



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 21st January 2022

DATES COMING UP!

28.1.22 Parent Forum (pm)
 Mental Health Week from 31.1.22
 4.2.22 Non- Uniform Day £1
 Fundraiser for Charity.
 4.2.22 Pupil Parliament
 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
 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



White Rose have launched a fantastic FREE Maths app for KS1 children which can be used at home and is available for use on Apple, Android and Kindle devices.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/latest-news/introducing-our-brand-new-app-1-minute-maths>

Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Gregory
Murphy	Isabella
Kerr	Iyla
Waddell	Noah
Donaldson	Harrison
Gravett	immie
Dahl	Harry
Freedman	Paige
Strong	Amber
Morpurgo	Tiara
Lewis	Mia Jakovleva
Tolkien	Danny
Rosen	Taraji
Shakespeare	Raheel
Dickens	Nabeel
Kipling	Emily

Friends of The Leys PTA Key Dates

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: 17th June 3.15
 to 5.30pm

Attendance Awards	Donaldson and Freedman
Friendship Cup	Hannah K in year 1
Headteachers Awards	
Reception	
Year 1	Ronnie, Ocean, Jackson. Cooper and Odin
Year 2	Poppy, Holly, Todi, Daisy, Austin and Richard
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	Kai, Ahmad, Veda, Leah, Zachary, Jayson, Faith, Danny, Ryan, Leo, Christina, Charlie and Alexis
Year 6	Kimberley, Olivia, William, Lois and Isabelle

Covid-19 update

Due to the number of Outbreaks this week across the school, we would like all parents/ visitors on site to wear a mask on school site.

As stated in my previous letter, Hertfordshire County council agreed sibling rule is no longer something that is being applied. However all children aged 5 and above who are close contacts, whether in households or at school, can now conduct 7 days of daily LFTs, which is detailed in the close contact guidance

Symptoms to monitor

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported - ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

Key symptoms:

- A new continuous cough and/or
- High temperature and/or
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

Additional symptoms that may be early warning signs of COVID-19 in children include:

- **upset stomach, headache, sore throat, unusual fatigue and change in complex.**

UPDATE

Mathematics

At The Leys we are striving for pupils to acquire a deep, long term, secure and adaptable understanding of maths. This is being achieved through our focus on children becoming fluent in working with number; being able to reason mathematically and also apply their knowledge to solve mathematical problems. These attributes are embedded within all of our maths lessons and are developed consistently over time.



Our curriculum also supports children 'bridging the gap' between abstract mathematical concepts and concrete representations that they can manipulate (see photographs) to help them answer questions and solve problems.



In recent 'pupil voice' sessions, it was great to hear our children talk enthusiastically about their maths lessons and how they love to solve problems by applying their knowledge and skills.

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CLASS OF THE WEEK

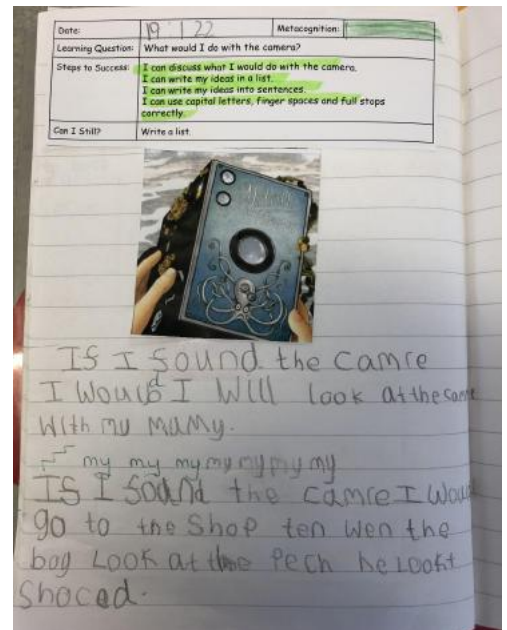


This week Strong class continued our work on the Vikings; we have been looking at where Vikings lived. We have learned about the different types of long-houses that Vikings lived in. Different types of long-houses had people living in different parts and we have been discussing where we would rather live; if we would rather live near the fire for warmth or cuddle with the animals. To show how big (75m x 6m) a Viking long-house is, Strong class went outside to the playground and measured out the footprint of one.



Class: Waddell Class
Pupil: Hannah

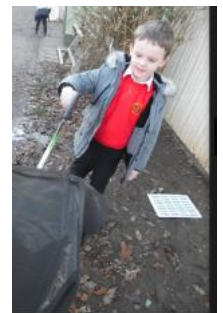
We have been focussing our learning on the book 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner. We have explored the book many times and discussed different aspects together as a class. This week our writing has focussed on the main object of the book which is a camera. We considered if we found a camera from the ocean what would we do with it, where would we take it, what pictures would we take? Etc. Below is a copy of Hannah's writing. Hannah worked really hard to focus on using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. She also took the time to think about her presentation.



Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values



This week, Year 1 have been helping to take care of the environment by having a class litter picking event. Did you know, **more than two million pieces** of litter are dropped in the UK every day? Well done Year 1 for helping out!



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WELLBEING



On the INSET day at the start of the term, all the teachers completed training on 'Understanding the Early Signs of Child Fear and Worries' with the Stevenage Mental Health workers. We learnt that worrying is a normal and natural occurrence, which helps us to perform at our best in situations such as interviews or exams. Also about how thoughts, emotions, behaviour and body sensations are linked and how to spot the early signs of potential problems in children. Moreover, that worries can be classified into two groups; rational worries, such as leaving a parent or irrational/hypothetical worries, such as the dark. Staff were also given 7 strategies to use when responding to anxious children and further resources from the Anna Freud centre to support children with fears and worries. If your child is struggling with worries, please talk to their class teacher about ideas to support them with this.

The Leys Have Talent

Rebecca, in Year 4, has an amazing talent in swimming.

She has received many certificates including her 50 metres and her level 5! Well done Rebecca!



Well done and thank you to Taha for his hard work on his school project, showing why it's so important to keep our oceans clean.
Great work!

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Free Online Safety workshop for Parents

This online webinar will cover the following topics:

- **Online safety in school:** A discussion on how online safety is taught in school through resources such as Project Evolve and Google Internet Legends
- **Safe use of online games and platforms:** A look at popular platforms and games such as Roblox, Minecraft and Tiktok
- **Managing devices:** Looking at how to set up parental controls on devices such as tablets, phones and games consoles.
- **Social Media:** Top tips and printout guides on TikTok, Twitter, Snapchat, Facebook and Instagram
- **Educating our children:** free software and resources to support parents

At the end of the session there will be an opportunity for a brief Q and A session.

We recommend you book

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/505977/online-safety-parents-workshop?fbclid=IwAR3DZjkYyZX1TWczOelxpXBOU7k-K8b98bpAOr1T7wpVSTZS4f8ZSfMio-l>

Our PE Curriculum

This week in PE, our Year 1 & 2 students have started their new dance topic which they have thoroughly enjoyed. We decided to use what they have been learning in History (The great fire of London) and cross curricular link it to their PE lessons. They started off their routines by listing 5 of the most important facts about the great fire of London and discussing how we could create dance moves to reflect them. The children did amazing and Mr Newlands looks forward to them progressing in the upcoming lessons and showing off their amazing cross curricular learning !



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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

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.
- 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

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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