2 September - 25 October 2024
Half term holiday: 28 October - 1 November 2024
 Occasional day: 2 December 2024
 Term: 4 November - 20 December 2024
Christmas holiday: 23 December - 3 January 2025

SPRING TERM

Inset day: 6 January 2025
 Start of term: 7 January - 14 February 2025
Half term holiday: 17 February - 21 February 2025
 Term : 24 February- 4 April 2025
Easter holiday: 7 April - 21 April 2025

SUMMER TERM

Term: 22 April - 23 May 2025
 Bank Holiday: 5 May 2025
Half term holiday: 26 May - 30 May 2025
 Inset day: 2 June 2025
 23 July 2025
 Term: 2 June - 23 July 2025
Summer holiday: 24 July 2025 - 29 August 2025
Inset Days 2024 - 2025
 2 September 2024
 25 October 2024
 2 December (Occasional day) 2024
 6 January 2025
 2 June 2025 - New inset day
 23 July 2025

