



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

## Friday 16th September 2022

### DATES COMING UP!

19 Sep -Bank Holiday school closed  
 23 Sep -Yr 4 Friday Family Reading 8:50am  
 29 Sep - Phonics workshop for Reception parents 9-10 am  
 30 Sep -Yr 2 Friday Stay and Share 8:50am  
 October -Black History Month  
 4 Oct -Harvest assembly  
 4 Oct -PTA -Meeting at 3.30pm  
 6 Oct -Phonics workshop for Nursery parents 9-10 am  
 -National Poetry Day  
 7 Oct -Yr 1 Friday Family Reading  
 12 Oct -Y6 Manor Meeting  
 13 Oct -School Photos  
 14 Oct -PTA Disco  
 -Yr 5 Friday Family Reading  
 17-21 Oct -Just Talk Week  
 18 Oct -Face to face parent consultations 3:30 - 7pm  
 19 Oct -Telephone parent consultations 3:30 -5pm  
 21 Oct -Non-uniform £1  
 -Yr Rec Friday Family Reading  
 24-28 Oct -Half term  
 31 Oct-4 Nov -Yr 6 Manor Adventure  
 2 Nov -Nursery parent teacher meetings 12pm  
 4 Nov -Yr 3 Friday Stay and Share 8:50am  
 7-11 Nov -Poppy Appeal  
 9 Nov -Yr 6 parent teacher meetings 1pm  
 11 Nov -Yr 2 Friday Family Reading  
 -PTA Bags 2 School

### Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Evelyn
Murphy	Rose
Kerr	Santino
Bryon	Evie
Donaldson	Uno
Soundar	Logan
Dahl	Joshua
Gavin	Remii
Mante	Chelsea
Morpurgo	Olivia
Riordan	Layla
Zephaniah	Bailey C
Malala	Leo
Blackman	Jake
Kipling	Ryan

School Photographs  
Thursday 13th October

PTA Disco  
Friday 14th October

Non-uniform £1  
Friday 21st October

PTA Bags 2 School  
Friday 11th November

Children in Need  
Friday 18th November

Attendance Awards	Kerr & Gavin
Friendship Cup	Isabelle A
Headteachers Awards	
Reception	
Year 1	Nicholas Jake Antonia Tanith Emmy Evie Robyn Reuben Adam Masood
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	Maya
Year 6	

### 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:**

**Kerr: Movie and popcorn**  
**Mante: Class baking**



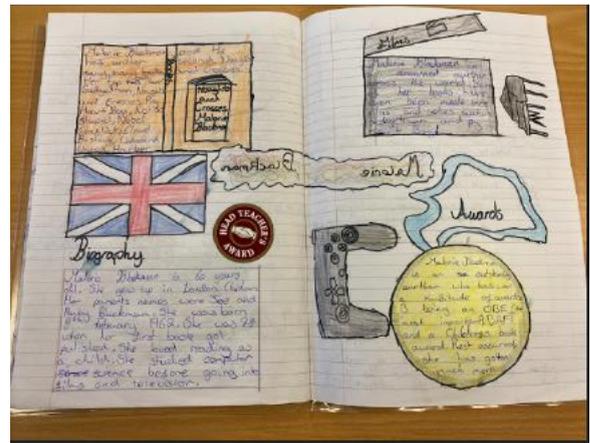
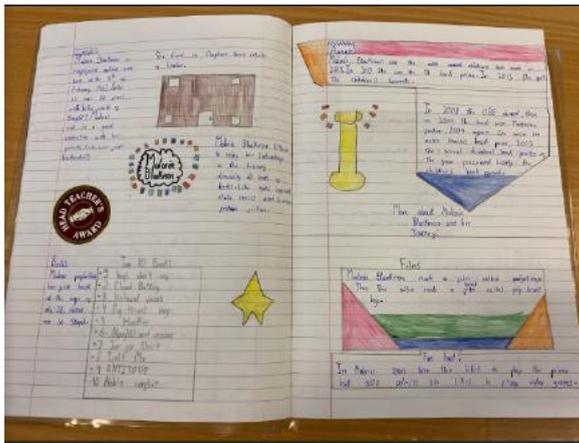
# NOTICE

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Bank Holiday for the  
State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II

## UPDATE

Reading- Author work



In Blackman class, we created a two-page spread on our author, Malorie Blackman. We focused on different aspects of her life; her early years, awards she has won, as well as the books she has written.

