



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

## Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Hajara
Murphy	Henry
Kerr	Lettie
Waddell	Ella
Donaldson	Afia
Gravett	Holly
Dahl	Lily
Freedman	Olly
Strong	Olive
Morpurgo	Brayden
Lewis	Ronnie Fountain
Tolkien	Elizabeth Ryan
Rosen	Zack
Shakespeare	Charlie
Dickens	Emily C
Kipling	Mayci-Lou

## 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

## Friday 15th October 2021

### DATES COMING UP!

19.10 to 20.10- Parent Consultation  
 19.10 Year 5 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	Tolkien Class Jeffers Clas
Friendship Cup	Bailey C
Headteacher Awards	
Reception	<b>Lexi-May &amp; Joseph D-</b>
Year 1	<b>Maaya, Oscar, Esme-Harper, Barnaby, Charlie, Sophie, Tieri, Nila, Jennifer</b>
Year 2	<b>Kyler May, Lilly, Poppy</b>
Year 3	<b>Millie, Logan, Isla, Mia, Tamaya, Fiza</b>
Year 4	<b>Tiara</b>
Year 5	
Year 6	<b>Ester, Rhys, Sidney</b>

### Parent/ Carer Code of Conduct

**Dear Parents, our staff are working extremely hard at The Leys, to ensure all pupils are making great progress, feeling happy and settled at school!**

**I ask for you all to be mindful of your tone and manner towards them and in front of our pupils at The Leys!**

**Unfortunately, if incidents are repeated, we will issue warnings and barring to the school site. Please see our updated Code of Conduct for Members of our community.**

## CLASS OF THE WEEK



### Murphy - Talk for Writing

In Reception we have been learning to retell stories. Over the last few weeks we have been learning the story 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children have had great fun retelling the story to Mrs Khangura and then acting it out on the playground. The children are now able to tell the story without help using a story map.



Class: Kerr  
Pupil: Maaya G

### Facts about Lewis Hamilton by Maaya G

Lewis Hamilton is 36 years old.

Lewis Hamilton is a vegan.

Lewis Hamilton has won 7 Formula 1 championships,  
He was born in Stevenage. He went to Peartree Springs Primary School.

He drives very fast cars. His car is black.



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# Sports Update

## Year 6 Sports Ambassador Training

On Tuesday 5th October, our school Sports Ambassadors were taken out on a trip to Barnwell school with Mr Newlands to improve their knowledge and game understanding in their new role as Sports Ambassadors. During this session, they were taught a number of new games and ideas to play with our KS1 students. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed their trip offsite and have gained lots of knowledge to use with our younger pupils.



## Year 5 / 6 Girls Football Tournament

On Friday 8th October, 9 of our Year 5 and 6 pupils were taken off site to compete in their first ever tournament of this academic year. The girls didn't get off to the best start, losing their first match but after a good team talk they went on to win the next 3 matches and draw 1. We then progressed into the semi finals against Trots Hill and won the game 2-1. This meant we were in the finals vs Giles. After drawing 2-2 in normal time the match then went to penalties and unfortunately we went on to lose 5-4 in the shootout. The girls should be extremely proud of themselves considering it's their first match together. Mr Newlands is very proud of the girls and they have all received a headteachers award for their tremendous effort in the



tournament!

## Year 5 / 6 Mixed Football Tournament

On Tuesday 12th October, 8 of our Year 5 and 6 pupils were taken off site to compete in their first ever tournament of this academic year. The group got off to a good start by winning their first match against Round Diamond. We then played 3 more games back to back beating St Vincent de Paul, Martins Wood and Trots Hill. 4 wins out of 4! What an amazing effort by the group. The pupils should be extremely proud of themselves considering it's their first tournament together. Mr Newlands is very proud of the group and we look forward to playing in the next round of the tournament on Friday 15th! Can we bring home a trophy on Friday? 100% !!!



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All our pupils across the school have worked incredibly hard during their curriculum time lessons. There has been the continued focus of health and wellbeing both physically and mentally. This has been shared with our focus on ball skills in KS2, exploring balls in KS1 and core physical and social skills in EYFS.

The application and work ethic has been amazing and the childrens energy has been infectious.

Please keep up the good work and continue to be as active as possible outside of school time to continue the pleasing progress!!

Many Thanks

Mr Byford  
Mr Newlands



WELLBEING



### Mental Health Support Teams in Schools



We need young people to to create an eye-catching logo for our service.

Submit design entries now to the Mental Health Lead in school.

Wellbeing Pack Prize for the winner!

Closing date for submissions Friday 29 October 2021

We need a LOGO!

Competition

Winner's Wellbeing Prize

#### October "Design a logo" competition

As October is the month we mark World Mental Health Day, Mental Health Support Teams in schools are asking our students to help create a logo for the service.

