

Welcome to the second edition of 'Press Gang'. A newspaper written by children in Years 5 and 6 to keep you up to date and informed with what's been happening in school during this last half term as well as being a forum to discuss issues which the children are keen to raise and highlight to you further.

Mrs Etienne

Fabulous Phil Bibby

By Iain B and Olivier K



Phil Bibby, Chair of Governors for the Leys, is well known for being the Executive Member for Highways and Environment at Hertfordshire County Council. Here are the answers to the questions we asked !

1Q.How long have been a chair governor for?

1A.I have been chair of governor for 2 months.

2Q.What do you do as a chair of governor?

2A.I work closely with head and senior leadership team to make sure education is at tip top and to ensure governors help our school.

3Q.What made you want to take this position?

3A.I have been here for nine years so I felt that I have the experience of being a governor and of the school, equipping me to lead the governing board!

4Q.Do you enjoy this role?

4A. Yes.Greatly.

5Q.Why did you choose our school

5A.I chose this school as I was County Councillor of Saint Nicholas at the time and it was the closest school so it made the most sense to come here!

6Q.What is your favourite subject?

6A. My favourite subject has to be Math as it was my best subject!

7Q.What is the best part of your job?

7A.Discussing school issues.

8Q.What was your job before this?

8A.A bank manager.

9Q.If you had to choose between any job and a governor what would you choose?

9A.I would stay as a governor

Don't bully...be a friend.

By Joshua and Ronnie

What is anti-bullying week?

Anti-bullying week is where we learn and focus on why you shouldn't bully other pupils. This is a week where we make posters to represent why we shouldn't bully. For anti-bullying week we wore odd socks to show that we are all equal. There are different types of bullying and they can be verbal bullying, cyber-bullying and physical bullying.

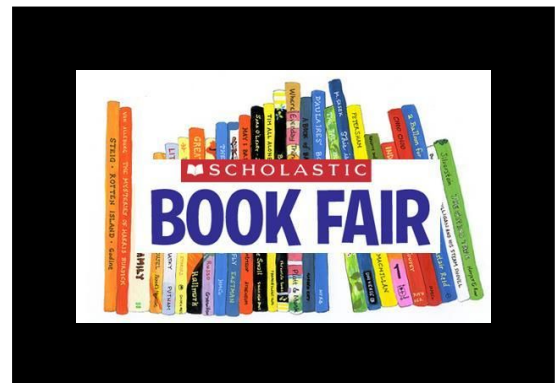


Following a consultation with over 800 children, teachers and members of the anti-bullying alliance, it emerged that a top priority was showing that bullying is behaviour choice, that children and young people can set a positive example by opting to respect each other at school, in their homes and communities and online. Anti-bullying is not only focused upon in a week but in

Book to the Future

By James M and Poppie E

The Scholastic Book Fair started on Wednesday the 28th of November and ended on Thursday the 6th of December; they came to *our* school!



At the book fair, there were amazing books for all ages, including your very own favourites! There were picture books and novels to the amazing lego series, children's books and there were fantastic stories by inspiring authors. We had 'money off' vouchers sent home via your children so you could've snatched yourself a bargain!

There were many extraordinary gifts to buy your family this Christmas that were pocket-sized (as well as being fairly inexpensive)! It ran from the 28th of November until the 6th of December, and opened one last time on Enterprise day.

fact it is every day because you shouldn't bully each other. The point is that we recognise anti-bullying week because we can discuss why bullying is bad.

If someone gets bullied you shouldn't just stand there and stare but you can tell a teacher. This article will help you so you don't bully one another. The anti-bullying alliance, with the continued support of SafeToNet, developed a set of free cross-curricular teaching resources to support both primary and secondary schools to embrace the theme of respect.

There were many people that helped out at the Book fair and we made a total of £720!

Now that you know how we made the Book Fair tick, think to yourself: do you wish you'd come?



Dogs Trust

By Lilly and Ana

On the 27th of November the Dogs Trust came in to talk to the children about safety with dogs. Gemma from Dogs Trust, spoke to us about what to do when a dog runs at you and how to stroke a dog responsibly.

Here are three steps on what to do if you want to stroke a dog or to get a dog to leave you alone: For stroking a dog, first of all, you have to ask the owner if you are allowed to stroke the dog. Secondly, you

Christmas around the world!



By Ini and Amrit

Everyone loves Christmas don't they? Children and adults enjoy this time of the year. Children mainly love it because of the presents they receive or the Christmas dinner or they just want to spend time with each other. Many countries celebrate Christmas in many different ways.

