



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Jake
Murphy	Harry
Kerr	Harry
Waddell	Mia
Donaldson	Sophia
Gravett	Lilly D
Dahl	Lily
Freedman	Chelsea
Strong	George
Morpurgo	Tiara
Tolkien	Mia
Lewis	Frankie
Rosen	Leo
Shakespeare	Raheel
Dickens	Salman
Kipling	Eliza



Please can we remind all parents/ carers to take care with **parking** locations outside the school gates- we have received a complaint from a local resident!

Friday 15th July 2022

DATES COMING UP!

18.7 Year 6 Prom
 20.7 House point reward pm
 21.7 Last day 1.30pm finish
 22.7 School closed for all staff

*Children can eat for just £1 at **Asda** Cafés across England and Wales this Summer – with no minimum adult spend, follow the link below for details...*

<https://corporate.asda.com/newsroom/2022/07/05/children-can-eat-for-just-1-at-asda-cafes-across-england-and-wales-this-summer-with-no-minimum-adult-spend>

Does your child want to learn an instrument?

Please look at Herts Music Service website (link below) for information about booking individual or group lessons. There is financial support for eligible families (those with free school meals) and a scheme to hire instruments at a lower cost.

<https://ukhertfordshire.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

Attendance Awards	Jeffers and Shakespeare
Friendship Award	Harry G, Y3 Stanley W, Y1
Headteachers Awards	
Reception	
Year 1	Stanley
Year 2	Freddy, Sophia H
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	Joseph

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:

Rosen - Class baking
Donaldson - Activity Day
Jeffers - Lemonade in the meadow
Gravett - Movie and popcorn



We are excited and thrilled to inform you of our Sports Awards this week!
We have received the following 3 Awards from Stevenage Sporting Futures :

- School Games Gold Sports Mark
- Mental Health Award in PE
- Mr Newlands - 'Couldn't do it without you ' Award



UPDATE

- Commonwealth



Thank you to all our parents and carers who joined us this Wednesday, to support and celebrate our whole school Commonwealth projects. We hope you enjoyed our Learning Fair!

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Year 5 Steel Pans Performance

Many thanks to all the parents/carers who attended the performance of the steel pans on Wednesday morning. We hope that you enjoyed hearing the fruits of their learning as well as seeing for yourselves some of the process of how that learning takes place.



Heatwave

With very high temperatures predicted next week, we'd like to remind you of the importance to ensure that your child(ren) have

- Suncream applied before they come to school
 - A named water bottle
 - Named sunhat/cap
- Wear PE kits/loose clothing

We are taking measures in school to ensure the pupils are cared for during the heatwave.

CLASS OF THE WEEK



This week has been a busy week for Tolkien class! You have already read about Commonwealth Week, which we spent learning about Pakistan, and our Steel Pans performance. We have also been very excited to meet our teacher for next year, Mrs Luzzeri. In class, we have been improving our knowledge of the Geography of the world.



As well as this we have been writing horror stories about a poor unfortunate girl named Francis who disappeared mysteriously...

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Class: Year 2 Gravett
Pupil: Kyler-May

Dr Pettorelli

Last week we had a very special visitor to Year 2. Her name was Dr Pettorelli and she is a biologist. A biologist is someone who studies living things. She told us that cheetahs are extremely fast, faster than cars!

She has been to lots of countries around the world. Did you know that she can speak lots of different languages? She can speak French, Spanish and English!

To be a biologist you need to know Science, Maths, English, History and lots more! I felt very interested in her job and she inspired me because after her visit, I want to be a biologist when I grow up now too!

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

This week, our year 6s have visited the St Nicholas Play Centre as part of their end of year festivities. At the centre the children had a chance to have a period of free-flow play while they engaged in a range of activities

such as;

Badge making

Table tennis

Sand and water play

Football

Zip line

Obstacle course



The children all had a marvellous time and were absolutely exhausted when we got back to school!



WELLBEING



This academic year our Mental Health Practitioner, Leila, has worked with the parents of 4 individual children, 22 children in groups from Years 5, 4, 3 and 2 working on anxiety based issues and 12 Year 6 pupils supporting them with transition work.

Over the holiday this service is offering online sessions for parents and carers on Understanding Worries and low mood, Transition to secondary School and Confidence, resilience and Risking on Purpose. Also for 16-18yr olds on New beginnings.

They will also be hosting Coffee Mornings for all Stevenage MHST Education Sites. These are being held at Barnwell Upper School, SG2 9SR. For further details, please see below and scan the QR code to make a booking.

