

The Leys Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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Merry Christmas



From everyone at the Leys Primary and Nursery School

LAST DAY OF TERM

Friday 18 Dec

School closes early

1.15 p.m. for Year 5 and 6.

1.30 p.m for all other years

Star of the Week

Zephaniah	Gabriel
Anderson	Maaya
Sendak	Lily D
Carle	Kye
Hargreaves	Millie
Ahlberg	Liam
Dahl	Jack
Freedman	Amber
Strong	Malachi
Pratchett	Ethan
Morpurgo	Maya
Tolkien	Jenna
Lewis	Emily C
Rosen	Nikodem
Shakespeare	Chris
Dickens	Kelsey
Kipling	Charlie

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME!

We have a lot of examples of how our pupils have thought about others and embraced the true Christmas spirit of giving!!!!



Pupils from the Leys have now sent over 150 Christmas cards to 4 different care homes, with more being sent out each week! This week, some children in Year 6 received their first thank you card from a vulnerable elderly person they had sent Christmas cards to.

The children were overjoyed to receive their post and hear how happy the card made one elderly gentleman who had lost his wife this year!

We are so proud of our pupils!

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON 5th JANUARY

Class of the week	Year 5
Best attendance EYFS/KS1	100% ANDERSON
Best attendance KS2	DICKENS
Headteacher Awards	YEAR
Ronnie T Jack W Ava Rose W Hailey R Mia P Hannah K	RECEPTION
	ONE
	TWO
Lilly-May J Maya S Ellenora Y Cyprian S Oliver S Paris N Tiara O	THREE
Lucianna Y Kai C Daisy R Veda K	FOUR
	FIVE
Charlie P	SIX

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FOOD BANK FRIDAY!



Thank you to everyone in the community who has contributed to Food Bank Friday! We are supremely grateful for your generosity. We will share these groceries among our families who are needing support in these difficult times. It is very much appreciated!

Morpurgo are full of Christmas cheer and generosity! 🍷

Instead of receiving presents from their teachers they have decided to donate the money to Exotic Animal Encounter, who visited them last year. Due to Covid they are struggling to feed the animals, so thank you to Year 4 for being so generous!!! **The animals say thank you!!!!**



Thank you Morpurgo!

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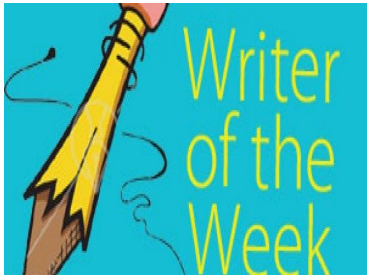
Well done to Year 5 and all our staff who have been home learning due to the fact that the bubble had to self isolate! Pupils had had to keep to a regular timetable of work and meet their teachers online for teaching sessions. I can see they have been completing the same work as if they were at school. We are all really proud of you and we are looking forward to you returning to school next week to join us for more Christmas celebrations!

We look forward to hearing from our Nursery pupils next week!

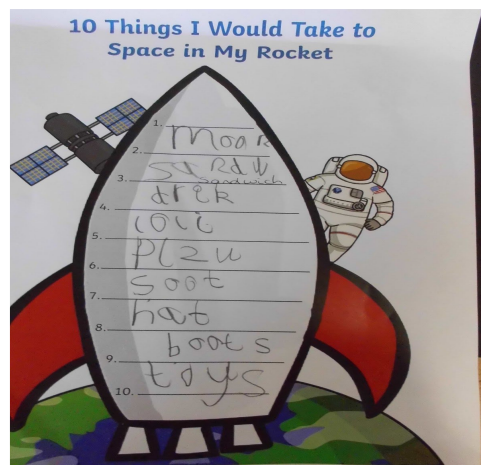
CLASS of the WEEK - Anderson



This week Anderson Class has been having fun making decorations for the classroom to get ready for Christmas. They had a lot of fun seeing who could make the longest paper chain, making snowflakes and decorating other Christmas themed shapes. The class has been full of glitter and sparkles.



