



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Emmanuel
Murphy	Darcy
Kerr	Aaradhya
Bryon	Tanith
Donaldson	Nova
Soundar	Jackson
Dahl	David
Gavin	Robert
Mante	Olly
Morpurgo	Jenson
Riordan	Oliver E
Zephaniah	Shaylen
Malala	Charlie
Blackman	Mason
Kipling	Frankie

Festive Dates

Thursday 1st Dec -Enterprise Day. Non-uniform. Parents welcome to attend at 2pm.

Tuesday 13th Dec -Christmas performances

**Nursery and Reception 9:30am
Years 1 and 2 2pm**

Thursday 15th Dec -Christmas performances

Year 1 and 2 9:30am

Nursery and Reception 2pm

16th Dec -Christmas jumper day

- Junior trip for church service

Friday 21st October 2022

DATES COMING UP!

24-28 Oct -Half term
 31 Oct-4 Nov -Yr 6 Manor Adventure
 2 Nov -Nursery parent teacher meeting 12pm
 4 Nov -Yr 3 Friday Stay and Share 8:50am
 7-11 Nov -Poppy Appeal
 8 Nov -Students annual flu vaccination
 9 Nov -Yr 6 parent teacher meeting 1pm
 11 Nov -Yr 2 Friday Family Reading -PTA Bags 2 School
 14-18 Nov -Anti Bullying week
 16 Nov -Yr 5 parent teacher meeting 1pm
 18 Nov -Children in Need. Non-uniform/fancy dress
 21-25 Nov -STEAM Week
 23 Nov -Yr 4 parent teacher meeting 1pm
 30 Nov -Yr 3 parent teacher meeting 1pm
 1 Dec -Enterprise Day. Parents welcome to attend at 2pm
 -Non-uniform for sweet donation (details closer to date)
 2 Dec -INSET Day school closed
 5 Dec -Occasional Day school closed
 7 Dec -Yr 1 parent teacher meeting 1pm
 8 Dec -Students flu vaccination - follow up
 21 Dec -Non-uniform.
 -School finishes 1:30

Friendship Cup	Kipling class
Headteachers Awards	
Year 5	Shaylen
Year 6	Charlie, Delvin, Alexis, Isobella, Chloe, Oliver, Joshua, Chantelle, Christuna, Abigale, Patrick and Cody

Attendance Monopoly

Each week in assembly a dice will be rolled for most improved class attendance.



Be here to have a go!

This week's winners & rewards:

Soundar - Fun afternoon (off timetable)

Morpurgo - Halloween activities after half term

Malala - Fun afternoon (off timetable)

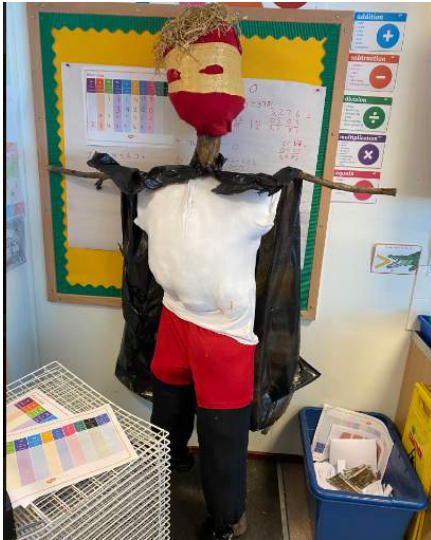
UPDATE

R.E.

What is harvest and why do we celebrate it?

Harvest Festival celebrates the time of year when crops have been gathered from the field and people can reflect on the food that they have.

The last few weeks in school the children have been looking at what Harvest is. To support this we have been exploring what Scarecrows are why farmers use them. All classes have had the opportunity to create their very own scarecrows and they look fabulous! The scarecrows were brought into assemblies so that Mrs Khangura and all the children could take a look at what other year groups have been doing.



Thank you for helping towards resources to make our scarecrows!

CLASS OF THE WEEK:



This week Donaldson class has been learning about Diwali. We have been acting out the story of Rama and Sita. Along with this we have been making rangoli patterns learning about the good luck and prosperity that they can bring.



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Respect

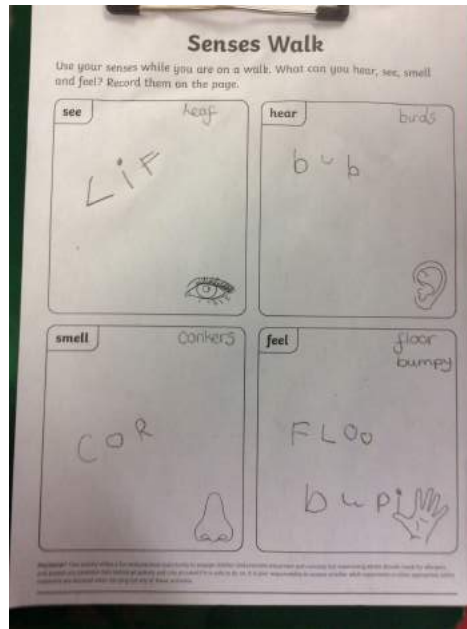
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Determination

Empowerment



Class: Benjamin
Pupil: Orla



Orla in Benjamin class went on a sensory walk outside this week, she found lots of things that she could see, hear, smell and feel and used her phonics to record her findings.