In creating a two-page spread we were able to show off our creative side as well as our presentation and writing skills. Lucianna took the quote from Blackman that "Books should be mirrors as well as windows", and used this to give inspiration to her title.

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CLASS OF THE WEEK:  
Riordan

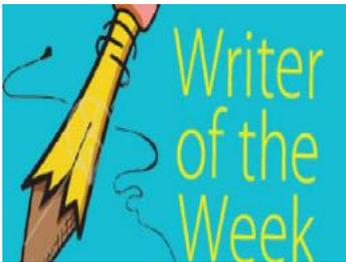


This week Riordan class has been writing biographies based on our class author. We have researched information, divided them into subheadings and are in the process of publishing them! Here is a good example introduction by Layla Stagg:

Rick Riordan

Do you want to find out more about the terrific author Rick Riordan? You are about to be absolutely gobsmacked by the interesting facts you are about to hear..

Rick Riordan, who has sold over 30 million books, is one of the best selling authors. He once said "selling funny books for children was always my dream" and as you have heard his dream has come true! This biography will tell you all about his early life and how he became one of the most fascinating authors.



Class: Soundar  
Pupil: Mia

Soundar class has been writing to Chitra Soundar- our class author. This is Mia's letter. We will send them all off and hope she replies if she has time!

Dear Chitra,

I am writing to you from Soundar class, Year 2 at The Leys Primary School. You are our class author. We are named after you and finding out all about you.

Do you have pets or children? We heard you like to cook. What is your favourite thing to cook? My favourite dinner is tomato soup.

From Mia

### Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values



This week, we were incredibly saddened by the news of the Queen's death. As a school, we came together in assembly to talk about the **British values** and how the Queen embodied these. The Queen demonstrated to us all how to show **tolerance of different faiths and beliefs, democracy** and the **rule of law**. We also reflected on how the Queen showed our school values, living her life with **empathy** and **determination**.

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**Supporting Children with Bereavement** - As the country gives thanks for the life of the only Queen that most of us have ever known. Many adults have compared this loss to that of losing a member of their own family. At times like these we often recall others we have lost. Bereavement and grief can be unpredictable. Feelings that we think have been left behind can suddenly re-surface and unsettle us.



For some children, this might be their first experience of death, however the extensive coverage of the Queen's departure and the public displays of grief and flowers might raise feelings that they cannot name and questions you might not feel confident to answer. For the children it is important that we try to do so. Here are a few top tips to help you;

- Use clear and age appropriate language (not she is lost or asleep)
- Explain what death is - The body has stopped working properly and they cannot be brought back to life..
- Reassure children, as many will worry that others may die.
- Be open, honest and direct with children.
- Let children ask questions and know that their feelings are normal.

If you have concerns or worries please talk to a Mental Health leader at school. Further advice or support can be found at

<https://www.winstonswish.org/talk-to-children-about-death-of-queen/>

## The Leys Have Talent

Glynn, in year 4, is a talented dancer. He recently took part in the Warriorz dance competition and received 3 medals! He won a blue/gold in under 8s, Crew dance and Mega crew dance. He also won two trophies in solo and duo dance!

Well done Glynn you are extremely talented!



## Well Done

I just wanted to say how proud I am of all our year 4 children today in swimming. We started the week with worried children and finished with a pool full of excited smiling faces. Their behaviour was impeccable. They listened well to all the staff, and listening to the children on the way home they were full of happy remarks and telling each other how proud of themselves they felt. Huge well done to year 4 and a massive thank you to all staff that helped this happen.

Mrs Davies

Friday Stay and Share / **Friday Family Reading** 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.

We have also planned for each year group to have 'Friday Family Reading' sessions, for pupils to read their book to their family members.

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

Each year we will need to send Text messages to invite parents- we will add dates to facebook and the newsletter weekly.

Black- Stay and Share  
Red- Friday Family Reading

8.50 to 9.15am

23/9	30/9	7/10	14/10	21/10	4/11	11/11	18/11	25/11	9/12
Y4	Y2	Y1	Y5	YR	Y3	Y2	Y4	Y3	Y1

## 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 2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<p>Start of term: 5 September 2022            Inset day: 1 September &amp; 2 September            Term: 5 September -21 October            Half term holiday: 24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022            Inset day: 2 December &amp; 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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