



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Adelina
Murphy	Albie
Kerr	Harry
Waddell	Jack
Donaldson	Elsie
Gravett	Todi
Dahl	Joel
Freedman	Gabriella
Strong	Shaylen
Morpurgo	Maya
Lewis	Teddy
Tolkien	Aseda
Rosen	Isobella
Shakespeare	Ollie
Dickens	Emily
Kipling	Taylor

Friends of The Leys PTA

Key Dates

Non uniform 11th February £1
 Disco: 25th February 2022 at 5 to 8pm - **Postponed**
 Non uniform £1 1st April
 Non uniform £1 1st 27th May
 Summer Fair: 17th June 3.15 to 5.30pm

Friday 4th February 2022

DATES COMING UP!

Safer Internet Week from 7.2.22
 8.2.22 Parent Consultation 3.30 to 7pm
 9.2.22 Parent Consultation 3.30 to 5pm
 11.2.22 PTA Non Uniform day £1
 14.2.22-18.2.22- Half Term
 25.2.22 School Disco- postponed
 1.3.22 Shrove Tuesday
 2.3.22 Author visit pm
 3.3.22 World Book Day
 18.3.22 Sports Relief- Wear something Sporty £1
 1.4.22 Non Uniform Day £1- end of term at 1.30pm

Safer Internet Week

Please visit our *Esafty* website page for advice and tips

<https://www.leys.herts.sch.uk/parents-esafty.html>



Attendance Awards	Kipling and Kerr
Friendship Cup	Antonia V
Headteachers Awards	
Reception	Robyn
Year 1	
Year 2	Alexander, Serah, Olivia
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	

This week is Mental Health week at The Leys. Mental health has become increasingly important, especially since the COVID- 19 lockdowns.

Across the school, throughout the year, we have been raising the profile of mental health and trying to encourage children and adults to talk about their own mental health, and coping strategies. The children have amazed us with their resilience and hope for the future. With mental health week underway, we are seeing some lovely activities taking place across the school to help children with strategies for coping with their emotions, and putting support networks in place for those who need it.

CLASS OF THE WEEK



This week Strong class has started a new book in English, over the next few weeks we will be learning about Arthur and Golden Rope; in this story Arthur is sent out to the land of the Viking Gods in order to try and save his village. This story links into our topic in History where we have been learning about the Vikings. This week some of Strong class have been spotted in the meadow with Chrombooks, these children have been taking pictures of the meadow and have used these pictures in Art to create artwork that has been inspired by our Flotsam topic that we have just finished..



Class: Freedman
Pupil: Jacob

We were describing a picture from the whole school text, Flotsam



Along the beach, there was a boy with a mustard yellow shirt and patterned green shorts. The poor boy was crushed by a colossal wave. He had slimy seaweed all over him! There was an old sea camera with barnacles and seaweed over it. His bucket had toppled over by the rough waves. The lovely smell of fried chips and donuts filled his nose. He was frightened and confused because of the gigantic wave and the camera in front of him! The boy could taste the disgusting salt water in his mouth. There were people talking and relaxing in the modern houses next to the beach. The sand was soggy and the boy was being tickled by the jelly like seaweed.

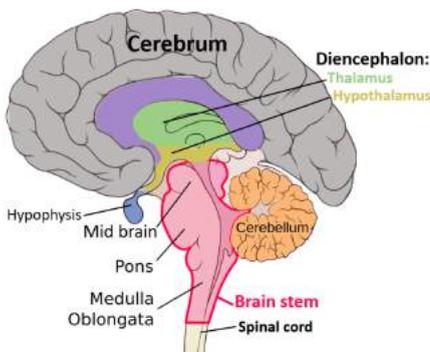
Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

During mental health week, the year 6 children have been taking part in a range of mindfulness activities including belly breathing, finger breathing, zentangle art and step by step drawings.

The children also took part in a stress bucket activity, which helped highlight both the stresses in their lives, and the protective factors they have.

Aimee said "I did not realise how many stressors I have stored in me, so I need to reduce it"

Edward explained that "When my bucket overflows I can relieve the stress by playing footy" while Ellen felt that talking to her friends or drawing is the best way for her to reduce her stress levels.



