



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Kerr	Aydin
Bryon	Iris
Donaldson	Riley
Soundar	Obrempong
Dahl	Lilly
Gavin	Nathania
Mante	Tamaya
Morpurgo	Lily R
Riordan	Perla
Zephaniah	Whole Class
Malala	Taraji
Balckman	Isabel
Kipling	Kai

Festive Dates

- 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 2nd December 2022

DATES COMING UP!

- 5 Dec** -Occasional Day school closed
- 6 Dec** -SEND /MH coffee afternoon from 2.30pm
- 8 Dec** -Students flu vaccination - follow up
-Year 1 trip
- 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

Thank You



We raised a massive **£510.44** for The Royal British Legion by selling lots of poppies.
Thank you for all your contributions.

Friendship Cup	Y4 - Chelsea Morton
Headteachers Awards	
Year 3	Olivia, Robert, Trystan, Chloe, Todimu & Nathania
Year 4	Alfie, Liam & Jared
Year 5	Oliver E, Mya, Maya, Tiara & Hollie

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:

- Donaldson** - Milkshakes
- Mante** - Milkshakes
- Zephaniah** - Movie and popcorn

DISCO

We raised over **£1000** at our school disco.
Thank you

UPDATE

Enterprise Day

Thank you to all that joined us for Enterprise Day yesterday. The children had so much fun making and selling their festive goodies, which helped to raise essential funds for our PTA.



CLASS OF THE WEEK:



This week, Zephaniah class went on a trip to the Airbus STEM Discovery Centre. Here is George's account of the day:

Airbus

They sent a Rover in space to planet mars
Rover is a robot that they use for scanning the ground on mars.
They use an Xbox controller with Artificial intelligence to control the robot. They collect soil and atmosphere samples and for any signs of life. It takes 9 months to get to mars. They are testing the robot's tolerance to extreme weathers in Italy.



Class: Blackman
Pupil: Ronnie Fountain

In year 6, we have been writing our own nonsense poems based on Jabberwocky.

Twás cliserable and the mirty yair,
Did clittle and grittle in the labe,
All yuckgust were the woots,
And the wodd groor protrudes

Beware the Blululue my boy!
The blobs that splat, the hands that grab!
Beware the Wevil and sill
The greird frady!

He took his spikgerous Guitari in hand,
Decaduous time the tankome foe he thought
So rilled he ny the Worwor tree
And stond awhile in hought.

And as in diggish thought he hood
The Blululue with eyes of bloob,
Came thripping through the wallied wood,
And gurgled as it ran!

Un, Deux! Un, Deux! And zoom and zoom!
The weculiar Guitari went wooper-doop!
He left it sliced with its neck.
He went roddling back!

And hal thoo slain the Blululue?
Come to my strarms my helated son!
O jubumpant day! Yallooh, Yallay!
He chiffled in his jap!

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Empathy

Inclusivity

Respect

Aspirations

Determination

Empowerment

STEAM week

An ebook has been put together to showcase some of the children's cars. It also shares who were the winners of the creative and fast car categories. (click on image below)



Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values



Enterprise week!

The children across the school have been incredibly busy this week, using creativity and teamwork to make a range of festive products for sale, to kick off the Christmas celebrations. As we complete these activities, classes are encouraged to think about why we celebrate Christmas and what it means to them, as well as sharing in the festive enjoyment of this time of year!

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Year 5 STEM Trip

This Tuesday, the Year 5s went on a day trip to the STEM centre in Stevenage.

It was an excellent day and we learnt a lot about Space.

We had a workshop where we found lots of information about Mars and got to see a Mars Rover in real life! We also completed a workshop where we had to follow instructions in order to design our own Rockets that we could actually launch. A fun part was when we got to explore the exhibit area where it had lots of investigative activities. We ended our day with a show all about Isaac Newton and Forces.

It was a fantastic day!



Over the last couple of weeks children in years 1 to 6 have been completing a well-being survey to find out how happy, resilient, positive and friendly they are. In Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) we have found::

84% are always or usually happy, 88% felt that grown ups in school listened, cared and wanted them to do their best, 89% felt that there was many things that they could do well, 90% felt that they had a positive attitude towards their self, 87% felt that they were trying their best in school, 75% said that they usually got enough sleep and 91% felt that they usually

had a balanced diet.

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The Leys Have Talent



Does your child excel in any out of school activities or have a special talent? Have they received a certificate/medal to demonstrate their success?

Let us know by emailing Theleyshavetalent@leys.herts.sch.uk so that we can celebrate their success together!

Please include their name and year group in your email and any photographs that could be used on our website or newsletter.



How to spot child sexual exploitation

Each year in England thousands of children and young people are raped or sexually abused. This includes children who have been abducted and trafficked, or beaten, threatened or bribed into having sex.

[How to spot child sexual exploitation - NHS](#)

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).

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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>

