



# PRESS GANG

This Year's Press Gang consists of Year 5 and 6 pupils.  
From year 5 we have Emmy, Olive, Naomi, Rebecca, Shikana, Archie Layla, Paris, Nancy, Alys, Tammy and Tiara. From year 6 we have Alys, Veda, Elizabeth, Kai, Charles, Phebe and Ethan.



Throughout each term, the pupils gather images and notes about events that are taking place both inside and outside of school. They use interviews and pupil/staff voice to help gather as much information as they can. Ms Westwood and Miss Garner help to support them in their writing journey each week in order to create this newsletter.  
We hope you enjoy our Autumn 2022 Edition.

## GLOBAL GOALS

*Global goals are a set of aims for the world that we are trying to accomplish . Climate Action is one of the 17 Goals*

## Red Nose Day 2023

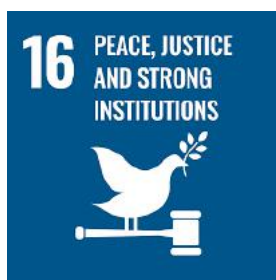
You must have heard of Red Nose Day by now. Right? It has been going for around 35 years in the UK and is sponsored by Comic Relief (a huge fundraising charity). Comic Relief is known for raising



*(13th). Climate action includes: building resilience to events such as flooding, droughts and other extreme weather events. We need to take urgent action to combat Climate Change and its impacts on us and the World.*



*The 16th Goal is Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. This includes the promotion of and peace and inclusivity in all societies, to provide a Justice system to all for a fair hearing and to build strong Institutions and*



*relationships with all.*

*Alys*

money to end child poverty and for many other projects in the UK and also Africa.

People are encouraged to dress up in funny outfits, bake cakes and do anything you can be sponsored for so you can raise money for the charity.

Many retailers sell funny red noses which you can buy - and even form a collection of - sell t-shirts or other merchandise which raises money for this good cause.

#### **Fun Facts -**

- Since it began in 1988 the charity has raised over £1,047,083,706 (!!)
- The highest amount raised in one evening (2011) was £108,436,277
- 24 singles have been released in aid of Comic Relief including from artists like The Spice Girls, Cliff Richard and Ed Sheeran

***This year at school we held a non-school uniform day to raise money for Comic Relief***



## The Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year - which is also called the Lunar New Year - was recently celebrated on the 22nd of January and included many different types of celebrations. This year is the year of the Rabbit and many students really enjoyed finding out about their zodiac signs and learning about which animal represents them. Which one are you?

My Zodiac animal is the snake. I just found this out by looking up the Chinese calendar on the internet.



People born under this sign are said to be mysterious and the wisest. This represents me exactly!

## The Dick Whittington Pantomime

The Dick Whittington Pantomime was played at The Leys Primary and Nursery School on the 9th of January by a touring theatre. It told the tale of rags to riches for Dick Whittington and how he defeated the Queen of Rats who had been terrorising the London community. Due to his kind-heartedness he also then became Mayor!

The younger students got to see it live in the hall and the older pupils watched it on a Google Classroom. After watching the Pantomime, we all completed English work based around it. Year 5 wrote persuasive letters to Dick to try and encourage him to donate £1 million to our School to buy new resources and some even asked for pets, cars or holidays for themselves instead of money for the School.

Year 6 wrote a letter from the perspective of Dick, telling one of his friends about what happened to him when becoming Mayor of London and Year 4 completed a





To celebrate the Chinese New Year the children have completed all different types of activities and crafts including creating origami and lanterns:



Tammy

*newspaper article about the time he became Mayor and included quotes from people who thought he would either make a good Mayor or not. Fantastic work done by all!*



This is a photo that was taken of the performance in our school hall.

*Emmy in Year 5 (Riordan) thought the Pantomime was very "interesting and funny" and she liked that the cat was standing on 2 legs all the time! Skyla in Year 5 (Zephaniah) thought that it was "an amazing performance and a great privilege for our school to be included and see such acting." We all hope we can get to see a pantomime again next year and wonder which one it will be?*

Written by Rebecca



## Internet Safety Week!

Internet Safety Week (6th February 2023) is all about being safe on the internet.

### 5 RULES

Here are the 5 rules of the internet.

Rule 1: Never share private information online.

Rule 2: Don't respond to anything someone sends you unless you have permission.

Rule 3: Don't share photos online.

Rule 4: Don't click links or open anything someone sends to you.

Rule 5: Never meet your online friends in real life.