Writer of the Week-
Maaya- Anderson



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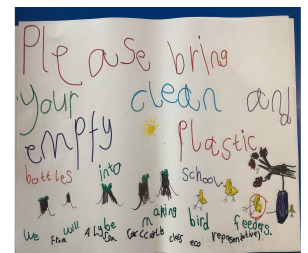
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TEN POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH HABITS THAT WILL HELP YOU DEAL WITH CHALLENGING EVENTS

1. **TALKING** By talking about your thoughts and feelings, people will be able to help you problem solve and get the best support
2. **CONNECTING** Connecting with friends and family on a regular basis can help boost mood and reduce stress
3. **VALUES** Staying connected to your values and things that are important to you will help provide you with a sense of meaning
4. **THINKING ERRORS** Writing down your thoughts on a piece of paper and identifying thinking errors will help you spot any unhelpful thinking styles
5. **EXERCISE** Engaging in regular exercise can support you to feel better and less stressed
6. **RELAXATION** Scheduling in time for yourself where you can relax is important for your overall well being
7. **STRENGTHS** Identifying and working towards your strengths daily will provide you with an extra sense of confidence
8. **MINDFULNESS** Engaging in mindfulness activities can calm both your mind and body and help you stay focused on the present moment
9. **PROBLEM SOLVE** Problem solving can help reduce worry and provide you with a practical solution to any problems you are facing
10. **CHALLENGING THOUGHTS** Challenging unhelpful thoughts can be a useful technique for helping to provide you with accurate, realistic and more helpful thoughts

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values



Our school Eco monitors have been considering different ways of how we can improve our school community to make it more eco friendly. The children had a meeting and discussed different points such as recycling plastic, the use of glitter and increasing the amount of wildlife we have in our school grounds. The children have worked hard to create posters to encourage others to bring in plastic bottles to be used as bird feeders. The children in Year 1 have been working hard this week to make bird feeders to be placed outside to help the birds over the winter. We hope to see a range of wildlife outside and many different birds using our new bird feeders!

Headteacher Highlights this week!

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Thank you to Shining Stars who showed me some wonderful Christmas stocking that they made in class themselves!!! Let's hope that Santa notices when he visits on Christmas eve!!!



Oliver in Year 3 bought me some Stone age stone made from salt dough and a book about Christmas around the world! Loved it Oliver!



Our very own artist Veda in Year 4 went home and painted a portrait of Bradley Bartleby from our Christmas story 'The Santa Trap'!!!! You are very talented Veda!



It was so exciting when several members of Zephaniah class came to see me to show them their writing. They had to make a list of all the things they would need to pack if they were going on a voyage to Space!!

DATES COMING UP!

Friday 11 Dec	Year3 Enterprise Day
Monday 14th Dec	Year5 Enterprise Day Year 4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15th Dec	Reception Christmas party Year 6 Christmas party
Wednesday 16th Dec	Wear a Christmas Jumper Day and bring a Santa Hat! Xmas dinner Santa dash (wear Santa hat!)
Thursday 17th Dec	Year 1 Christmas party Year 3 party Year 5 Christmas party Nursery Christmas party
Friday 18th Dec	Own clothes day (no donation required) School closes early: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.15 p.m. Year 5 and 6 1.30 p.m. ALL year groups
5 January 2021	Pupils return to school

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<p>Start of term: 3 September 2020</p> <p>Inset day: 2 September</p> <p>Term: 3 September -23 October</p> <p><u>Half term holiday: 26 October 2020 - 30 October 2020</u></p> <p>Inset day: 2 November</p> <p>Term: 3 November -18 December</p> <p>Occasional Day: 7 December</p> <p><u>Christmas holiday: 21 December 2020 - 3 January 2021</u></p>	<p>Inset day: 4 January</p> <p>Term: 5 January - 12 February</p> <p><u>Half term holiday: 15 February 2021 - 19 February 2021</u></p> <p>Term : 22 February-26 March 2021</p> <p><u>Easter holiday: 29 March 2021 - 9 April 2021</u></p>	<p>Term: 12 April - 28 May</p> <p><u>Half term holiday: 31 May 2021 - 4 June 2021</u></p> <p>Inset Day: 7 June</p> <p>Term: 8 June-21 July</p> <p>Inset day 22 July</p> <p><u>Summer holiday: 23 July 2021 - 31 August 2021</u></p>
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