



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Caelum
Murphy	Christian
Kerr	Harry
Bryon	Elsa
Donaldson	Erika
Soundar	Oakley
Dahl	Lexie
Gavin	Betty
Mante	Logan
Morpurgo	Poppy
Riordan	Nancy
Zephaniah	Archie
Malala	Oscar
Blackman	Mason
Kipling	Frimpong



Times Tables Leaders

Well done to

Harry - Morpurgo
Thomas - Mante
Lillie - Blackman

For most improved time (playing in the Studio area) over the past 7 days

Friday 10th March 2023

DATES COMING UP! (please note all dates are subject to change)

13 Mar -In class school photos
13 -17 Mar -STEAM week
17 Mar -Red Nose day-Wear Red for donation
21 Mar -Poetry day
24 Mar -Year 5 Century parent workshop
30 Mar -International Food Festival
31 Mar -Non uniform £1
-School finishes 1:30pm
3-14 Apr -Easter holidays
20 Apr -Bag2School collection
1 May -Bank holiday, school closed
8 May -Bank holiday for the Kings Coronation, school closed
9-12 May -Y6 SATS week
15-19 May -Walk to school week
26 May -Non uniform £1
9 Jun -Non uniform Summer Fair donations (details closer to the date)
16 Jun -Summer Fair



From 1st April 2023 Herts Catering Ltd have set our new school meal price at £3.15. All childrens' school meals will be charged at this amount (this does not affect free school meals)

Friendship Award	Year 1 - Iris in Bryon Class for helping her friends at snack time!
Headteachers Awards	
Rec	Christian, Frankie, Kaiden
Year 2	Oliver, Marnie, Saaya, Amaya, Shiv, Oakley, Noah, Lucy, Hannah, Lucie, Jayden, Kabir, Hailey, Ocean, Benjamin, Maaya, Ahmad, Bella

Attendance Wheel of Reward

Each week in assembly the wheel will be spun for **most improved class attendance**



Be here to have a go!
This week's winners & rewards:

Soundar - PJ Day

Mante - Class Disco

Blackman - Wellbeing Day

UPDATE

Music

Over the last two weeks, we have been very pleased to welcome new people to our school to help us develop more passion for music. The iRock company has begun working with some of our children to learn an instrument and even form small bands!



We have also had a new specialist music teacher come in to work with our choir to help them get concert-ready for their performance at this year's Herts Music Gala at the Royal Albert Hall. The choristers are working hard and looking forward to a fantastic performance!



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CLASS OF THE WEEK:

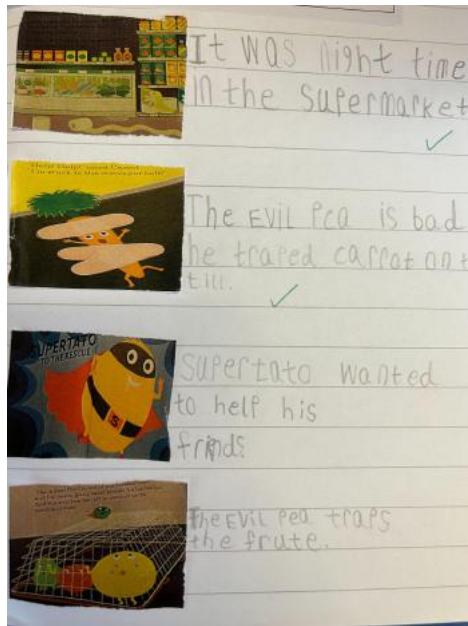


This week Donaldson class have been getting ready for our visit from the Stevenage firefighters. Over the last term we have been learning all about the Great Fire of London and fire safety. This has meant that Donaldson class have had lots of questions to ask the firefighters. Some of the questions that we had, were asking how long it takes the firefighters to get ready when they have a call. Also having a closer look at the personal protective equipment and the thermal image camera.

The day was really interesting and all of the children learnt a lot from having the firefighters. Donaldson class is very thankful for the time that the firefighters had for Year 2.



Class: Bryon Class - Emmy



This week in Year 1 we have been focusing on the book **Supertato** By **Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet**. The children have explored the characters and used adjectives to describe them. They have also sequenced the story and written captions and sentences. They have focussed on identifying the beginning, middle and end. Emmy has worked really hard to form her letters correctly, use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Well done for fantastic writing Emmy!!