### HOW TO KEEP SAFE ON THE INTERNET

To stay safe on the internet you must follow the 5 rules above. Here are some other tips to keep safe on the internet.

You should keep a secure password so no one can hack into your accounts. Make sure your password is easy to remember but not obvious to other people. Never share your password with anyone, even family!! Check to see if any software you are using is secure and don't click on suspicious links or emails.

## International Women's Day 8th March 2023



International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated each year, all around the world, on 8th March. This day focuses on the women's rights movement, bringing attention to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, and violence and abuse against women. The movement started in 1908 and has spread to many countries around the world and then in 1977 it was a day which was adopted by the United Nations and became a mainstream global day.

International women's day is important because it is a day to reflect on their work over centuries of fighting for a change. It really makes women think about if women didn't take action, they could have their lives changed forever. It's also



## HOW TO PREVENT INTERNET BULLYING

To prevent internet bullying, think before you post. Remember that the internet is a public space and anyone can see it. Internet bullying is sadly on the rise especially with many Social Media sites making it possible to befriend people and say nasty things about them from behind a keyboard. Make sure you trust the people you share your information with!

### What have we done as a school?

KS1 has read a wonderful book by Amy Lockwood called Hanni and the Magic Window, KS2 has been exploring all the things that they can use the internet for and how to talk about what they find in an appropriate way. This week we have also spoken about the SMART rules making sure everyone knows the rules that we follow at The Leys to keep us all safe online.



Paris

important because it spreads awareness of how women changed our future forever. People celebrate this special day in many ways, some countries observe a public holiday whilst others promote the achievements of women with rallies and protests still calling for change in some countries, especially in the West.

The theme for this year is “DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality” (ref: UNWomen) which focuses on the change to technology and education, in this digital age, to ensure gender equality and giving empowerment to all women and girls whatever their status.

Nancy





# **Earthquake in Turkey and Syria**

On the 6th February 2023, a tragic earthquake struck Turkey and Syria at 5:04 am, killing more than 47,000 innocent people. It registered 7.8 magnitude and was followed by a second one at 7.5 magnitude on the Richter Scale. A tragic 84,000 buildings were destroyed during the hours of the earthquake-leaving hundreds of people homeless and in shock. There were more than 10,000 aftershocks in the three weeks that followed.



## **One of the ruins of one house that collapsed**

The earthquakes in Turkey and Syria happened because the tectonic plates that Turkey and Syria are situated in between got stuck due to friction and bashed into each other causing pressure which causes the release of energy in waves that travels through the earth's crust and causes the shaking we feel.

## **Away from the sad news and into the happy news!!!**

A boy named Osman Halebiye was stuck in a flattened house but miraculously survived when rescue workers heard a noise coming from the rubble of the fatal situation. Osman was pulled out and taken to hospital where he received specialist care and has now been reunited with his family. Some animals have also been found after days in the rubble and destruction. Miracles do happen!

**Olive and Naomi**



## WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 2nd March this special day, known as World Book Day, was celebrated in schools all over the country. It is the time when many children dress up in extravagant costumes based on their favourite character from their favourite book or film.

World Book Day was founded by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) in 1995 and is celebrated around the world every year as the charity wanted every child to have a book of their own and they chose this day to celebrate.

This year in our school we had a little change to our approach and instead of wearing cool costumes we wore our pretty pyjamas or dressing gowns and were allowed to bring our favourite soft, cuddly toys and blankets. Children also brought in their own story books and sat together to read them to one another.

As well as this, the whole school took part in poetry workshops throughout the day. This World Book Day our theme was 'The Importance Of Story Time' and we focused on rhyming in poems and in the workshops pupils composed a small verse of rhyming couplets which were related to their favourite authors or characters. "This was my favourite World Book Day so far as I loved doing the poetry and hope we can do this again next year!" commented Lily in Year 5.



**Olive**





## STEAM week

Last term our STEAM week was based on 'How fast can it go?'. All the students got to make a car then race the cars in the classroom, and the fastest car would go on to race the whole school! The most creative car would also be judged by the class then by Dr Christie. Also, all the artwork went on display in the STEAM room. This term's topic was regarding boats and to see which design would hold the most weight. Students were asked to create a boat from things you could find in the house and see how much weight it could hold and still be floating.

After all the boats had been handed in they would be tested in the classrooms using kitchen weights to see which is still floating after adding weight after weight. There were two categories to win in. 1- Holding the most weight and 2- Most creative. The winner of the most creative was decided by the children in the classrooms. This was a whole school event so there would be quite a few! The winner of the one that could hold the most weight was then tested alongside the winners of all the other classes in school.

