



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Whole class
Murphy	Leo
Kerr	Yasa
Bryon	Grayson
Donaldson	Maaya
Soundar	Ella
Dahl	Oliver
Gavin	Freddie
Mante	Gabriella
Morpurgo	Kobi
Riordan	Ellanora
Zephaniah	Shaylen
Malala	Christina
Blackman	Mason
Kipling	Alys



## Times Tables Leaders

Well done to  
**Leanne N**  
**Harry G**  
**Dawson**

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

## Friday 19th May 2023

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

22-26 May -Healthy Living  
 Week and Walk to School  
 Week

25 May -EYFS parent  
 workshop 9-10 am

26 May -Break the Rules  
 Day

29 May-2 June -Half term

8 Jun -Year 2 school trip

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

Friendship Award	Erika & Isabella
Headteachers Awards	
Rec	Charlie, Orla, Hollie, Max, Caelum, Ianis, Alex
Year 3	Kaira, Brianna

## 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 - No pencil day**

**Dahl - Arts and crafts**

**Malala - Friday  
 non-uniform**

# UPDATE

## Geography - International week



During international week this year, all year groups have been researching and finding out interesting facts about a range of countries: France (YR), Romania (Y1), Brazil (Y2), USA (Y3), Pakistan (Y4), Nigeria (Y5) and Japan (Y6). There has been lots of work completed around each country. Some have learned songs, phrases and even made and tried foods from their chosen place.

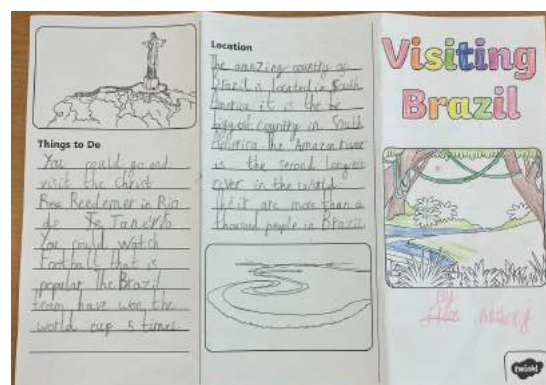
Year groups 5 and 6 have created fact files and tourist guides featuring lots of pictures, drawing and information about the countries of Nigeria and Japan.



Year 5 has created artwork inspired by Yinka Ilori (a British/Nigerian artist).



Year 2 have been creating their own fact files about Brazil. They researched lots of things to do in the country such as visiting Christ the Redeemer and even watching a football match. Anthony found out that Brazil has won the World Cup 5 times!



Year 1 had the country of Romania and they were researching the famous decorated eggs from the country. They even got creative and designed their own. Great designs Year 1!

**CLASS OF THE WEEK:**  
Donadlson



This week, the Donaldson class has embarked on an exciting project focused on Brazil for international week. Our goal has been to create captivating information leaflets that delve into various aspects of Brazilian culture. Throughout our exploration, we have delved into the country's diverse culinary delights and discovered the thrilling activities that captivate people's interest in Brazil. Our research for this project has resulted in a comprehensive list of enticing experiences that we dream of partaking in if we ever have the opportunity to visit this vibrant nation.

In order to share our newfound knowledge, we've enthusiastically presented our leaflets to the class, assuming the role of tour guides addressing potential tourists who are contemplating a trip to Brazil.



Class: Kerr

In Year 1 we have been writing explanation texts about the life cycle of a frog. All the children did amazingly, it was very tricky to choose one person to be writer of the week. The writer of the week is Dylan. Here is his report.

The frog life cycle is amazing. Would you like to know more? Keep reading this report.

First it starts as frog spawn it looks like jelly and it looks like an eye.

They hatch into tadpoles and grow a black tail and grow a bigger heads.

Do you know what comes next? They grow back and front legs.

**Reader of the Month**



Year 1 / 2

Reader of the month goes to Vinnie in Year 1. He has been trying really hard to apply his phonics and remember all the new tricky words that we have been learning. This has allowed Vinnie to make amazing progress in his reading.

Well done Vinnie we are really proud of you.

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



This week in Reception we have been learning all about France. We have looked at landmarks, food and famous people and compared them to England. The children have then had lots of fun doing different activities around France including using straws to make the Eiffel Tower and trying out dot painting like Monet.



## The Leys Have Talent



Paris, in year 5, attends Molly Vickers Dance School in Stevenage. She has recently received her Grade 1 award for ballet.

Well Done Paris- Keep up the Good Work.

## Online Safety Assembly



This week our local PC and PCSO joined our pupils in assembly and spoke to pupils about how to keep safe online, most importantly highlighted the dangers of online activity. Please see below a message from our local police force.