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

Year 5 has been learning about impressionist art and studying how different each artist's impression could be from one scene. They have discussed similarities and differences and respect that everyone's perceptions are different. They then had a go at recreating the scene from their own perspective.

All of the children have done an amazing job, well done year 5!



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Whole school attendance target
= 97%

Whole school attendance this
week = 95%

Best class attendance this week
= Mante and Blackman



WELLBEING

Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA)

Emotionally-based school avoidance is a term referring to reduced or nonattendance at school by a child or young person.

Rather than the term 'school refusal', the term EBSA recognises that this avoidance has its root in emotional, mental health or wellbeing issues.

The 2022 Attendance Audit from the Children's Commissioner found that in Autumn 2021, 1 in 4 children were persistently absent. In 2018/2019, this figure was 1 in 9 - meaning that persistent absence has more than doubled in this time period.

School avoidance may start gradually. This can make it hard to spot when things are beginning to go wrong. It is easier to make change if you intervene early, at the first sign of difficulties.

If you want to know more about EBSA and how you can help your child with this issue please see this parent booklet from the Hertfordshire Psychological Service. If you have further concerns about supporting your child with EBSA please speak to Mrs Barr or Mrs Clibbon.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/Local-Offer/Media-library/Documents/Emotionally-Based-School-Avoidance-Parent-guidance-PDF-642kb.pdf>

The Leys Have Talent

Liam, in year 4, took part in his first swimming competition. He received a silver medal for his breast stroke!
Well Done Liam keep up the good work!



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Everything we do protects children today and prevents abuse tomorrow, to transform society for every childhood.

That's why we're here and that's what drives all of our work. But it's only possible with your support.

[NSPCC](#)

The Leys Pupil Cabinet visit to Stevenage Chambers

Last week, Chloe and Elizabeth in Year 6 went with Mrs Khangura to meet the Mayor of Stevenage at her chambers in town. The girls represented our school as part of a Stevenage schools project. They gave a speech about how the cost of living is affecting the community. Both girls showed great maturity and we are very proud of them. Chloe said "it was great to hear other school's speeches and their thoughts about what we can do as a community to help each other."



Introduction to the SEND Local Offer website – webinar

A friendly face from the Local Offer team will take you through the website and how you can use it to find the right support and services.

The webinars will be held on the following dates.

For professionals AND parent carers - Tuesday 18 April at 8pm

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YWFhNWI2MDgtNjBINS00ZjhhLWE5N2UtMTk2MzBkYjczOWFi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2253e92c36-6617-4e71-a989-dd739ad32a4d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22471a7f75-56a5-4ad2-8537-bdd0a34635%22%7d

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FRIDAY 17 MARCH

We will be supporting Comic Relief next Friday by wearing something/anything red to school. Please donate via the link below

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-the-leys-primary-and-nursery-school>



We're looking for green fingered volunteers to help tidy our planters and garden areas. If you're able to spare some time to help us please contact the school office, thank you

Stevenage Cycling Hub Easter Courses

Stevenage Cycling Hub have a wide selection of courses running for children over the Easter Break:

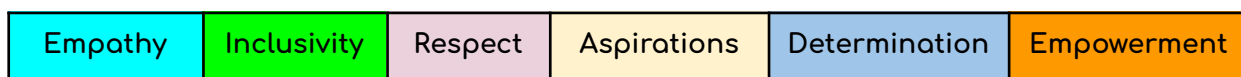
Beginner Biking - cannot ride unaided | Fun Skills - can ride but below school year 3 | Bikeability Level 1 - can ride year 3 or 4 | Bikeability Level 2 - can ride year 5+ | Bikeability Level 3 - achieved level 2 & year 6+

Courses can be booked at the following link:

<https://stevenagecyclinghubco.uk/pages/training/children>

Term dates 2022-2023

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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	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	Term: 17 April - 20 July Bank Holiday: 1 May Bank Holiday: 8 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 Inset Days 2022-2023 1 September 2022 2 December 2022 5 December (Occasional day) 2022 5 January 2023 21 July 2023



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