



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

## Friday 22nd October 2021

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Jason
Murphy	Szymon
Kerr	Ernie
Waddell	Dhyay
Donaldson	Emily
Gravett	Lilly D
Dahl	Harry
Freedman	Mia
Strong	Alexandru
Morpurgo	Chase
Lewis	Luke Alcock
Tolkien	Veda
Rosen	Abigale
Shakespeare	Jenna
Dickens	Archie
Kipling	Emmanuel

### 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: 1st July 3.15 to  
5.30pm

### DATES COMING UP!

1.11- Pupils Return  
1st - 5th Nov Y6 Manor Adventure  
11.11 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

### Halloween Disco

*Thank you to all the staff,  
pupils and parents who  
supported this event!- it  
was a great success and  
thoroughly enjoyed by all.*

Attendance Awards	Gravett Class Strong Class
Friendship Cup	Amina Y4
Headteacher Awards	
Reception	<b>Reuben</b>
Year 1	<b>Harry &amp; Dylan</b>
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	<b>Emily &amp; Cyprian</b>
Year 5	
Year 6	

### Road Safety

**It has been reported that some cars are driving past the school at high speed during collection and drop off time- please take care and ensure you use the crossing near the far gate on Ripon Road.**



## CLASS OF THE WEEK



## Donaldson

Donaldson class had a really fun Halloween day on Thursday.

Everyone dressed up, they used their maths and phonics skills for some Halloween activities and then used their art skills for some crafts.

They made paper plate pumpkins and decorated cupcake spiders. Everyone thought it was really good fun!



Class: Jeffers  
Pupil: Robyn Richardson

During Child initiated Learning this week Robyn created a card to say thank you to Mrs Harvie for helping her. She was supported to use her phonics to write.



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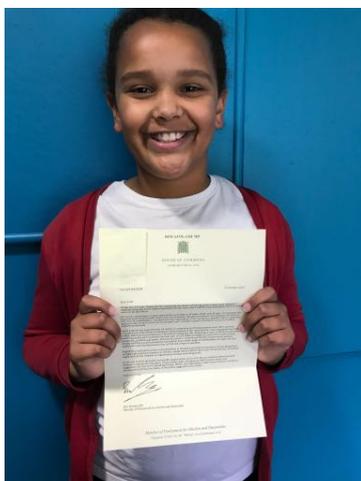
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## Proud moments!

Ester from Year 6, wrote to her local MP to ask for support and funding to keep local swimming pools open and she received a response as well a confirmation for funding!

We are extremely proud of our own politician Ester!



## Sports News



### *Update from Mr Newland*

**Tuesday 12th, our pupils took part in the first wave of the tournament and comfortably won our group, therefore, we were entered into the next stage that took place on Friday 15th. We arrived on Friday full of energy, our pupils were oozing with confidence and determination!**

**We had an excellent start; winning our first match 1-0 against Martins Wood and we went on to win our next 3 matches comfortably. We reached and won our semi final match on penalties against Martins Wood which then meant we were in the final against Codicote. Unfortunately, we lost the game 2-1 against a very strong Codicote team. The pupils should be tremendously proud of themselves; they showed great courage in their hard work and efforts. But now we must focus on the league and bring home a league title to the school!**

**The PE team are happy to announce our Year 6 House Captains;**

**Africa- Jenna R & William G, Asia- Abigail J & Kai S-H, Australasia- Isabella J & Salman U, Europe- Ester G & Raheel R, North America- Ellen R & Archie P, South American- Eliza W & Emmanuel A**

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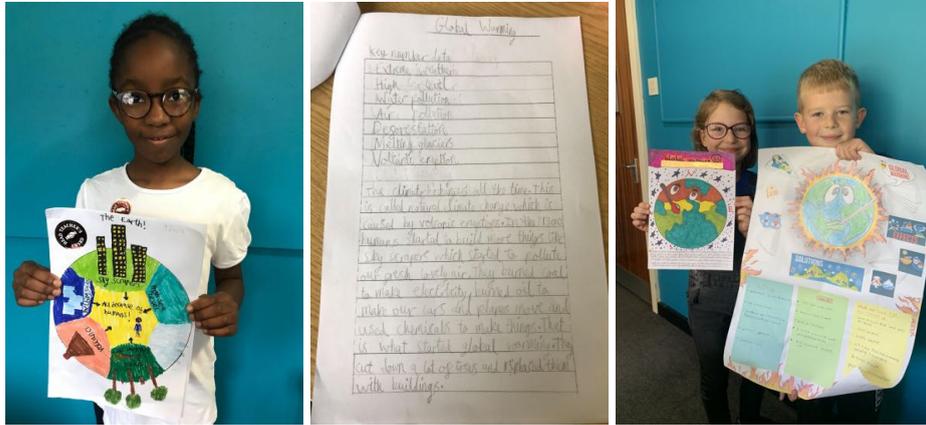
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## Global Goals

As a school we support Global Goals through our GLEAM project; to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all".

