



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Masood
Murphy	Gabriella
Kerr	Dylan
Waddell	Odin
Donaldson	Charlie
Gravett	Freddy
Dahl	Olivia
Freedman	Fiza
Strong	Ella
Morpurgo	Elliot
Tolkien	Bobbey
Lewis	Jack
Rosen	Chantelle
Shakespeare	Hannah
Dickens	Bella
Kipling	Gracie

## Friends of The Leys PTA Key Dates

Non uniform £1 1st April  
 Non uniform £1 1st 27th May  
 Summer Fair: 17th June 3.15 to 5.30pm

## Friday 11th March 2022

### DATES COMING UP!

18.3.22 Red Nose Day- Wear something red £1  
 25.3.22 School Disco  
 1.4.22 Non Uniform Day £1- end of term at 1.30pm

## 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**

Attendance Awards	Strong and Gravett
Friendship Cup	
Headteachers Awards	
Reception	
Year 1	Oliver, Benjamin, Lucie, Hannah, Saaya, Ronnie, Ella, Marnie, Lucy, Odin, Amaya, Mia, Olivia, Harlie
Year 2	
Year 3	Logan, Isla, Jacob and Octavian
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	

## Easter Poetry Competition

**Chocolate, lambs and a hot cross bun, time for some Easter fun!**

Create an Easter poem, in any form that you like. How about an acrostic, rhyming or shape poem? The choice is yours!

**Make it as imaginative and creative as you can!**

There will be one winner from each year group! **Winners will win an easter surprise!**

Please give your entries to your class teacher.



**Deadline:  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup>  
March.**



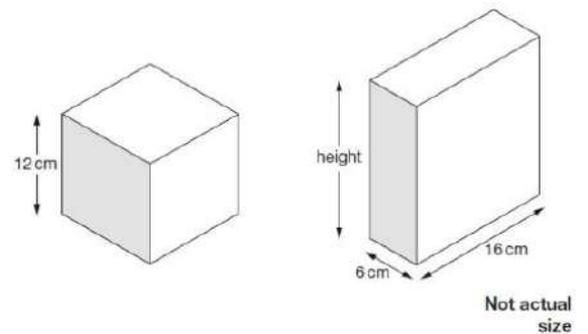
# UPDATE

## MATHS

This week In Nursery, children have been learning animal rhymes and songs such as "Five little monkeys". They have also been practising saying numbers in order, counting in 1 to 1 correspondence and getting to grips with repeating patterns. The learning in Reception builds on this with children this week counting to 10 daily, looking at numbers to 5 and discussing more and fewer, 1 more and 1 less, and number bonds to 5.

Higher up the school, children have been investigating fractions. In particular, Year 4 have been exploring methods to subtract fractions. Pupils have really enjoyed learning new concepts and investigated how to use bar models and number sentences to explain their answers. In Year 5, pupils have been building on prior fractions knowledge - more specifically what a fraction is, the difference between unit and non-unit fractions and equivalent fractions. The sequential build continues into Year 6, where pupils have been working on how to convert fractions into percentages and decimals. Our oldest children have also been honing their problem-solving skills by tackling questions linked to measurement (see attached example).

The cube and cuboid have equal volumes.



Calculate the height of the cuboid.

### CLASS OF THE WEEK



### Year 2 Donaldson Science

This week in science we have been learning about the properties of paper. We did an investigation about which type of paper is most suitable for wrapping gifts and we also did an investigation into how absorbent different types of paper are. We were amazed at how absorbent kitchen paper was compared with all the other types of paper.



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Class: Lewis  
Pupil: Maya

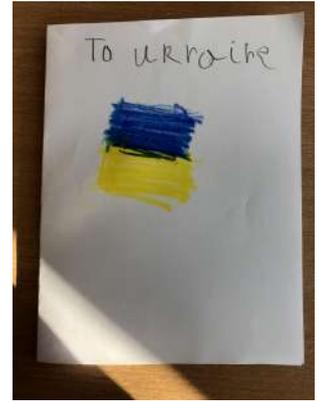
### Climax Paragraph: A Journey to Mars

Then, out of nowhere, all of the noises and echos died away in their own screams. The boy was surrounded with grinding and groaning cracks as the ground was ripped into sickening pieces. He gripped his knuckles until they turned pale and white. The boy continued his voyage, camouflaged in his own sweat and fear. He curled his hand into a fist as he saw a creature, but not even just a creature... a creature never seen before... a creature as tall as the Olympus Mons. The terrified boy started to shout, his voice, shrill and harsh, like the shriek of a seagull which was full of despair. Would he survive? Nobody knew...

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

In year one we have spoken about what is currently happening in Ukraine.

We spoke about how we want to show our respect to Ukraine and painted some sunflowers. We also explored how the flag is different to ours.



Last week our Well-being Champions met up and there was lots of news to catch up on. Firstly we discussed the Mental Health week and the outcomes of the surveys we completed before half term. We also shared how our new initiative 'Helping Hands' was going. This was started by Lily and Eliza in Year 6, to provide peer to peer support during lunchtime. Currently all the Well-being Champions in years 4 to 6 are taking turns to stay in the Key stage 2 hub for part of their lunchtime one day a week to talk to other children and help them with problems. Next term we are also planning to get some Year 5 children trained to deliver this type of support, so that we can extend this for key stage 1 and EYFS children too.



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## The Leys Have Talent



Kai, in Year 5, is a very talented swimmer! He started swimming at a very young age and has taken part in many competitions. His most recent competition was at the Stevenage Swimming Centre where he took part in the 'Turtle Gala'. Amazingly, he won a gold medal for his 25metre front crawl, a bronze for his 25 metre breaststroke and a bronze for his back stroke. He



also has another competition this Saturday! Good Luck Kai!

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:

- 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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<p><b>AUTUMN TERM</b>  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><b>SPRING TERM</b>  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><b>SUMMER TERM</b>  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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