England- We celebrate Christmas by putting up a Christmas tree and watching family members open their

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have to stand still and let the dog sniff you. After that, you ask were it likes to be stroked and then stroke it.

If you are being approached by a dog and want it to leave then this is what you have to do: First you need to stand still and stay calm because the dog will want to play and chase you if you run away. Then, you need to put your hands in a fist, cross your hands over your chest, stay silent and look away from the dog. Then the dog will leave you alone as it knows you don't want to play. You always have to be careful and not judge a dog on the way they look as they quite easily be very dangerous no matter how cute or how small.

On a Christmas advert made by Dogs Trust, we learnt that dogs are not only for Christmas they have lives just like us and we should treat them the same as we want to be treated. If you want to get a dog, Dogs Trust is where to go. The dogs are found in the street, abandoned or left and unwanted, then Dogs Trust comes to help then and give them a healthy diet and a cosy happy home. If you got to Dogs Trust, you are asked some questions on if you would be a responsible owner for the Dogs needs. If so, you will be able to look after the dog independently and it will then be your dog.

presents then you have Christmas breakfast, lunch and dinner we usually have Christmas turkey, pigs in blankets, brussel sprouts, kale, potatoes, yorkshire pudding, stuffing etc...

Japan- They have fried/chicken, christmas cake, pizza, potato salad and cream stew. They believe that Christmas Eve is meant to be very romantic.

South Africa- They have turkey, duck, roast beef, mince pies or suckling pig with yellow rice & raisins and vegetables, followed by Christmas Pudding or a traditional South African desert called Malva Pudding (sometimes also called Lekker Pudding).

Australia -They traditionally is baked ham and turkey, gravy and cranberry sauce, roast vegetables (potato, pumpkin, sweet potato, parsnips, etc.), plum pudding, custard and trifle for Xmas lunch or dinner. They also eat Christmas cake, rum-balls and white Christmas.

Some countries don't even celebrate christmas at all: Afghanistan, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bhutan, Cambodia, Iran, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Laos, Libya, Maldives, Mauritania, North Korea, Oman, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan, United Arab etc...

How do you celebrate Christmas?

Enterprise Day

By Corey and Aneeq

Enterprise day is a event where children of the Leys school create christmas products to sell. We do this so we can get everyone in the christmas spirit. Not only do children create the products but they develop leadership skills. Did you know 86% of children get more confidence at leading groups and get more confidence with talking to other people and that can result in the children making more friends. In this traditional event everything is handmade so we are glad that people are buying these projects because we put lots of effort into them.

Last year when enterprise day was in progress we were selling reindeer food for little children to make them excited for Santa claus coming to their homes. During enterprise day we sell many different products every year. This year all the year groups in the school are having a competition to see who makes the most amount of profit at the end of the day. we use all the materials we have until the end

Amazing Maze Runner

By Beck B and Harry P

Have you ever read a thrilling;adventurous book where the Earth is like a congestion of jetsam overflowing the planet? We have read this book lots this year. Some characters include Thomas,Minho,Newt and Teresa. These cadaverous conundrums are experiencing hell in a nightmare they can't wake up from. Within this story, the landscapes engulfs them and crushes their dreams. This book is recommended for 13+ people prepared to be gaping every page. It features powerful language and it will imprint a legacy in your mind and swarm your thoughts.



If you are interested in reading one of the best books ever you should read one of

James Dashner's books. James Dashner is 46 years old that means that he was born in 1972. You might be wondering where this great man was born, this was in America Austell Georgia.

This outstanding book is the first in a series of five though the plot can be difficult to convey if it is your first of these types of books; it specifically is aimed for people who like adventurous books if not this five star book

for are school.This year we made £808.

unfortunately won't appeal to you. Thank you for taking time to read this text and I sincerely hope you enjoy the book.

***** (five stars)

£5.88-£7.71 price

OUR FANTASTIC FOOTBALL TEAM

By Travis K

School football recent scores

The Leys School football team has two teams; a girls team and a boys team [KS2]. Our two managers are our two P:E teachers Mr Newlands and Mr Byford.

The boys football team plays 7 aside.We play 3,2,1 formation . We play Kyle New [yr 6] in goal ,Samuel Southgate [yr6] centre back ,Travis Knight[yr 6] left back, Oliver Hawkins[yr 4] centre mid,Reegan Lee [yr 5] right back ,Corey Lee [yr5] centre mid ,Tyler Flecknell [yr6] stricker ,Noah Mcparland [yr6] sub ,Harison Benford [yr5] sub. The captain of the team is rotated every match,in order to keep it fair for every match. We recently competed in a tournament at Pixmore school and we drew first place although came second on goal difference. Mr Byford quoted that 'we have one of the best boys football team he has had for a long while'.

