



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Albie-Lee
Murphy	Maria
Kerr	Amelia
Bryon	Nahla
Donaldson	Ahmad
Soundar	Anthony
Dahl	Poppy
Gavin	Aniela
Mante	Emma
Morpurgo	Jared
Riordan	Moya
Zephaniah	Charlie I
Malala	Abigale
Balckman	Bobbey
Kipling	Phebe

Festive Dates

Thursday 1st Dec -Enterprise Day. Non-uniform. Parents welcome to attend at 2:30pm.

**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 25th November 2022

DATES COMING UP!

1 Dec -Enterprise Day. Parents welcome to attend at 2:30pm
-Non-uniform for sweet donation (details closer to date)

2 Dec -INSET Day school closed

5 Dec -Occasional Day school closed

6 Dec -SEND /MH coffee afternoon from 2.30pm

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

5 Jan -Inset Day- School Closed for pupils

6 Jan -Start of Spring term - back to school

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.

Friendship Cup	Y3 - Brianna for helping her friends in class
Headteachers Awards	
Year 4	Delilah and Olivia
Year 5	Charley

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:

**Bryon - Non-uniform
Gavin - Active Day
Riordan - Non-Uniform**

UPDATE

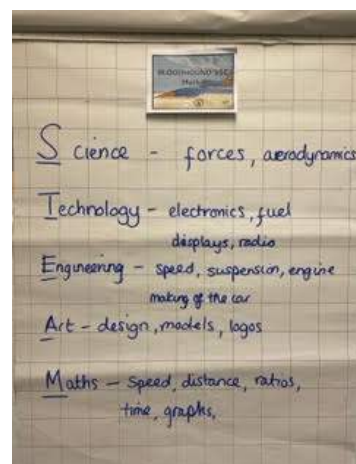
STEAM week

The theme of this term's STEAM week was 'How fast can it go?' which saw children, from across the school, get involved in a wide range of activities. In Year 1, pupils learnt about the Bloodhound Supersonic Car (SSC) and then designed their own cars with the remit of beating the world land speed record! The children thought about how they would power their car and what materials would be needed to make it.

Whilst developing their scooter skills, Year 2 thought about how they could travel fast (and safely) using their own power. In science, the children put together an experiment to investigate which surface toy cars travelled farthest and fastest on.

In Year 4, children read all about Bloodhound SSC and used their VIPERS skills to retrieve and infer information, to help them understand the text. They were amazed at how fast it could go and learnt all about breaking the sound barrier. They also spent some time designing and building their self-propelled cars to travel 5 metres as fast as possible. Impressively, pupils used junk modelling and their understanding of pneumatics from their DT topic to help them.

Year 5 pupils watched a video of Bloodhound SSC being tested then tried to decide how each area of STEAM had been used in the car's development. The children were able to see that, in even the simplest of car designs, all areas of STEAM are important and agreed that everyone in the class had an interest in at least one of the areas. They also completed a maths challenge involving facts about Bloodhound SSC.



In Year 6, children showcased the self-propelled cars they made and the engineering ideas behind them. This included drawing an impression of their car and annotating different design aspects. Pupils also researched Bloodhound SSC and presented the key facts discovered in a creative double page spread.

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Year 5 History Fair

This week, Year 5 held a History fair displaying their learning on this term's topic 'Crime and Punishment'. They came to school dressed in historical outfits including The Romans and Victorians.

We then set up stalls which displayed all of the work they had produced across this term. Children from other year groups in the school came to see and the Y5s were teaching them all about Crime and Punishment. To end the day, parents also came in to have a look at all of the fabulous work that had been taking place.

It was an excellent day and it demonstrated just how much Year 5 had learnt this term!
Well Done Y5!



CLASS OF THE WEEK:

**Year 4
Morpurgo Class**



The Snowman

This week in English we have been writing diary entries inspired by the song, 'We are walking in the air.' We have also been producing paintings to go on display (not finished yet) in the Infant Hall linked to the song. You will be able to see the finished display on Enterprise day. We have also been busy making things for Enterprise Day (spoilers!)



