



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

## Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Lily
Murphy	Adam
Kerr	Shayah Lee
Bryon	Emmy
Donaldson	Olivia
Soundar	Ocean
Dahl	Lily-Rose
Gavin	Rhys
Mante	Isla
Morpurgo	Kobi
Riordan	David
Zephaniah	Olive
Malala	Patrick
Balckman	Kaitlyn
Kipling	Samar

## 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**

**-Christmas lunch**

**- Junior trip for church service**

## Friday 11th November 2022

### DATES COMING UP!

14-18 Nov -Anti Bullying week

14 Nov -Odd Socks Day!

17-18 Nov -Year 2 scooter skills in school

18 Nov -Children in Need.

Non-uniform/fancy dress

-School Disco

21-25 Nov -STEAM Week

21 Nov -Yr 5 History Day. Yr5 parents invited on site from 2:30

22 Nov -Year 5 Road safety session in school

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

8 Dec -Students flu vaccination - follow up

13 & 15 Dec - Christmas performances

16 Dec - Christmas jumper day

-Christmas lunch

-Junior church trip

21 Dec -Non-uniform.

-School finishes 1:30



**Friday 18th November -**

**Tickets available *now* on**

**School Gateway**

Friendship Cup

Izzy K (Bryon Class) for helping her peers with their learning!

### Headteachers Awards

Year 2

Ernie, Esme, Maaya & Ahmad

Year 4

Muhammad & Olivia

Year 5

Brayden, Paris, Oliver, Jessica, Jake, Bailey & George

## SAVE THE DATE

### -Enterprise day!

**The Leys is happy to welcome back our Christmas-themed Enterprise Day, on Thursday 1st December.**

**All parents/ carers are welcome to collect their child/ren at 2.30 pm, to walk around the school from Reception to Year 6. There will be a huge offer of Christmas theme items to purchase, Santa's Grotto, and festive food & treats for the family!**

**Please confirm on School Gateway whether you are attending Enterprise Day and therefore collecting your child at 2.30pm.**

# UPDATE

## Year 6

The Year 6 residential trip to Manor Adventure in Shropshire was a great success. The week was jam packed with a wide range of exciting activities including abseiling, zip wiring, grass sledging and axe throwing! A memorable highlight was the underground maze and watching afterwards the children enthusiastically emptying their water-logged boots, with much laughter abound, in the most creative of ways!



The children threw themselves (sometimes quite literally) into every task and were a great credit to The Leys School. The week was a great chance to strengthen friendships in a very different setting from school and quite a few of the children found new hidden talents which hopefully they will explore further over the coming few months.

The children who remained at school also had an exciting time which was filled with fun activities over the course of the week. They took part in a wide range of arts and crafts, some of which can be seen in this photograph whilst others are on display in the corridor of the Year 6 block. Their attitude and behaviour was exemplary throughout the week and they were great ambassadors for the school on trips to St. Nicholas Play Centre and Cineworld in Stevenage Leisure Park. Well done to all!



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## 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:

**Kerr** - Board games  
**Gavin** - Board games  
**Zephaniah** - Non-uniform



Beautiful poppies  
created by  
Morpurgo Class for  
Remembrance  
Sunday.

CLASS OF THE WEEK:  
Soundar



Soundar class have been learning about pointillism in art. We combined this with our learning about poppies and Remembrance Day to produce some poppy art.



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Class: Riordan  
Pupil: Brayden

In guided reading we have been looking at the Poem Highwayman. To help to summarise the poem, we completed a diary from the perspective of Bess.

Dear Diary,

Today was dreadful! I am Bess, the landlord's black eyed daughter. Last night, I heard weird noises in the old inn yard. Then, BANG! BANG! BANG! on the shutters he whipped. But who? The love of my life! After that, he whistled a nice calming tune up to my window. I then definitely knew that it was him! So, I rushed over to the window, plaiting a love knot in my hair. We spoke for a while and then he left me saying "I'll be back with yellow gold before the morning light." He thought only us two heard but he was wrong. Tim the ostler listened and told the King. The next day, red coated troops came and tied me up. With a gun pointing towards my chest, I heard the Highwayman coming with a cliperty clap. To warn him, I shot myself and instead of stopping he rode his horse like a madman and got shot himself! The worst mistake of my life.

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

### Road safety

This week, Year 1 has started learning about how to cross the road safely, and what it means to be safe on the Road. We all have a moral obligation to be safe on the road, to keep ourselves and other road users safe.

### Crossing the road

We want all our children to be safe whenever they're out and about. Remember this sequence every time you need to cross the road.

1. Think - look for a safe place to cross.
2. Stop - wait at the edge of the curb.
3. Look and listen - make sure you can hear as well as see any traffic.
4. Wait - if there is any traffic, wait for it to pass.
5. Look and listen again - check again for any traffic.
6. Arrive alive - walk (don't run) straight across the road.

## Absence from school

Please be advised that if your child is absent and we have not received notification by 9.15am a call will be made to you.

This only applies on the first day of absence. It is the parent's/carer's responsibility to call the school each day their child is off school and explain the reason why

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# Our School Travel Plan promotes active, healthy and safe advice on how to travel to and from school - Scooter Skills & Road Safety activities

We have the following sessions coming up for the school travel plan:

17th and 18th November - Year 2 scooter skills in school

22nd November - Year 5 Road safety session in school



WELLBEING



Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD for short, is depression that happens to a person **only** at a specific time of year. With SAD, a person becomes depressed in autumn or winter, when days are shorter and it gets dark earlier. SAD is brought on by the brain's response to the seasonal changes in daylight. When the daylight hours grow longer again, the depression lifts. This condition can affect both adults and children.

Simply spending more time outside during daylight hours is enough to relieve seasonal depression. Exercising outdoors or taking a daily walk are ways to do this. Also making sure you get enough sleep and children have a regular bedtime can help too.

## The Leys Have Talent

Lily, in Year 4, attends the Emerald Dance Academy. Recently, she was awarded the Star of the Week trophy for her efforts in dance- listening, concentrating and trying hard!

Well Done Lily! Keep up the good work!



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## MCR Pathways Charity

**MCR Pathways needs mentors in Hertfordshire to champion a young person and help them see a positive future. Our mentoring programme is running in secondary schools in Hertfordshire and would take just an hour a week of your time, term-time only. If you are over 21, can listen, can care and can have fun then we'd love to hear from you! To find out more or to register, go to: <https://mcrpathways.org/herts/>, to see how this is of benefit to both young people and mentors please watch <https://youtu.be/a7y7HdVNbZU>**

## Nursery and Reception Tour Dates

**Monday 14th November 10 - 11am -FULL**

**Friday 25th November 1 - 2pm**

**Monday 28th November 10 - 11am**

**Friday 9th December 1 - 2pm**

## 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*.



**Friday 18th November**

**Non-uniform/fancy dress.**

**Please follow the link to donate...**

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/d-khangura>

**The  
Children's  
Society**

## **Preventing child sexual exploitation**

Each year, thousands of young people are abused and groomed to have sex. Some are tricked into thinking they're in a 'normal', even loving relationship, then they are threatened and passed around to strangers.

**This needs to stop.**

**We want to end child sexual exploitation, and make sure childhood abuse doesn't define a young person's future.**

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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**

18/11	25/11	9/12
Y4	Y3	Y1

### Term dates 2022-2023

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