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MHST Wide Online Programme - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/objecta-emp-w-ssas-mental-health-support-teams-in-schools-62530331823#about>

WC 25.07.22	WC 01.08.22	WC 08.08.22	WC 15.08.22	WC 22.08.22	WC 29.08.22
For parents and carers - Understanding Worries and low mood Tuesday 26 th July 1:30-2:30pm	For parents and carers - Transition to secondary School Monday 1 st August 09:30-10:30am	For parents and carers - Confidence, resilience and Risking on Purpose Tuesday 9 th August 4:30-5:30pm	For parents and carers - Understanding Worries and low mood Monday 15 th August 09:30-10:30am	For parents and carers - Transition to secondary School Monday 22 nd August 10-11am	For parents and carers - Confidence, resilience and Risking on Purpose Tuesday 30 th August 12-1pm
For parents and carers - Understanding Worries and low mood Wednesday 27 th July 5-7pm	For 16-18yr olds New beginnings Monday 1 st August 11-12noon	For 16-18yr olds New beginnings Monday 9 th August 12-1pm	For parents and carers - Understanding Worries and low mood Wednesday 17 th August 6-7pm	For parents and carers - Transition to secondary School Wednesday 24 th August 4-5pm	For 16-18yr olds New beginnings Wednesday 31 st August 1:30-2:30pm
For 16-18yr olds New beginnings Thursday 28 th July 5-6pm	For parents and carers - Transition to secondary School Wednesday 3 rd August 5-7pm	For parents and carers - Confidence, resilience and Risking on Purpose Wednesday 10 th August 12-1pm	For 16-18yr olds New beginnings Friday 19 th August 11-12noon	For parents and carers - Transition to secondary School Friday 26 th August 10-11am	For parents and carers - Confidence, resilience and Risking on Purpose Thursday 1 st September 5:30-6:30pm


Local Sessions for All Stevenage MHST Education Sites held at Barnwell Upper School, SG2 9SR

WC 25.07.22	WC 01.08.22	WC 08.08.22	WC 15.08.22	All online sessions will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a short presentation on the theme and how it can improve wellbeing • some fun activities on offer linked to the them • Informal Q&A session to end • To sign up – please Scan the QR Code Coffee Mornings will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop in and say Hi! • Informal Q&A • Space to reflect and share resources • 'Stevenage Young Peoples Healthy Hub' will also be there to provide information, advice and signposting
Primary School Parent/Carer Coffee Morning Wednesday 27 th July 10-11am	Secondary School Parent/Carer Coffee Morning Wednesday 3 rd August 10-11am	16-18yrs Parent/Carer Coffee Morning Wednesday 10 th August 10-11am	16-18yrs Coffee Morning Wednesday 17 th August 10-11am	



SCAN ME

Mental Health Support Teams

Hertfordshire Partnership
 University NHS Foundation Trust 

The Leys Have Talent

**Oakley, in Year 1, participated in Race for Life with his Nanny as he wanted to raise money for charity. He completed 5k in 37 minutes!
Well Done Oakley, we are so proud of you.**



Bowling

This week, our year 5/6 football teams visited Hollywood Bowl as part of their end of year reward for brilliant football season. At the centre, the children were able to relax and grab a bite to eat whilst competing against teammates in bowling matches.



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Summer Reading

Please help your child to continue reading over the summer holidays. To support you and encourage the children we have the following things available. A letter with all the information will be coming next week.



The Leys Summer Bingo

Join our Summer Bingo activity.
How many boxes can you complete?
1 line completed= small reward
Completed board= goody bag

What will you win?



The Leys Summer Library open

Week commencing 25th July
Week commencing 1st August
Week commencing 8th August
Week commencing 15th August - Open 15th, 16th, 17th only.

Please come and borrow books to enjoy over the Summer holidays. Available in the school office.

Do it one last time...

Year 6 parents

Walk your child to school one last time this week. Even if they don't want you to. Laugh about the sticks they used to collect or the paintings they so carefully carried. Reminisce about their sports days and how funny they were in their nativity. Tell them how proud you are of them and how excited you are to see them grow. Remember how little their hand was when you held it on the first day of reception. Hold that hand again as you walk with them one last time.

You've done a great job.

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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.

Term dates 2021-2022

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	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	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
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Term dates 2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM 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 Inset day: 2 December & Occasional Day: 5 December Term: 31 October - 21 December Christmas holiday: 22 December 2021 - 4 January 2022	SPRING TERM 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	SUMMER TERM Term: 17 April - 20 July Bank Holiday: 1 May Half term holiday: 29 May 2022 - 2 June 2023 Term: 5 June-20 July Inset day: 21 July 2023 Summer holiday: 24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023 <u>Inset Day 2021-2022</u> 1 September 2022 2 September 2022 2 December 2022 5 December (Occasional day) 2022 5 January 2023 21 July 2023
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