The winning logo will be chosen based on what the teams think best represents the service, in the most eye-catching and appealing way for other young people. There will be a wellbeing pack prize for the winner. The winning logo (or an adaptation of the concept) will be used on all communications for the service.

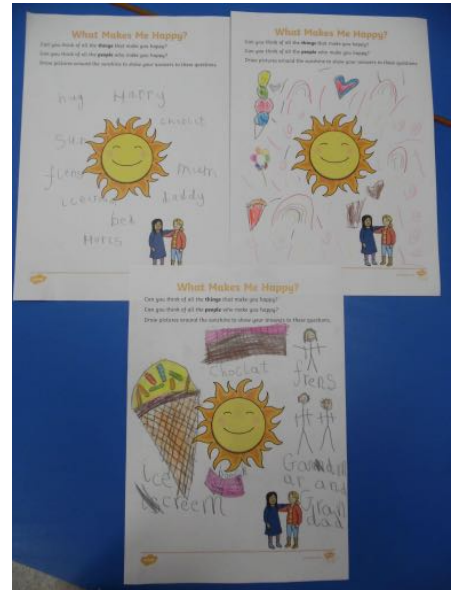
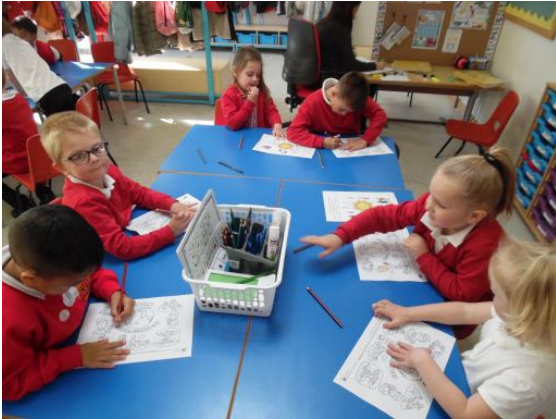
Entries should be submitted to our Mental Health Lead: **via [admin@leys.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@leys.herts.sch.uk)**, and should include the student's name, school year group and contact details please.

Closing date for submissions is **Friday 29 October 2021**

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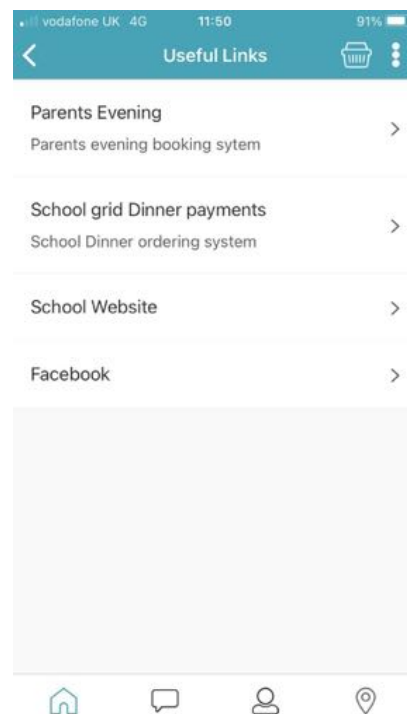
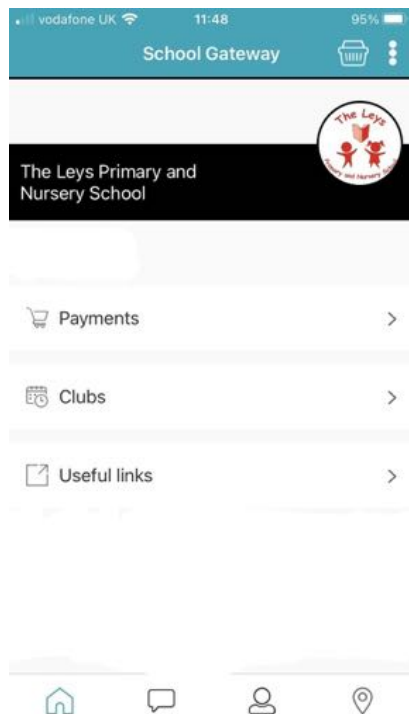
## Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

In Year 1 we talked about what mental health is and how important it is to have good mental health. We wrote and drew pictures about what makes us happy and coloured in World Mental Health Day pictures.



## 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.



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## 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**

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## ***Parent Partnership***

### **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.

**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 5th Nov- Nursery**

**Stay & Share KS1 & KS2 -8.50 to 9.10 am**

These sessions will take place in your child's classroom, with only one parent per child- all visitors will need to wear a mask and only stay with their child. I am afraid there will be no entry without a mask and adults will be asked to hand sanitise on entry.

Friday 12th November- Year 1

Friday 19th November- Year 2

Friday 26th November- Year 3

Friday 3rd December - Year 4

Friday 14th January - Year 5

Friday 21st January - Year 6

### **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.*

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# 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:

- 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

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## Term dates 2021-2022

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