



PRESS GANG

Welcome to the Spring Terms Press Gang Edition 2022.

This 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.



Elizabeth Ryan, Kai Cheung, Veda Kishore, Phebe Woolf, Oliver Flecknell, Aseda Nkansah, Ronnie Fountain, Christina Amuzu, Isobella Crooks, Kimberly Munodawafa and Hannah Magdalana.

Football Tournament

Recently, Year 5 and Year 6 Girls football team took part in a tournament which was at Round Diamond School. In the tournament we played game after game- it was hard work! But, we still won every

Global Goals

Save Water

BY Aseda

Water

Water is a very important resource to us. Unfortunately, 97%





game except one which we drew. We were very happy after we won against The Giles School, because we lost against them in the last tournament. When we were playing the last match we were so happy because we won 1:0. Then, at the end, once all the games had been played, all of the teams had to sit



down and wait for the results. It was a very nerve-wracking time! They said the second and third were a tie and we all were getting very nervous because they hadn't said our school name yet. But..they then announced the winning team...and it was us!!! The Leys!!! We all got gold medals and a trophy. Then we took a team photo.

By Leah. M



is salty leaving us with only 3%! However, what is even worse is that 2% is in the ice caps. Therefore, in reality we have only 1% of drinking water.

Why is water limited?

As earth's population grows, the demand for water rises higher. Agriculture is the highest industrial water usage at 80% of our overall water usage. It is also because of how water pollution has increased so much. Another main cause of water shortage is climate change.

How can we help?

We could save water by checking toilet leaks, taking shorter showers, turning off the tap when we brush our teeth or reduce the use of things like dishwashers and washing machines. We can also save water by installing water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors.





Safer Internet Day

By Elizabeth Ryan

What is Safer Internet Day?

Safer Internet Day is the day that people (mostly children) learn about how to stay safe on the internet. They learn about the dangers of what the online world can be like - a lot of games that children play may not be suitable for their age group. People will need to search through what their children are playing online as they might have very toxic communities meaning they have to play in team groups with people they do not know. One way to stay safe online is the phrase "SMART". SMART was created to keep children safe when playing games or just being online in general.

What does SMART stand for?

SMART:

Stay safe online

Meeting (DON'T)

Accepting (Don't do this either)

Relying (Don't rely on anyone you meet online. You don't know them!)

Telling (Always tell a trusted adult if you meet someone online.)

So, now you know that SMART will keep your child safe. Do not doubt it and your child will be safe online.



Author Visit



On Wednesday 2nd March 2022, an award winning author-Chitra Soundar-came to our school.

She came to tell us about her life growing up and how she became an author. She also discussed her book called 'We all Celebrate' which was about celebrations from all over the world- some we had never heard!.

Some children brought in her books to get them signed by her!

Lastly, we got to ask her any questions about her childhood/adult life.

It was an amazing Experience meeting a real life author!

By Oliver Flecknell



School Disco

BY Aseda N

On Friday the 25th of March, all around the school, we had an amazing school disco.

This year's easter disco was **ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC.**

We all had so many snacks to eat and things to buy. Phebe, in Year 5, said 'I enjoyed meeting and dancing with my friends. The dj was so friendly and I am sure we all had a spectacular time'



FLOTSAM

By Phebe W

All around our school, we have read a book called 'Flotsam'. Then our teachers encouraged us to write and create ART pieces about it! Everyone enjoyed doing this because it brought so much creativity to our minds- helping us to go beyond the borders with our writing! There was even a video created, that was put on facebook and on the website, to show what the whole school did!





World book day

By Jacob Wilson

On World Book Day (Friday, 3rd March) our whole school created a book called 'We all celebrate' which was inspired by the author Chitra Soundar who visited us. A celebration can happen for many reasons, maybe it is a special event or maybe it is somebody's birthday or anniversary.



In our whole school book we included many celebrations from all around the world including: Chinese new year, Easter, Carnival de rio de janeiro, Diwali, St patrick's day, Up Helly Aa Fire festival, May day, White nights Festival, Independence day, Tet (Vietnam Lunar new year), Holi festival, Oktoberfest, Hanukkah, Day of the dead, Bastille day and Queenstown Winter festival.

All classes completed activities around their chosen celebration- some classes got to make the food they eat, some used sand, some created amazing art pieces and some even created dances!

We all also dressed up for World book day, including the teachers who all dressed up as 101 dalmatians. It was a great day!





STEAM WEEK

BY Aseda

On Monday the 14 of March 2022 ,all around the school,we started STEAM week. Our steam week this term was: Could Humans one day live on Mars?

During this term's STEAM week, all classes completed different activities such as: Science investigations, Art Work, Story Writing and D.T projects.

In Year 5, in Science,we did a lot of research about Mars's atmosphere and if life can grow on it and completed an experiment whether cress could grow in Sand and other materials. Year 1 have been using paper mache to create their own Mars planets, Year 3 have been investigating craters and Year 6 have been building their own Martian villages!

All Classes then gathered their work and placed it in a 'STEAM fair'- it was so exciting to go and see what every year group got up to!





