



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Ianis
Murphy	Emmie
Kerr	Christian
Bryon	Izzy
Donaldson	Maaya
Soundar	Lexi
Dahl	Ruben
Gavin	Felicity
Mante	Isla
Morpurgo	Delilah
Riordan	Ethan
Zephaniah	Amber
Malala	Abigale
Blackman	Darcie
Kipling	Faith



Times Tables Leaders

Well done to

1. Paige Blanchard
2. Delvin Chiuya
3. George Stocks

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

Friday 31st March 2023

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

17 Apr -Back to school
 3-14 Apr -Easter holidays
 18 Apr -PTA meeting 3:15pm
 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
 26 Jun -Class group photos
 29 Jun -Sports Day 1
 30 Jun -Sports Day 2
 3-7 Jul -Climate change week
 14 Jul -Y6 Productions
 17 Jul -Y6 prom
 20 Jul -Last day of term
 1:30pm finish
 21 Jul -INSET Day, school closed

Please look out for our weekly correspondence email and follow our Facebook page

Friendship Award	Betsy
Headteachers Awards	
Year 2	Ahmad

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:

Kerr - Mindfulness Activity

Dahl - Class Baking

Malala - Class Baking

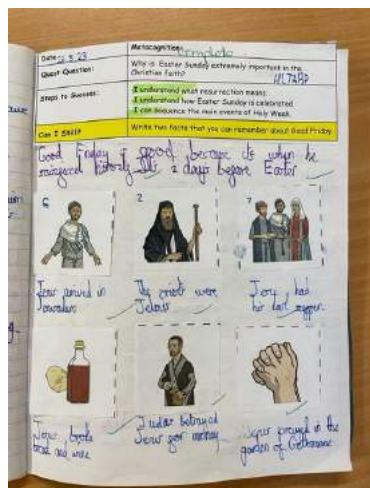
UPDATE

RE - Easter

This week across the school we have been focussing on The Easter Story. Each year group has completed different work based on The Easter Story. The children have learned which religion celebrates Easter and what The Easter Story is all about.

Classes have produced some great pieces of work to support our RE focus this week.

The Children have also had great fun joining in on Easter Egg hunts as part of the Easter celebrations across the school.



CLASS OF THE WEEK:
Riordan



This week Riordan class have been helping the younger years complete their easter egg hunts- they have been fantastic role models for the school.

We have also created American Chocolate Apples for our Candy Stall ready for our School Food Festival.



Class: Mante

The River
By Jacob Twyman

The River's an avalanche,
Wide and deep,
He leaves no choice,
Where to leap.

The river's an artist,
Ideas flowing in,
Always drawing,
Never pinned.

The river's a dragon,
Fiery and fierce,
He keeps an eye out,
Who to pierce.

The River's a gymnast,
Moving in all forms,
Always going,
Never warm.

The river's a toddler,
Young but growing,
Never stopped,
Always flowing.

Scientist of the
Month



Frankie- Murphy Class

Frankie has loved exploring floating and sinking both in class and in CIL. After our STEAM week activities Frankie has continued to try and make his own boats and investigate how they float and why things happen. He was able to talk about how light things can float and will be moved by the wind and how heavy things and things with hole will sink.



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STEAM week update



Well done to all the children who built boats as part of the recent STEAM week. A marvellous array of floating vessels were brought into school.

Click on this [link](#) to view the published ebook which showcases the boats.

Special congratulations goes to the following children:

Held the most weight:

Ahmad (Year 2), Liam (Year 4), Muhammad (Year 4) & Leo (Year 6)

Most creative designs:

Odin (Year 2), Lilly (Year 3), Dawson (Year 4), Tammy (Year 5) & James (Year 6)

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

Year 2 - Planting

Year 2 were lucky enough to go to the local park and plant some bulbs with the council. They had a great time and enjoyed learning about the bulbs and planting!



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WELLBEING

Wellbeing
Champions

Last week the Well-being Champions completed their half term meeting. They discussed which local charity the school should support with a bake sale and agreed 'Feed Up Warm Up'. Also possible names for Anti Bullying week across Stevenage next November. The children were positive about 1 Decision, our new PSHE resource. Saying that the lessons were more interesting and interactive. We also discussed our Healthy Living week next term and the children told us that they wanted more work on sleep, maintaining positive relationships and how to

help their own well-being. It was a very positive meeting.



Whole school attendance target = 95%

Whole school attendance this week = 93.7%

Best class attendance this week = Gavin 100% -well done

The Leys Have Talent

Nathania, in year 3, loves dancing. She recently received a certificate and trophy for passing the Primary grade ballet exam. She had only started ballet training last September at Emerald Dance Academy and was able to achieve her goal with merit.

Well Done Nathania, Keep up the good work!



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Uniform Reminder



Please ensure all children are wearing black *shoes* to school everyday. See the below link for all details and expectations regarding uniform



<https://www.leys.herts.sch.uk/nad-parent-toolkit.html>



ABA & Our Work

The Anti-Bullying Alliance is a coalition of organisations and individuals that are united against bullying.

[Anti-Bullying Alliance](#)

Food Festival

We'd like to say a huge THANK YOU to all children, parents, carers and staff that contributed to our amazing Food Festival yesterday. It was a huge hit with lots of money being raised towards resources for the children.

We'd also like to say a special thanks to Hertfordshire Catering Ltd for their generous contributions, which proved to be very popular.



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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)

Term dates 2022-2023

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