

PRESS GANG

Welcome to the Autumn 1s Press Gang Edition 2021. This half term has been full of many exciting events and we are excited to tell you all about them! This half term's press gang consists of children from Years 5 and 6.



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Harvest Festival

Harvest festival is celebrated on the 3rd of October. It dates back to ancient Britain when people relied on crops



Halloween

At the Leys we're having a Halloween disco on the Fifth October (this Friday).



for food. Did you know that it is normally celebrated on a Sunday when it's nearest to the appearance of the Harvest Moon (this is the full moon that appears closest to the autumn equinox, which is usually at the end of September or the beginning of November)? Harvest festivals are to celebrate the foods that are grown in the ground. The school children, and their adults, at The Leys have worked hard to collect some lovely fruits, vegetables and canned foods!



From Isobella Crooks

Halloween means 'Hallow' (or holy person) which refers to the Saints celebrated on All Saints Day. So basically, Halloween is an old fashion way of saying 'the night before All Saints Day'. All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows' Day) is the day after All Hallows' Eve (Halloween). It is a feast day celebrated on 1st November by Anglicans and Roman Catholics. Did you know that people traditionally wear scary costumes to scare away ghosts.

By Christina Amuzu



World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day is an international day that aims to spread awareness and educate people about mental health in order to support people and remove the social stigma.



It's held every year on the 10th of October. Mental health in childhood means reaching developmental milestones, and learning healthy social skills and how to cope effectively when there are problems.

“CARING FOR THE MIND IS AS IMPORTANT AND CRUCIAL AS CARING FOR THE BODY. IN FACT, ONE CANNOT BE HEALTHY WITHOUT THE OTHER.”

Steel Pans



The Year 5 children have the wonderful opportunity to practice playing the steel pans every Wednesday! It is fantastic! What are steel pans? Don't worry! We will tell you all about it. So read on!

Steelpan (also known as steel drum or pan, and sometimes, collectively with other musicians, as a steelband or orchestra) is a musical instrument originating from Trinidad and Tobago. Steelpan musicians are called pannists. Surprisingly, the steel pan emerged in the 1930s- a long time ago. Metal objects including car parts, paint pots, dustbins, oil drums and biscuit tins, were originally used as percussion instruments, but at some point they began to be tuned- fascinating!

How to look after your mental health?

1. Talk about your feelings. Talking about your feelings can help you stay in good mental health and deal with times when you feel troubled ...
2. Exercise ...
3. Eat healthy. ...
4. Be sociable ...
5. Ask for help when you need it ...
6. Take a break ...
7. Do something you're good at...

By Veda Kishore and Alys Chambers

What are they made of?

It consists of a circular playing surface made from steel stretched into a concave shape that is attached to a hollow, cylindrical resonator called a skirt. The steel pan is typically recycled from a 55 gallon oil drum. This surface is optimised into a number of isolated convex sections called notes.

By Phebe Woolf

Global Goals



If you want to be alive on our planet, we have to look after it! Do you know how much waste goes into our oceans and on the streets of the world? Well as a matter of fact, it is most definitely millions of pieces of litter. There are bins all over the world, so why aren't people using them?

Pupil Parliament

At The Leys

On the 24th of September at 11 o'clock, each student was taken into a different class and the year sixes were asking us questions about: how we could make the school a better place, what our school values mean and what we would like more of in the school. We also

Litter in the world

There is too much litter in the world - in the ocean, in play centres, many places. So it is our job to do something about this. We must do our best to help our world by cleaning up Earth. It may not be our mess but we all live on Earth and it is our home so we need to start treating it like one. There are many places in the world with over one million bits of plastic, paper, and old bags. We have to all come together and do something about this situation. When you are out just walking up and down paths, you could think about maybe taking some big plastic bags with you and some litter pickers so that you can litter pick as you walk up and down paths and streets.



By Elizabeth Ryan

watched a short clip about a young girl called Greta Thumberg, from Sweden, who was speaking to the government about supporting climate change.

