



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 28th January 2022

DATES COMING UP!

20.1.22 Parent Forum (am)
 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

A special mention...

...to our Year 3 pupils, who have faced a challenging week and have been amazing throughout.

Well done, we're so proud of you all!

Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Robyn
Murphy	Jasmine
Kerr	Uno
Waddell	Marnie
Donaldson	Kye
Gravett	Gracie-May
Dahl	Delilah
Freedman	Emma
Strong	Finnley
Morpurgo	
Lewis	Isabel
Tolkien	Leah
Rosen	Charlie
Shakespeare	Sidney
Dickens	Edward
Kipling	Tegan

Friends of The Leys PTA

Key Dates

Non uniform 11th February £1
 Disco: 25th February 2022 at 5 to 8pm - Postponed
 Non uniform £1 1st April
 Non uniform £1 1st 27th May
 Summer Fair: 17th June 3.15 to 5.30pm

Attendance Awards	Morpurgo and Donaldson
Friendship Cup	
Headteachers Awards	
Reception	Oscar
Year 1	Ernie Ava Stanley Tieri and Nila
Year 2	Gusia and Olivia
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	George, Abi, Nabeel, Ellen, Ester, Beatrice, Edward, and Bella

School Lunch options

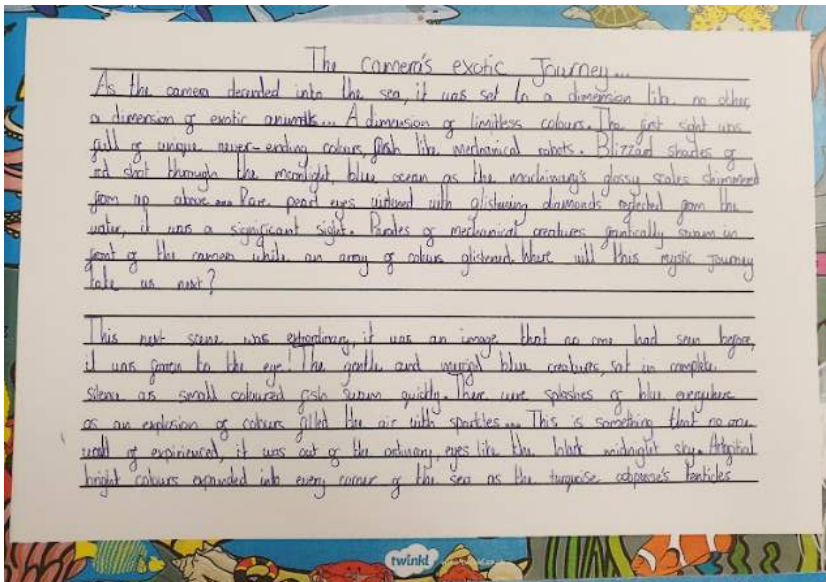
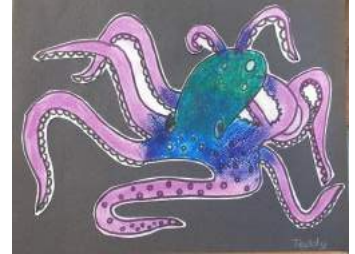
Please always pre book with your child's choice of lunch each day. Ensuring they are aware of the lunch option. Thank you!



UPDATE

Writing

This half term the whole school has been looking at the book **Flotsam** by David Weisner. It is a wordless book about the journey of an underwater camera- it contains many fascinating and unique images. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their cross-curricular work around this book and the writing that has come out of it has been Amazing! There has also been some excellent Art and D.T work!



CLASS OF THE WEEK



Freeman

*This week we have been working on our artwork to go with the whole school text, **Flotsam**. We first looked at some images of sea turtles underwater. Then, we used paints to paint our background using tints and tones. Next, we watched a youtube tutorial on how to draw a turtle. We then made our own turtles and coloured them in and cut them out. Finally, we glued the turtle to the background taking into consideration the direction the light is entering the picture.*

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Class: Shakespeare
Pupil: Hannah Magdalena

This week we have had fun in class reading about Wallace & Gromit's 'Cracking Contraptions' and then focussed our writing on how to use description to enhance our explanation:

For the casual person on the street, the 'bully-proof vest' appears to be an innocuous piece of clothing but it actually provides a unique defence from physical attack. This device is put together mainly from tungsten, which is carefully chosen for wearing, since it is also a lightweight material.

This strong shield is toughened using a mixture of riveted steel banding, which holds long, narrow strips together, shaped in a beautiful diamond format. This ensures the greatest possible strength. Not only is it created with the use of tungsten, this personal protection also coordinates with colourful, vibrant garments from around the world.



Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

During this term, year 6 are looking at the style of Japanese art. This week, Kipling class had a chance to make their own origami. They made a variety of different shapes and enjoyed being able to take part in the mindful activity.



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WELLBEING



In preparation for our Mental Health Week, the children from year 1 to 6 are completing a well being questionnaire. This is to help us gather evidence towards achieving the Hertfordshire Mental Health Kitemark, also to identify areas of need that we can work on with the children. The younger children in years 1 and 2 completed 10 questions in groups with their adults. We have found that,

- 81% have friend to talk to
- 73% feel liked by others
- 85% are happy
- 73% felt there were many things they could do well
- 95% know who to ask if they need help
- 68% get enough sleep
- 68% eat healthily
- 87% are proud of themselves



Class teachers will be completing work on healthy eating, the importance of sleep and helping children to identify positive strengths.

We are extremely proud of our Year 6 pupils who have been creating some marvellous pieces of writing based on our whole school book Flotsam



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The Leys Have Talent

Oliver, In Year 4, has just received his 100m swimming certificate! Well done Oliver, we are all very proud of you!



Please Email:

Theleystalent@leys.herts.sch.uk if your child has completed an out of school activity and received a medal, award or certificate! We are excited to hear about the talents the children at The Leys have outside of school!



Free Music Lessons

Hertfordshire Music Service is proud to be joining the national campaign by **Music Mark** called 'Get Playing'; offering an exciting opportunity to get more young people into music.

They are providing a brass and woodwind tutor to offer Free group taster lessons at Stevenage Music Centre. These take place each week for half a term.

This is a great opportunity for students wanting to learn a musical instrument. To sign up please visit surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/GetPlaying

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

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☀️ 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	SPRING TERM	SUMMER 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	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	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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