Sending a Malicious Communication Section 1 of the Malicious Communications Act 1988 Paragraph 3 of the Malicious Communications (Northern Ireland) Order 1988

A person who sends to another person (from the age of 10)



Either: a letter, electronic communication or article of any description which conveys a message which is indecent or grossly offensive  
a threat or information which is false and is known or believed to be false by the sender or  
any article or electronic communication which is, in part or whole of an indecent or grossly offensive nature with intent that it should cause distress or anxiety to the recipient or any other person to whom the person sending it intends that it or its contents or nature be communicated.

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## Children and Young People Mental Health

- Early Help Parent Support Service for Parents/Carers in Hertfordshire

### What they offer:

- Free online and face-to-face workshops
- Parent Support line: 07932 651319 (open Thursdays 9 am - 12 pm or by appointment)
- Private moderated Facebook support group: [NESSie Parent/Carer Support Group](#)
- 1-1 targeted brief support sessions
- Peer support groups
- 'Drop In and Chat Coffee Mornings' where you can discuss anything and everything

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/WhctKKXwwqHwJXKrXDwxLwcfmFdHqhXvmqRGkGMxbFGRfShqXtZcDWrrDtBZZshchwJlwl?projector=1&messagePartId=0.3>

<https://nessieined.com/hertfordshire-parents>

### Walk to School Week 22nd - 26th May



Next week is Walk to School Week and we are encouraging children to leave the car at home and walk/cycle/scoot to school every day. If this is not possible then please consider park and stride - parking further away from the school and walking for part of the journey.

Walking is so important for many reasons, it is environmentally friendly, a great source of exercise and a fantastic way to start the day off feeling energised and positive!

Every child who travels to school without using a car (or who parks and strides) every day throughout the week will receive a certificate at the end of the week.

We hope to see lots of families taking part throughout the week - have fun and enjoy!



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# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Whole school attendance target = 97%

Whole school attendance this week = 94.1%

Best class attendance this week = Donaldson



## How to spot child sexual exploitation

Each year in England thousands of children and young people are raped or sexually abused. This includes children who have been abducted and trafficked, or beaten, threatened or bribed into having sex.

[How to spot child sexual exploitation - NHS](#)

**The month of June will be dedicated to celebrating and empowering our pupils about future careers**

**We would like to invite our parents/carers/relatives to visit our school and talk to our pupils about their jobs. We would appreciate and welcome talks from all careers**

**Please call or email [admin@leys.hert.sch.uk](mailto:admin@leys.hert.sch.uk) with your details and preferred year group, thank you**

## SENDCo drop in sessions

These sessions are to discuss:

- Information to share from home
    - Initial concerns
    - Making a plan to move forward
  - Other arising matters you would like to raise after speaking with the class teacher
- If you would like to book a drop in session with myself, please follow the link below

One slot per child

If you do wish to talk out of these times the door is always open <https://leys.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Slots available			
Monday 24th April 2-2.15	Tuesday 16th May 9-9.15	Wednesday 14th June 2-2.15	Tuesday 11th July 3-3.15
Monday 24th April 2.15-2.30	Tuesday 16th May 9.15-9.30	Wednesday 14th June 2.15-2.30	Tuesday 11th July 3.15-3.30
Monday 24th April 2.30-2.45	Tuesday 16th May 9.30-9.45	Wednesday 14th June 2.30-2.45	Tuesday 11th July 3.30-3.45
Monday 24th April 2.45-3	Tuesday 16th May 9.45-10	Wednesday 14th June 2.45-3	Tuesday 11th July 3.45-4

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## Term dates 2022-2023

### SUMMER TERM

Term: 17 April - 20 July

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

21 July 2023

## Term dates 2023-2024

### AUTUMN TERM

**Start of term: 4 September 2023**

Inset day: 1 September 2023

Term: 1 September - 19 October 2023

Inset day: 20 October 2023

Half term holiday: 23 October - 27 October 2023

Occasional day: 8 December 2023

Term: 30 October - 20 December 2023

Christmas holiday: 21 December - 3 January 2024

### SPRING TERM

Inset day: 4 January 2024

Term: 5 January - 16 February 2024

Half term holiday: 19 February - 23 February 2024

Term : 26 February- 28 March 2024  
Easter holiday: 29 March – 12 April 2024

### SUMMER TERM

Term: 15 April - 24 May 2024

Bank Holiday: 6 May 2024

Half term holiday: 27 May - 31 May 2024

Inset day: 3 June 2024

Term: 4 June - 23 July 2024

Inset day: 12 July 2024

Summer holiday: 24 July 2024 - 30 August 2024

Inset Days 2023 - 2024

1 September 2023

20 October 2023

8 December (Occasional day) 2023

4 January 2024

3 June 2024

12 July 2024

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