We have also voted for a new chair of Pupil Parliament to represent The Leys. In our Wednesday assembly 12 students read a reason why we should vote for them and what they will do to make the school a better place. After this, we all placed our votes!

*The winners were Elen and Abigail. **Congratulations!***

By Kai Cheung



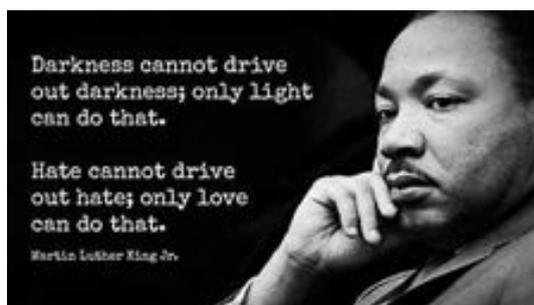
Black history month is a celebration that originated from the United States / America. This is an important celebration to focus the attention of contributions of African Americans to the United States. It lasts for 31 days (a month) due to how important it is. Some people call it African-American history month.

Why is black history month celebrated?

Black history month is an event to understand and celebrate black peoples achievements- which is something we are doing in school right now! Black history month is also a reminder that black people are just like other races and everyone is all the same and should be treated equally and fairly. Black history month is so important because it raises awareness of how much racism is in the world and that it has to be stopped.

Martin Luther King

Martin Luther King plays a big role in history. He has spread a lot of awareness throughout the whole world and tried to make it a better place. It was about having a dream to stop and make a change in view of racism.



By Kimberly and Hannah

Nepal Week



Did you know that the Nepal flag is the only flag that is not rectangular? It is also a magnificent country in almighty Asia.. As part of Nepal week, Yr5 have learnt a song about Nepal named 'Resham Firiri' which they will be singing in their year group assembly! Yr2 went to Whipsnade zoo to look for Nepali animals, there are some animals close to extinction in Nepal too! Yr6 went on a zoom call to a class in Nepal and they asked all kinds of interesting questions about endangered animals. The whole school has been completing some very interesting work!

Look at some of the facts we found out:

- *Nepal has the highest mountain Mount Everest.*
 - *29.14m is the population of Nepal.*
 - *Kathmandu used to be a lake.*
- *Nepal is 45 minutes off of the Coordinated Universal Time.*
- *From England it takes 12h and 10 mins to get to Nepal.*



By Oliver Flecknell and Ronnie Fountain



Fantastic New Head & Team

By Elizabeth Ryan

Ms Khangura has taken over as a head teacher like a natural! She is a very inspiring and encouraging person who really does care about the school and all the children and adults in it.

According to Miss Greve 'Ms Khangura has adapted to her role as the new head teacher of The Leys extremely well. She has shown great determination to ensure that the school becomes the best it possibly can'.

Mrs Barr ,who was a special needs coordinator (SENCO), has now got the responsibility of the new deputy head role. She has shown that this role was made for her as she has continued to support all staff and children with their well being and achievements.

As said by Mr Blanch "Mrs Barr has assumed the additional responsibilities of deputy head seamlessly and with the poise of a long-time professional".

Ms Doherty ,who is a current year two teacher, has taken on the role of our new assistant head teacher. She was previously our Maths subject lead. She has settled into this new role with ease and we look forward to seeing what new ideas she brings to the school.

We Look forward to our future at The Leys



Things to look out for next month:

Can you find out why many of the male members of staff are going to be growing their moustaches?



Games and Activities:

Our School Values Word Search:



Words to Find:

Inclusivity
Aspiration
Empowerment
Empathy
Determination
Respect

Autumn 1-Optional Writing Competition:



Can you write an amazing piece of text using this picture prompt? It can be anything that springs into your imagination: a story, news report, wanted poster etc. It can be as many, or as little words as you like. Remember to be as descriptive and as creative as you can. The winner will be announced in the next Press Gang Newsletter and receive an 'Outstanding Writer' certificate. Please hand your entry to your class teacher or Miss Garner by **Friday 3rd December.**