



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 8th October 2021

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Scarlett
Murphy	Santino
Kerr	Riley
Waddell	Hannah
Donaldson	Oliver
Gravett	James
Dahl	Timi
Freedman	Filips
Strong	Antonia
Morpurgo	Siji
Lewis	Ethan
Tolkien	Ryan
Rosen	Alexis
Shakespeare	James
Dickens	Ester
Kipling	Isabelle, Jack

Friends of The Leys PTA
Key Dates

Non uniform day 21st
October £1
Disco: 15th October at 5 to
8pm
Non uniform 11th February
£1
Disco: 25th February 2022
at 5 to 8pm
Non uniform £1 1st April
Non uniform £1 1st 27th May
Summer Fair: 1st July 3.15 to
5.30pm

DATES COMING UP!

13.10 Year 6 Manor Meeting at
6pm
14.10 Year 6 Manor Meeting at 9
am
11.10 to 15.10 Harvest collection
15.10 Stay & Play - Reception
pupils & Parents
15.10 -Autumn Disco 5 to 8pm
19.10 to 20.10- Parent Consultation
19.10 Year 5 Class Assembly at 9.15
am
20.10- No PENs day
21.10 Google classroom workshop
for parents
21.10 - Non uniform day £1- pupils
break up for half term
22.10- Inset day
1.11- Pupils Return
1st - 5th Nov Y6 Manor Adventure
4.11 Year 3 Celtic Harmony Trip
15 -19th Anti Bullying Week
15.11 - Odd Socks Day
22.11 - 26.11- STEAM week &
Bikeability Week
2.12 Aladdin Theatre in Y3-6 AM
6.12 - Occasional Day- School is
closed
7.12 Year 5 Trip Exo Mars discovery
centre
9.12 Puss in Boots Pantomime
YR-Y2 PM
10.12 Enterprise Day
13.12 - 17.12 EYFS & KS1 Christmas
productions week & Junior
Church Service
17.12 Christmas Jumper and
Dinner Day

21.12- Last day of term - 1.30pm
finish

Attendance Awards	Gravett Donaldson
Friendship Cup	Abigail & Rebecca J
Headteacher Awards	
Reception	
Year 1	Ahmad, Alaya-Rose, Ernie, Lettie Marnie, Noah, Benjamin, Oakley, Hannah, Saaya Amaya, Natan
Year 2	
Year 3	Liam V, Joel Spence, Muhammed B Alfie H, Erin H, Amber K, Kobi W, Divya, Millie Mary A, Delilah,
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	Nabeel, Emily C, Oliver, Ester, Joseph, Abi, Aimee, Lois, Salman, Ellen .

CLASS OF THE WEEK



Lewis

Congratulations to Lewis class, they have been chosen as class of the week this week for outstanding effort in their writing! They have all been writing stories related to the short clip 'Alma' and their effort has been amazing. They have all written fantastic stories with high-levelled description and detail which includes setting and character description, building tension and speech! They should all be very proud of themselves!



Donaldson

Oliver Petrehele recount about our visit to the zoo

At the start of the day we all boarded the coach. Next we arrived at the zoo. When we arrived the first animal we saw was a dwarf crocodile with fish. Next we saw butterflies and the butterflies were from different countries. Next we saw a snake and the snake was alone. Next we saw a fake dinosaur and one of them blinked twice. Next we saw red pandas in the tree and then we saw tigers.

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Readers of the Month



Reader of the month: Year 6

Ellen has taken to reading books about World War Two to further her knowledge, here is Ellen with her favourite book.



Reader of the month: Year 1

Oscar is often found in the reading area during Child Initiated Learning. Oscar loves reading because "It's so good for your body to have calm time when you been running around." Well said Oscar!



WELLBEING



This Sunday, 10th October, is **World Mental Health Day** and the World Federation for Mental Health are raising awareness about mental health, prevention, advocacy and best practice for proper treatment and care worldwide. They are particularly asking us to think about the issues that cause mental health inequality both locally and globally. Stigma, misconceptions and discrimination towards those with mental health issues is one key reason for these inequalities. Almost 9 out of 10 people with mental health problems say that the stigma surrounding mental health has a negative impact on their education, work and personal lives. The stigma around mental health can make it more difficult for those having difficulties to seek help. The children have been learning more about mental health and normalizing the discussion about all of our mental health and wellbeing, in order to help break down these barriers for future generations.

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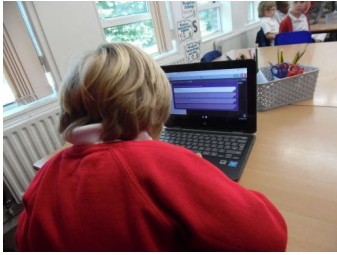
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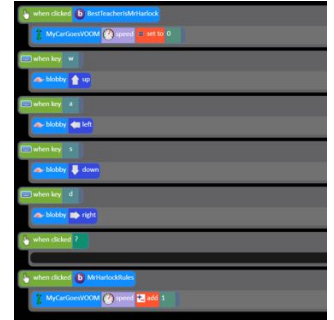
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In Year 2 & 4, we have been learning about 'coding'. In pairs, the children gave each other instructions on how to get across the classroom. Using the 2code program on Purple Mash, we programmed an astronaut to get back to his spaceship.



Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

Year 4 have been learning a lot about Buddhism recently.

So far this term, they have learnt about the origins of the religion and what it means to find enlightenment.



In History, they have learnt about the Gurkhas in association with our international week for Nepal.

The Gurkhas are soldiers from Nepal who are recruited into the British Army, and have been for the last 200 years.

Young Carers- Aspiring us every day!

This week Mrs Davies worked with pupils from Year 3 & 4 to design and create their own mask!



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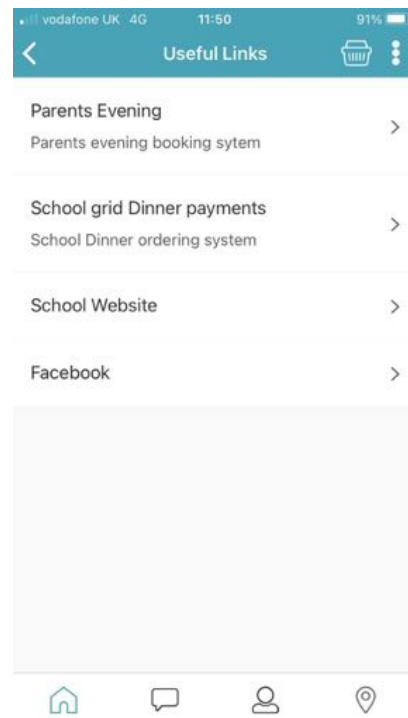
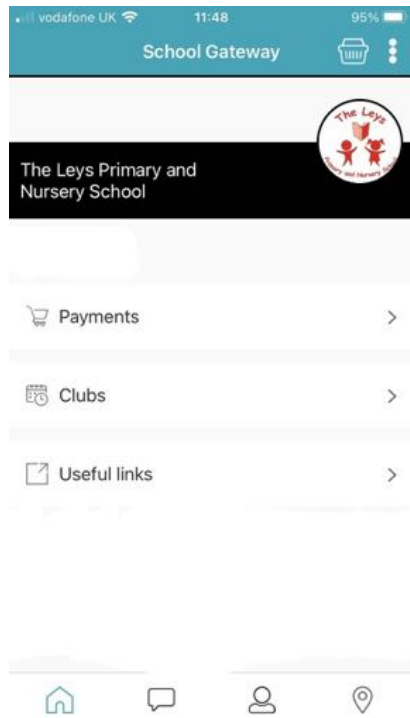
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School Gateway

Please see images below and find how you can access other useful links such as School grid, school website, our facebook page and our Parents Evening portal using ONLY using School Gateway.



Lost Uniform

Every parent of a child in school knows the pain of losing clothing or uniform that is never returned (especially when they are new or expensive items!). We ask for parents/ carers to label everything and speak to your child about looking after their own items. This week, many pupils have left their jumpers and coats on the playground- many of which are unnamed. At The Leys, we are teaching our pupils to become more independent and responsible. If your child does not come home with correct items- please email your child's year group or contact their class teacher.

The school office should not be approached

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love | mercy | action



As part of our Harvest celebrations this October, we are supporting the Stevenage Foodshed by organising donations from our school community. Please send in the following items into school that have been listed by Stevenage Foodshed: Pasta sauces/ Soups/ Tinned Meat/ Tinned Fruit/ Tinned Veg + Potatoes + Tomatoes/ UHT Milk/ Biscuits / Juice/Squash/ Sugar/ Shower gel/ Shampoo & conditioners/ Toilet roll



We are collecting Morrison school vouchers!



Christmas Production events

Please note these events are subject to change should the local area see a rise in cases.

10.12 Enterprise Day

Nursery - Mon 13/12/21 - 09:30 & 14:00

Rec - Weds 15/12/21 - 09:30 & 14:00

Year 1 - Thurs 16/12/21 - 9:30 & 14:00

Year 2 - Tuesday 14/12/21 - 9:30 & 14:00

17.12 Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

17.12 Junior Church Service

More details to follow

Parent Partnership

Class assembly- Year 5 on 19/10/2021 at 9.15am

Google classroom workshop for all parents- 21/10/21
at 9 am- 9.30am

Stay & Play 9am to 9.30am

These sessions are aimed for EYFS parents only, please drop your child at their classroom door and then make your way to the main sports field- where Mr Byford will meet you. After registration, all pupils will join their parent/ carer to complete some fun activities.

Friday 15th Oct- Reception

Friday 5th Nov- Nursery

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Autumn Parent Consultation

These meetings will be taking place on Tuesday 19th October from 3.30pm to 7pm and Wednesday 20th October from 3.30pm to 5pm.

We will be offering both face to face or phone call meetings.

More details to follow

2022-23 EYFS Tours

Please come along and join us on our full tours of the school on;

9am on 13th October 2021

9am on 10th November 2021

1.30pm 18th November 2021

1.30pm 2nd December 2021

Contact the school office to book a place.

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

Pupis 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.
- 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:

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- 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

<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
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