



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 1st July 2022

DATES COMING UP!

4.7-8.7 Commonwealth Week
 5.7 School Photographs
 6.7 to 8.7 Year 4 Wymondley Trip
 13.7 Year 5 Steel Pans Performance
 14.7 Transition Day
 15.7 Year 6 Production 2pm & 6pm
 18.7 Year 6 Prom 6-8pm
 20.7 House point reward pm
 21.7 Last day 1.30pm finish
 22.7 School closed for all staff

Calling all Year 5 Parents!

There will be a short performance of music on the steel pans on Wednesday 13th July at 09:15.

This will be a chance for you to come and hear the outcomes of your children's learning through the year. It would be great to see any parents who can attend!

Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Izzy
Murphy	Vida
Kerr	Talib
Waddell	Hailey
Donaldson	Brianna
Gravett	Daisy
Dahl	Erin
Freedman	Devon
Strong	Rebecca
Morpurgo	Ellanora
Tolkien	Ronnie
Lewis	Jacob
Rosen	Taraji
Shakespeare	Gaja
Dickens	Niamh
Kipling	Tegan

We are holding a Learning Fair to showcase our pupil's learning about the Commonwealth - Parents/ Carers are free to attend with their child/children before and after school on Wednesday 13th July

Attendance Awards	Kerr & Lewis
Friendship Cup	Y3 Paige
Headteachers Awards	
Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	Muhammad, Liam, Delilah
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	

Attendance Monopoly Winners

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:

Gravett - Arts and Crafts
Dahl - Non-uniform
Tolkien - Board games

UPDATE

STEAM WEEK

How can we explore the world around us?



In Freedman class we explored our school grounds and spent time looking at the 2 Oak trees we have. We compared their sizes and learnt all about the life cycle of these amazing trees.

In Year 4 we have been exploring how we can design a city from scratch while taking into consideration what sort of infrastructure we would need in a new city such as hospitals, train stations and sports stadium. The children have however, had to take into consideration the amount of light pollution that is created, we have been testing this by creating electrical circuits within our 3-D models.



Empathy

Inclusivity

Respect

Aspirations

Determination

Empowerment

CLASS OF THE WEEK



Jeffers

Due to the Reception transition sessions next week the children in Reception have been learning about a Commonwealth Country. We have been learning about Australia.

The children have learnt about some of the indigenous animals and were fascinated by the duck-billed platypus; they enjoyed using their phonic skills to label the different body parts.

We then looked at Aboriginal art. The children enjoyed creating their own turtle using the dot technique and have been busy creating their own art during Child Initiated Learning.



Class: Year 6
Pupils: Beatrice, Archie P

In year 6, the children have been using a video of 'Road's End' as a writing stimulus for a piece of creating writing as part of their transition to secondary school.

<https://www.literacyshed.com/roads-end.html>

Brief synopsis of the film:

Who is this mysterious man in goggles and a red scarf and what has happened to him? We are left to decide this for ourselves as the short film begins and he is inspecting the wreckage of a car, as a viewer we assume that he has survived a car crash. Help is at hand in the form of a friendly driver who stops and offers him a lift.

We soon realise that all is not as it seems and so does the driver. But is it too late? He looks into the goggles of his passenger and sees himself in the reflection. It is not a pleasant view of the future... and unluckily for this poor soul it comes true.

'He was alone. The only company he had was a Northern wind brushing against his ears, leaving specks of dust on his pale skin. He brushed it onto the rusty, offstrack path which was in the middle of an unsteady, stony cliff, slowly crumbling away as it stretched over a car, a flipped car, laying in a ditch. Metal scraps lay next to dead plants as well as prickly cactus and microscopic glass pieces; scattered around like stones.'

Beatrice - Dickens

'In the midst of an unforgiving desert, which stretched as far as the eye could see, was a mysterious lone figure covered by the dust of the barren, baked earth. The resurrected soul had awoken as a ghost. Yes, a real ghost; a visible ghost. When he woke up he was wearing a mask which covered his whole face. He felt a real sense of anger, which swept through his body like a tidal wave, making him want to burst out like a vicious volcano.' *Archie - Shakespeare*

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Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values



Nursery

The children have been discussing friendship and how to be kind to each other. The children have made a colourful handprint collage and come up with their own ideas of what they can say to be kind. We have been talking about the transition up to reception and how they can make new friendships. The children have had the chance to explore their own feelings in relation to change and how they can help their friends if they are struggling to settle.



WELLBEING



Research suggests that acts of giving and kindness can help improve our mental wellbeing by:

- creating positive feelings and a sense of reward
- giving you a feeling of purpose and self-worth
- helping you connect with other people

It could be small acts of kindness towards other people, or larger ones like volunteering. Children are capable of giving and also benefit from such acts. Within school we encourage even our youngest children to smile and greet others and thank them for acts of kindness, such as holding open a door.

You don't need to wait for Christmas, there are many things you could try at home over the Summer:

- saying thank you or writing an email/card to someone for something they have done or for a gift
- spending time with friends or relatives who need support or company
- drawing a picture or making something such as cakes or a photo frame for a friend or family
- encouraging children to share a toy or game with others

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The Leys Have Talent

Ronnie, Teddy and Joel, in year 5, all took part in the Royston Town football tournament.

Consisting of 4 league games, they topped the group with just one goal conceded. They beat Walkern in the semi final and Letchworth in the final to win the tournament!

Well Done boys- Amazing achievement!



New Parent Meeting- infant hall 9.15 to 10am

Parents/ Carers will be invited to a meet their child's new class teacher- please see dates below;

11.7 Year 1

Other year group meetings will take place in September 2022

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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Term dates 2021-2022

<p>AUTUMN TERM Start of term: 2 September 2021 Inset day: 1 September Term: 2 September -21 October Half term holiday: 25 October 2021 - 29 October 2021 Inset day: 22 October Term: 1 November -21 December Occasional Day: 6 December Christmas holiday: 22 December 2021 - 5 January 2022</p>	<p>SPRING TERM Inset day: 5 January 2022 Term: 6 January - 11 February Half term holiday: 14 February 2022 - 18 February 2022 Term : 21 February-1 April Easter holiday: 4 April 2022 - 18 April 2022</p>	<p>SUMMER TERM Term: 19 April - 26 May Half term holiday: 30 May 2022 - 3 June 2022 Inset Day: 6 June Occasional day: 27 May Term: 7 June-21 July Inset day 22 July Summer holiday: 22 July 2022 - 31 August 2022</p>
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Term dates 2022-2023

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