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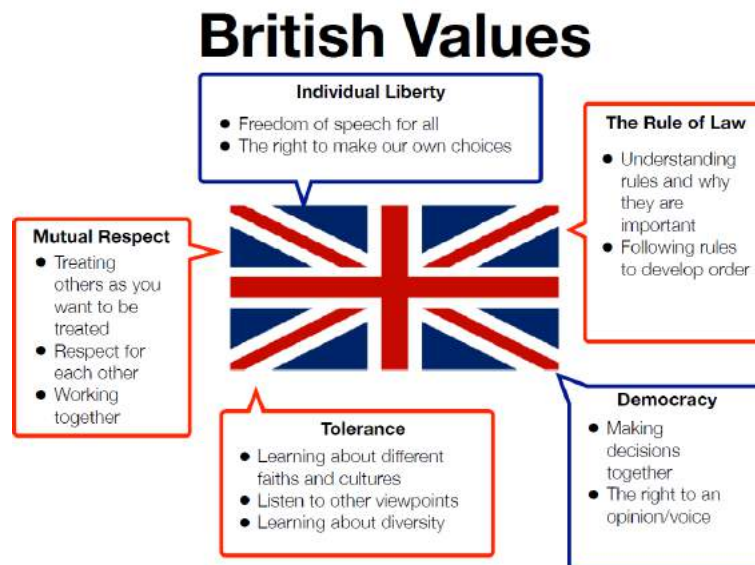
Class: Dahl
Pupil: Kyler-May

Year 3 are currently writing instructions on how to wash a woolly mammoth linked to our topic about the Stone Age. Our focus has been on using a range of time adverbs. Here is an extract from Kyler-May.

Method

1. Firstly, fill your large bath half way up with warm water.
2. Then drop your bath bomb carefully into the bath to make a fun bath time for your woolly mammoth it will make the colours splendid.
3. Once, you've done your bath bomb add the grimy woolly mammoth.
4. Now, scrub the scented shampoo onto the mammoth (don't get it in his eyes!)
5. Now, it's time to use your detangle conditioner scrub it smoothly and carefully.

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values



As well as our School values, at the Leys Primary we also believe in and uphold the British Values: Individual liberty, Rule of law, Democracy, Tolerance and Mutual Respect. Through the wider curriculum and PSHE lessons, we talk to the children about what these mean and why it is important to demonstrate these values. In class, we recognise through discussion that not all countries have these same values and why these are good values to uphold.

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WELLBEING



With Christmas round the corner and Black Friday being heavily advertised, finance is the theme of this update. Unfortunately there is often a link between Mental Health and financial issues.

Feeling depressed, stressed, anxious or experiencing mania can make it difficult to manage money. For example:

- You might find it harder to make budgeting and spending decisions.
- To make yourself feel better, you might spend money you don't have on things you don't need and then regret it later.
- You might feel anxious or stressed about talking on the phone, going to the bank or opening your bills.
- The symptoms of a mental illness might cause you to behave impulsively like spending a lot of money all in one go or what you perceive is a bargain..

Any of these problems can be made worse if your income goes down, for example, if you have to stop or take time off work because you're unwell. It's normal to experience money worries, but it's better to face them rather than ignore them. Here are a few top tips to help get things back on track.

- Removing the auto-filled information from your web browser can help slow down impulsive spending and give you the chance to think about whether you really want or need what you were planning to buy.
- Removing shopping apps that you might be tempted to use from your phone/tablet.
- You can also use free online tools (such as [BlockSite](#)) that let you temporarily block shopping sites for as long as you want.
- Keeping your wallet out of easy reach also makes impulsive spending more difficult.

If you want further advice please see the websites below.

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/>

<https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/everyday-money/budgeting/money-problems-and-poor-mental-wellbeing>

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PE & School Sport

Since the start of the academic year, PE & School Sport at The Leys has never been so busy! , so attached is a link to a document containing all the events & competition our school has accessed so far this year. As you can see from the photos the children have thoroughly enjoyed all the events / competitions they have accessed and it has been a delight to see the children flourish in these challenging environments. Well done all. https://leys.herts.sch.uk/documents/221122_All-PE-Action-Autumn-Term-22.pdf

Mr Newlands & Mr Byford



The Leys Have Talent

Kai, in year 6, is a fantastic swimmer and takes part in many competitions. This time he has received 5 golds and a silver medal for his excellent performance!

Well Done Kai keep up the good work!



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Wanted - School Crossing Patrol ****wage increase****

We urgently need to appoint a school crossing patrol
Do you know anyone that would be interested in taking
up this position?

The pay is £10.60 per hour (excluding enhancements)
Job share considered

If you are interested or would like further information
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or e-mail janet.fairhead@hertfordshire.gov.uk



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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*.



Do you have concerns about your child with regards to their learning, behaviour or well-being?

If so come to school at 2.30pm on 6th December for a chat with the safeguarding, SEND and wellbeing team (coffee/tea and a mince pies also provided).

Friday Stay and Share 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.

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

Year 1, 9th Dec, 8.50 to 9.15am

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 Half term holiday: 24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022</p> <p>Inset day: 2 December & 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>

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