Blood on the battlefields



By Roisin K and Cassita M

Remembrance day is a day that we remember and respect the people who died in the war. We thank the soldiers for their lives given. Remembrance day was first observed in 1919 throughout the British commonwealth. It was originally called "armistice" agreement that ended the First world war on Monday, November the 11, 1918, at 11 a.m. on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The reason we wear poppies on this date is to remember those who gave up their lives in battle. The flowers that grew on the battlefields after world war one ended. Remembrance Sunday, which falls on 11 November 2018, is a day for the nation to

Sweeds in Town!

By Alex Waszczuk and Oliver Jeans.

Recently, some Swedish Teachers came to the Leys Primary School to see how Maths was taught in our region. When they came to Dickens class (Yr6), they had a quick peek at the work the children were doing *and even* helped them, if need be. During our guests' visit to the class, the children had different problems varying on their ability. The 'Super Hot' task was to find out the amount of money each robber stole, by using ratios. An example would be: 2:2:2, and in total they robbed \$12million in several different locations such as Munich in Germany or Madrid in Spain. Many of the schools pupils in year 6 found the task somewhat difficult but they managed to complete it along with the Swedish teacher's help.

In conclusion, the Swedish teachers were impressed with the quality of the school's standards and cleanliness, let's hope they learned

remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom .Every year, volunteers make poppies available throughout the country and people make a donation in order to receive their poppy. People go to church to pray to their loved ones that sacrificed their life. We have a two minute silence to remember the soldiers that died. Poppies are represented with the red petals as the blood of the soldiers, and the black inside is represented as the soldiers who lost their life and there soul.

Manor Adventure

BY TYLER AND ELOISE

Mrs Etienne asked us some questions about Manor Adventure.

Have you ever wondered about having a week away from home?

**Well the majority of Yr6 have had that experience on the 5th-9th of November when they went to Manor Adventure in Shropshire.
Answered by Tyler**

What was it like with no parents?

It was quite nice to not constantly having your parents on your back 24/7. It was also nice to be free in the duration of that week in manor.

Answered by Eloise

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a thing or two about how this place of education runs.



What activities did we do?

We did zip line , abseiling, bmx skills, underground maze, rifle shooting, manor olympics, volleyball, obstacle course and many, many more.. Answered by Tyler

What were the facilities like?

The facilities were a very high standard im sure everyone would rate it 10/10. I bet other schools would agree with our school. Answered by Eloise

Would you recommend Manor Adventure?

I (Tyler) would recommend it because if you haven't done it before it is a very good experience. I (Eloise) would also recommend Manor because it was an exceptional trip and a great experience.



Homey Charity

By Evelyn C and Lola

There are 24,000 homeless people in Eastern England where we live. We need to succour them. Time is running out!



We want you to take part in a project that will support the homeless people in the local area. This project will be able to help the people that need help and have no home, it will be one box, it should be a fairly large box, you need to make sections in your box. One will be for donations and clothes, the other will be for sleeping bags. Anyway next you have to put it down in public, maybe close to a place where lots of people are. Then, once it is nearly full or full, take it to a homeless person and share out everything between everyone you find.

STAN LEE'S LIFE WITH MEGA MARVEL



By Samuel and Erin.

Stan Lee was an icon until he died (due to heart and respiratory failure) at the age of 95 on 12th November 2018. As he made most of the Marvel movies and comics, the real question is who will take over his role? Stan Lee will go down in Marvel history books as being one of the most influential people working for Marvel.

One of his movies he created is Spiderman and more of these movies include Black Panther, X Men, Iron Man, Deadpool, Jessica Jones, Ant Man, Dr Strange and lot's more!!!

Most of the comics came from Stan Lee's ideas in his head and started the big story of the Avengers and lot's of others!

RIP STAN LEE

Is the library booktastic?

By Harrison and Dylan

This school-term Yr5 went to central Stevenage library and learned lots of facts about libraries. We are going to share some of these with you. Most people think that the library is not great because they think books are dull. We can show you this is wrong. We can tell you the library is really good for knowledge and getting free books. On top of this, you can reserve books to get after the previous person has finished reading them. This means that you can get your favourite book guaranteed! We found out that overall, there are more than 3,000,000 books in hertfordshire libraries. We also found out that there are special books for blind people, these have small bumps (braille) and that is how they learn to read. In libraries, there are many books like fiction books, chapter books and non-fiction books. Most of you didn't know that all libraries are different, some don't have certain books where others do. Hopefully, we have changed your mind on libraries and you think you could use them to help get books.



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