Tiara, Emily & Cyprian in Year 4 have created a leaflet to help explain the importance of looking after 'Our Earth'.



No Pens Wednesday is celebrated every year across our school. To celebrate spoken language activities and put an emphasis on speaking, rather than writing, for that day. The aim of the day is to help children develop their oral language skills. These are fundamental for learning to read and write, managing emotions, maintaining friendships and for employment later in life. It's perceived that spoken language is underrepresented in the national curriculum in comparison to reading and writing, so this day brings the importance of spoken language into focus.

Our pupils took part in a range of activities such as making Anderson shelters in Year 6 and in Year 3 pupils used Salt dough to represent the bones and teeth of Animals in The Stone Age!

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Music at The Leys is all happening once more, as the safety rules relating to Covid are relaxed! What an **absolute joy** it is to hear your children singing again and for everyone to be able to use all the instruments too! No wonder listening to music and making music is so beneficial to our positive Mental Health!

Our specialist music teacher, Mrs Gwinnett, is now back teaching music across the year groups Y1 to Y4 again. The pupils in Y5 are making the steel pans ring out in the Infant Hall every week and the Y4 children are learning to play the recorder as they missed the opportunity to do this last year when they were in Y3.

The choir, (for children in Y4, Y5 and Y6) is up and running again on Tuesday lunchtimes at 12.30pm. The children are super keen to sing together and they are already working hard to learn the songs and dances that they will be performing at the Young Voices concert at the SSE Arena in Wembley on 1st February 2022.

Individual piano lessons, which are taught by a specialist piano teacher from Herts Music Service, happen weekly. If your child is in Y3 or above, and you are interested to find out more, please enquire at the school office about putting your child's name on the waiting list.



WELLBEING



Improving children's mental health

The children's mental health charity, Place2Be, has launched a new website aimed at helping parents with typical situations they can find themselves in with their children.

Advice can be found on over forty topics including:

- Understanding sibling rivalry
- My child is lying, what does it mean, what should I do?
- My child has trouble going to sleep
- My child says 'I hate you!'
- Cultural identity: who am I?

The Parenting Smart website can found here: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

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

In Year 6, we have been learning about the role of Jesus' mother Mary in our R.E lessons.

We have been focusing on what made God choose Mary to carry and mother his child. We looked at different depictions of Mary in art, and discussed why different artists would have different interpretations of her.

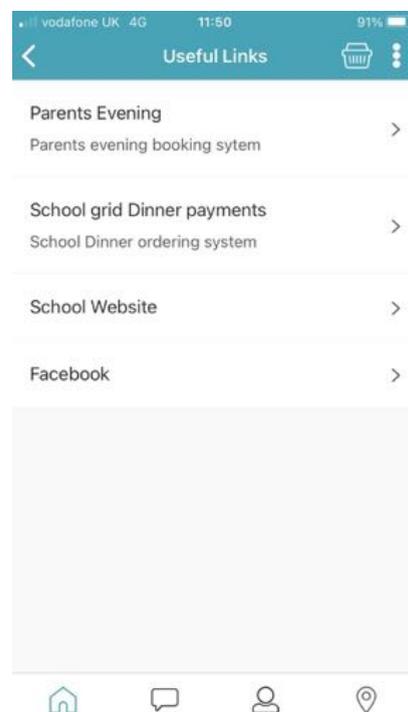
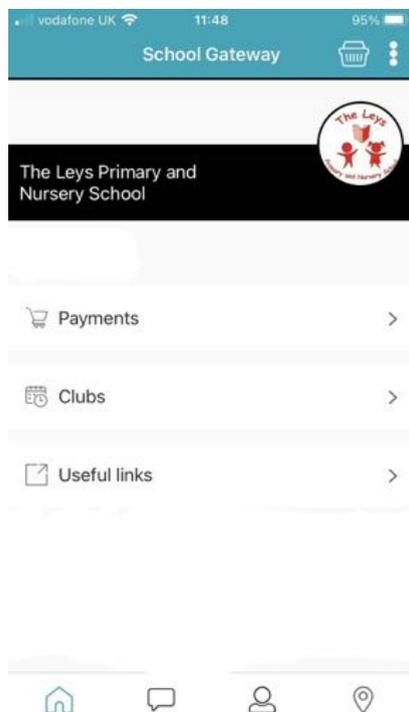
In Dickens class we began thinking of what good qualities Mary must have had to be chosen for the task. Our ideas included;

Mary being humble,  
Mary being a good Christian  
Mary being pure.



## 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



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*

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**

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These sessions will take place **in the infant hall**, 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 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.

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- 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	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
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>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	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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