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

The past few weeks, we have been learning about Harvest and why Harvest festivals take place. We have focussed on the importance of Harvest for farmers and for all human beings, as the crops are gathered in. We have been celebrating the Harvest festival with a scarecrow competition. Look at some of our designs! This has helped us to develop our teamwork, creativity and problem solving skills.



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WELLBEING



This week in school it has been all about oracy and talking skills. Just Talk, is a Hertfordshire strategy to encourage children to talk about their problems and mental health and that this is a sign of strength not a weakness. As part of this, all the classes have been completing daily PSHE tasks, talking about ways to help themselves and each other's mental health. The younger children have been talking about the importance of sleep and the older children about body image. They have also been learning more emotional language and how these words fit into our Zones of Regulation.

<https://www.justtalkherts.org/parents/advice-for-parents.aspx>

The Leys Have Talent

Serah, in year 3, completed a Catechism exam and received 3rd place! The questions were all about Jesus and the Church. Well Done Serah!



Nursery and Reception Tour Dates

Monday 14th November 10 - 11am

Monday 28th November 10 - 11am

Friday 25th November 1 - 2pm

Friday 9th December 1 - 2pm

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Congratulations and welcome...

...to our two new Parent Governors, Adam and Masline. Please see their personal statements below. We hope they enjoy their time on our Governing Body, we are looking forward to having them both on board.

I'm a past pupil and current parent of the Leys. I work in higher education, helping to bring improvements for our students and graduates, having previously done so with Children's social care and Youth Services. I'd bring these skills and drive to the role of a governor to support the school in improving the learning environment and tools to benefit our children's learning and development.

Adam

My name is Masline, my daughter is in year 2. It will be an honour to join the board of governors at The Leys which has a good rating. I will bring my financial and administration skills. I am keen to be part of the team as the school develops. I am keen to do training and attend meetings and get to know the school better. I am keen to go through DBS because safeguarding is important.

Masline



ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

The Anti-Bullying Alliance is a coalition of organisations and individuals that are united against bullying.

[Anti-Bullying Alliance](#)

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*.

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We're making our own Christmas Cards

This year our school children will be creating their own personalised Christmas Card designs. Parents will be able to purchase the cards in packs of 12 at a great price, whilst also helping the school to raise additional funds. So there's no need to buy your Christmas Cards anywhere else!



From just one drawing you can order lots of different products and help to raise funds for your school.



Over the past couple of weeks, we have invited the children to participate in a 'Christmas Design Project' run by Class Fundraising. The project aims to encourage pupils' creativity and design skills, whilst also raising funds for our school. Each child has created their own Christmas design during their art lessons at school which can then be professionally printed to produce personalised Christmas Cards, Gift Tags, Wrapping Paper, Tea Towels, Bags for Life, and Mugs. It is anticipated that it would be very exciting for the children to see their work as a finished printed product; the cards themselves are great for sending a more personal greeting to friends and family at Christmas, and the Mugs, Tea Towels, and Bags are great for gifts!

Although it may have seemed early, with Christmas just 9 short weeks away and the items themselves having a 6-week turnaround what with the designing, creating, printing and delivering; we wanted to give both the parents plenty of time to order anything, and the good old British postal system plenty of time to allow for this!

Please look out for your Child's personalised order form coming home once we return from the half-term break. All products available, and instructions on how to go about placing your order will be on the forms themselves. We fully

appreciate that everyone is being a little more careful with their spending this year, but we hope that those of you who would be purchasing Christmas cards and gifts to send to loved ones anyway will be suitably pleased with the lovely designs created by your children and will show your support towards the school by purchasing the cards and gifts on offer.

Friday Stay and Share / Friday Family Reading morning Autumn Term 2022

We will be running a number of 'Stay and Share' sessions for each year group, allowing the opportunity for parents/carers to view their child's work in their classrooms.

We have also planned for each year group to have 'Friday Family Reading' sessions, for pupils to read their book to their family members.

For both, parents/carers would simply walk into the classroom with their child- staying for a maximum time to 9.15am to minimise disruption.

Black- Stay and Share

Red- Friday Family Reading

8.50 to 9.15am

4/11	11/11	18/11	25/11	9/12
Y3	Y 2	Y4	Y3	Y1

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Term dates 2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<p>Start of term: 5 September 2022 Inset day: 1 September & 2 September Term: 5 September -21 October <u>Half term holiday: 24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022</u> Inset day: 2 December & Occasional Day: 5 December Term: 31 October - 21 December <u>Christmas holiday: 22 December 2021 - 4 January 2022</u></p>	<p>Inset day: 5 January Term: 6 January - 10 February <u>Half term holiday: 13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023</u> Term : 20 February- 31 March 2023 <u>Easter holiday: 3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023</u></p>	<p>Term: 17 April - 20 July Bank Holiday: 1 May <u>Half term holiday: 29 May 2023 - 2 June 2023</u> Term: 5 June-20 July Inset day: 21 July 2023 <u>Summer holiday: 24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023</u></p> <p><u>Inset Day 2022-2023</u> 1 September 2022 2 September 2022 2 December 2022 5 December (Occasional day) 2022 5 January 2023 21 July 2023</p>