As part of mental health week all the children have been learning about the brain. The younger children have been learning that the brain is like a muscle and we need to make it work by tackling tricky problems in order to help our brains to grow. The older children have been learning the part of the brain and what they do, using the hand model (see the link below) and also learning how thoughts, emotions and behaviour are linked together.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRmnVmELMn8&t=59s>

The Leys Have Talent

We have a talented dance teacher, Mr Sapsed, who has received many 'WOW' awards to recognise his talent.

As an after school extra curricular activity, he comes into our school and teaches many of the children dance and they thoroughly enjoy it!



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The Food Rescue Hub

The Food Rescue Hub is an eco-community who save food from supermarkets that would otherwise end up in the bin. It is not a food bank, **everyone is welcome**. They always have a huge amount of fruit, veg, bread and tinned foods. People are allowed to fill two bags and pay £5 (or what they can afford). The Food Rescue Hub is run from the Our Mutual Friend pub, Broadwater Crescent, SG2 8EH, on a Saturday morning 9:30am - 11am.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/917416198459976/?ref=share>

PE Update

This term in PE, our focus with the whole school has been gymnastics. Year groups from Nursery - Year 6 have been working hard on learning and improving their gymnastics skills.

Here are some examples from children in Year 5:



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Find the support you need at the Families First Portal

Families First is the name for early help in Hertfordshire. It is a way of getting extra support for your family to help you manage problems early on.

Families First is available to all Hertfordshire families with children under 18 (25 if they have a learning need or disability).

Visit the portal for more information, with direct links to:-

- [Relationship Support](#)
- [Childcare and advice for parents](#)
- [Money advice](#)
- [Emotional and mental health](#)
- [Domestic abuse support](#)
- [Staying healthy](#)
- [Online Safety](#)
- [SEND Local Offer](#)

and many other useful links

"I am struggling to cope with everything at present, so feeling overwhelmed."

"I'm worried about my child's behaviour in school and at home"

"I'm worried about money"

"I need reassurance and support"



HOLIDAYS

Please be aware that the government continues to regard holidays during term time as unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances to consider. Parents who decide to take pupils on holiday during term time may incur a fine.

Please note that the May half term break has been extended on both sides to allow more time for travelling for planned holidays.

Friday 27th May 2022 Occasional Day due to Queen's Platinum Jubilee- school is closed

May half term Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Monday 6th June Inset Day- School is closed

Pupils return on Tuesday 7th June 2022

Don't forget to book on

 The Leys Fun and Games Club! Breakfast & After-School Club

BREAKFAST CLUB

- Breakfast Club runs from 7.30am to 8:45 am and includes breakfast.
- Breakfast club costs £3.50 per child per day.
- Children must be signed into the club by whoever is bringing them to school.

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- Children should not be dropped at the gate and sent into the club on their own. Breakfast on offer includes such choices as: cereal, toast, croissants, fruit, and fruit juices.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

- After School Club runs from 3.15 to 6.00 pm in two sessions:
- 3.15 - 5:00pm Session A £7.00 per day per child
- 3.15 - 6.00 pm Session B £8.50 per day per child
- A snack such as sandwiches, wraps, cheese, biscuits, and fruits are served to all children attending the after-school club.

Planned activities available may include:

- Creative art and crafts activities - painting, drawing, cutting, sticking and model making.
- Free play - activities chosen by your child.
- Imaginative play - dressing up and role play.
- Messy play - sand water clay and dough
- Outside play - depending on weather.
- Sports activities - organised by our PE staff.
- Various special events - disco, face painting, cooking, movie & popcorn

Term dates 2021-2022

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AUTUMN TERM Start of term: 2 September 2021 Inset day: 1 September Term: 2 September -21 October Half term holiday: 25 October 2021 - 29 October 2021 Inset day: 22 October Term: 1 November -21 December Occasional Day: 6 December Christmas holiday: 22 December 2021 - 5 January 2022	SPRING TERM Inset day: 5 January 2022 Term: 6 January - 11 February Half term holiday: 14 February 2022 - 18 February 2022 Term : 21 February-1 April Easter holiday: 4 April 2022 - 18 April 2022	SUMMER TERM Term: 19 April - 26 May Half term holiday: 30 May 2022 - 3 June 2022 Inset Day: 6 June Occasional day: 27 May Term: 7 June-21 July Inset day 22 July Summer holiday: 22 July 2022 - 31 August 2022

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