### **This STEAM Week the winners where:**



**By Shikana and Archie**



# Valentine's Day

Valentine's day is a day for romance and love. It's when families of all shapes and sizes get together and spend the day together. Valentine's day started in the 14th century where legend has it that a priest befriended a blind jailer's daughter, after which the girl was able to see again. Another common legend states that St. Valentine defied the emperor Claudius' orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war. It is for this reason that Valentine's day is associated with love.



Here are some ideas that you could do on Valentine's day:

- Eat breakfast in bed
- Go out for a fancy dinner
- Have a movie night

By Veda

## Children's mental health week.



Children's Mental Health Week took place in February. It is a week where we are able 'to shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health'. It is a nationally recognised event, with hundreds of schools and colleges participating across England, Scotland and Wales, as well as hundreds of children, parents and carers.

This year our theme across school has been about connecting with others. The children have completed learning activities in pairs and groups within their class, across year groups and across phases. We have also talked about friendship in assembly and how they can show this towards others and the importance of connecting with family and friends for our own wellbeing



## *The Easter Disco - 24th February 2023*



We have a disco twice a year and this one was the Easter Disco. It is always so much fun! Yr 1,2 & 3 had their disco first and then 4,5 & 6 had theirs later on. All the money goes to the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and is used within the school to buy resources and help towards trips for the children later in the year. Whilst we were there we had a choice of sweets, chocolate and crisps to buy and there were also toys such as light up rings, gliders and glow sticks. They went down a storm and were great under the disco lights.

We have a great DJ each time and he takes requests, with a sure hit being 'Dance Monkey', from the children to keep the selection of music fresh and ensure it's what the children want. Jack in Year 2 said, "My favourite song was 'You Make My Heart Melt', it got all of us up and dancing!"

Most people are so tired when they finish the disco but they still can't wait for the next one!

Teachers and support staff are on hand for the children and sometimes are even known to take part and show us some of their own dance moves. Near the end we did a conga around the hall and dining area which is always a competition between the boys and girls.

"I thought the disco was very fun and entertaining. This is the first disco I have ever been to in this school and I can't wait to go again!" reported Tammy from Riordan Class Yr 5.

This disco we raised £1152 for our school!

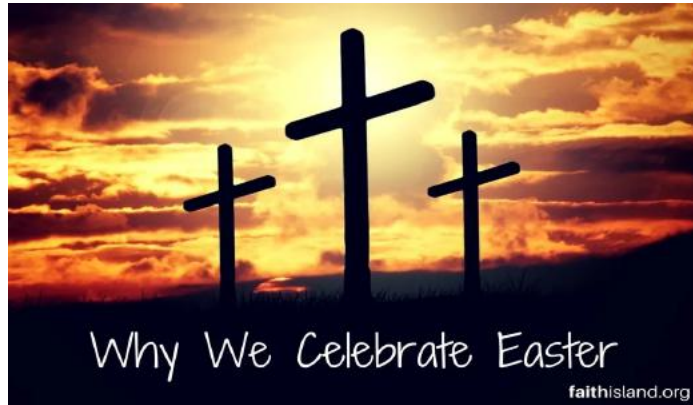
**By Emmy**





# EASTER

For Christians, Easter isn't just about chocolate eggs, it marks the day that Jesus was put on the cross and sacrificed his life for others (Good Friday) and when he rose from the dead-resurrected (Easter Sunday). It is one of the most important holidays in the Christian calendar and celebrated in many different ways. Do you know why we eat chocolate eggs on Easter? Well, it's actually an ancient symbol of richness!



Christians also have Easter Monday because it is the day Christians believe that the messiah returned to Earth.

*The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ~Matthew 28:5-6.*

### Poem - credit unknown

God sent his son down to take the punishment  
For all the thoughtfulness, sinful things we do  
Jesus gave his life because He loves us  
His love is boundless, sweet, forever true.  
On Easter morn He showed He is our Saviour  
His resurrection proves He is our Lord  
That is why we tell you  
Happy Easter!  
He secured our heavenly reward!

Happy Easter Holidays  
Have a great time!

**By Layla and Nancy**



# EASTER

## WORD SEARCH



BUNNY  
EGGS  
CHICK  
JELLYBEAN

BASKET  
SPRING  
FLOWER  
EASTER

GRASS  
CANDY  
HUNT  
DYE

BONNET  
SUNDAY  
PEEPS  
LAMB