Ukraine



Sadly, as many of you may know, Ukraine and Russia are at war.

Many Ukrainian civilians, who once had normal lives, fled their homes into neighbouring countries such as Poland, Romania, Moldova, Hungary, Slovakia and Belarus- who have fortunately welcomed them with open arms. Lots of brave Ukrainian citizens along with many other countries are protesting for Russia to leave their country.

In order to support Ukraine, The Leys have been collecting donations. In each class, we have kept a box and asked for children and parents to kindly donate essential things such as: shampoo, soap, wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, clothes and toys, which were taken to Nobel School to be shipped to the Ukrainian refugees. All classes have also made sunflowers and put them onto our classroom windows to show our support. Mrs Parrett, a HLTA for KS2 said "It is not Russia's war, it is Putin's war on the Ukrainian people, he has decided to take over their country, without thought for the civilians."

By Veda Kishore



Friday 18th March was a special occasion for comic relief-Red Nose Day.

Red Nose Day is an annual fundraising campaign with the goal to end child poverty by funding programs that keep children safe, healthy, educated and empowered.

For this occasion we wear red noses to encourage others. As a school, we held a non-school uniform day to raise funds for this event!

By Oliver Flecknell

*The Year 5 Maths
Challenge*
By Kai Cheung

On Thursday 21st February, four young, talented students named Oliver, Zachary, Ethan and Kai were all entered into a maths competition- against many other Hertfordshire schools.



We had to practise in our lunch time to prepare for this event and we then took part in the competition virtually. We were all very nervous but we worked very well as a team and even though the questions were very challenging we did extremely well!



10 Fun Facts about Easter you Probably Didn't Know:

1. The Easter Bunny legend began in Germany. ...
2. The holiday was named after the Anglo-Saxon Goddess, Eostre. ...
3. More than 1.5 million Cadbury Creme Eggs are produced every day. ...
4. The act of painting eggs originates from a Ukrainian tradition.
5. The world's largest Easter egg weighs in at 5000lbs
6. Pretzels used to be associated with Easter
7. The UK's first chocolate egg was produced in Bristol in 1873



8. In Germany, it is illegal to dance on Good Friday
9. Easter is celebrated on the Sunday after the full moon following March 21st
10. In 2007, an Easter egg sold for £9 million

At the Leys, we have held an Easter poetry competition. There were lots of entries and it was a very tough decision to choose our winners. But our final winners from each year group are:

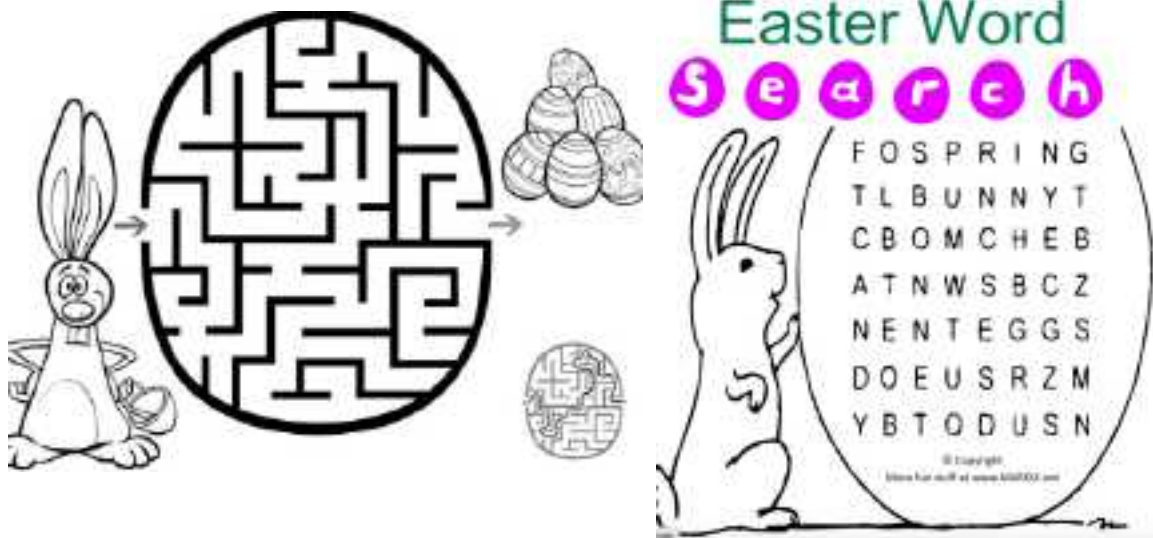
**Year 6: Tegan Doherty
Year 5: Charlie Francis
Year 4: Oliver Savage
Year 3: Delilah Eddy
Year 2: Alex Szymanek
Year 1: Bella Twyman and Saaya Gohil**



Congratulations to the Winners and Thank you to everyone who took part!



Can you complete these Easter Puzzles?



This terms Writing Competition:



Answer this question in any way that you would like: a diary entry, a story or even a comic strip!

Be as creative as you can!

Deadline is: Friday 10th June. Please give your entry to Miss Garner