



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

## Friday 15th September 2023

### Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Nevaeh-Faith
Murphy	Aniqa
Kerr	Louie
Bryon	Archie
Donaldson	Tanith
Soundar	Vinnie
Dahl	Ava-Grace
Gavin	Barnaby
Mante	Samson
Morpurgo	Kacey
Riordan	Lily Gardner
Zephaniah	Devon
Malala	Lily
Blackman	Charlie I



### Times Tables Leaders

Well done to...

**Devon**

**Olly S**

**Daniel A**

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

### DATES COMING UP!

(please note all dates are subject to change)

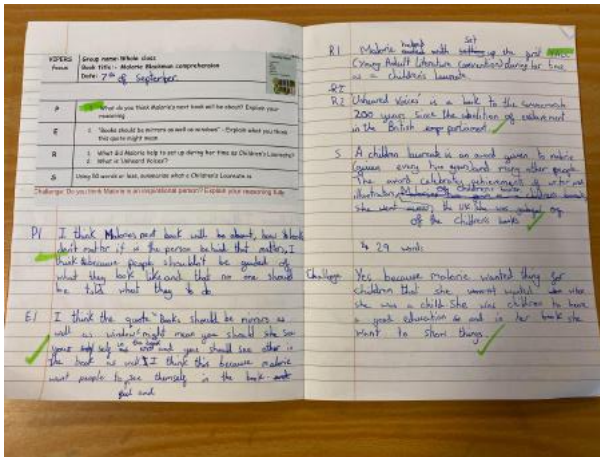
- 18 Sep -School photos (individual and sibling)
- 25 Sep -Flu vaccinations  
-Freedom from Abuse parent workshop 9-9:30am
- 29 Sep -Macmillan coffee morning
- 2 Oct -PTA AGM 3:30-4:30pm
- 5 Oct -National Poetry Day
- 12 Oct -Year 2 school trip
- 13 Oct -PTA School Disco
- 17 Oct -Bags2School collection  
-Parent consultations face to face
- 18 Oct -Parent consultations telephone
- 20 Oct -Inset Day/school closed
- 30 Oct -3 Nov -Year 6 Manor Adventure
- 6-10 Nov -STEAM Week
- 9 Nov -Year 4 trip
- 10 Nov -EYFS & KS1 Movie Night
- 13-17 Nov -Feel Good Week
- 16 Nov -Year 5 STEM Trip
- 17 Nov -Children In Need
- 1 Dec -Enterprise Day 2:30-4pm

**Friendship Award -  
Orla, Bryon Class**

# UPDATE

## Author Week

This week children across the school have been learning about their class authors. Children have taken part in a range of activities around them including reading stories that they wrote, making posters showing the research they have done around their authors and comprehension activities. We hope that the children now have a good understanding of why their classes are named after these authors and the amazing work they have done.



### CLASS OF THE WEEK: Riordan



This week Riordan Class have been working hard at Class Author week. The children had fun researching their class author Rick Riordan, finding facts about his life, career, family and the names of all the books he has written. They used their research to write information texts.



Also this week, we finished our art work that we began during Music Week. Our theme was based on Disney and we created the African

sunset from 'The Lion King,' film. We used watercolours to blend orange, red and yellow to achieve the effect.



Eddie,  
Class: Soundar

Soundar Class have been motivated with their writing this week due to a video from Chitra Soundar herself! They loved hearing her say their class name and were ready to start learning. We did some research and created our own factfile on Chitra and then moved on to reading the "You're with me" series. Next, we came up with our own adjectives to put in the title, chose our main characters, settings and what they might be afraid of. The children are looking forward to finishing their creation and showing Chitra Soundar what they have come up with!



Here is Eddie's story:

*A loud roar scared happy Baby Dog. Mummy Dog and Daddy Dog gave Baby Dog a hug. The Baby Dog is happy. "You're happy with me" said Mummy Dog and Daddy Dog.*



Whole school attendance target = 97%

Whole school attendance this week = 97.25%

Best class attendance this week = Morpurgo

### The Leys Have Talent

Maaya, Saaya and Sophie, in year 3, attend the N.E Dance school. They have all recently completed their Level 1 ballet and moved into Level 2.

Well Done Girls- Keep up the good work!





Welcome to all our new families and children. We work hard at The Leys to support the wellbeing and mental health of our children, staff and families. Through this weekly update we try to reduce the stigma and misconceptions around mental health, make families aware of resources, apps and websites, local training opportunities, activities in school and awareness days. Within school our two Mental Health Leads, Mrs Barr and Mrs Clibbon, have a wealth of knowledge and can help guide staff and families to a range of advice when required. We also have weekly access to Leila Touhami, our Stevenage Mental Health Support Practitioner from CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services). Who supports a range of children and families with quality assured programmes at our and other schools across town who present with emotional, behavioural or mental health concerns. The school also buys 3 hours of counselling time weekly from Safe Space (Herts CC therapists). This year we also have Mrs Parrot, who has completed ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) training and is now supporting individual and small groups of children with their wellbeing and developing strategies to help them cope with life's problems. If you have concerns or require support, please check out our website page or contact the school.

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

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

This week children have been settling into Nursery and learning a new routine. They have enjoyed exploring different areas of our classroom and learning how to play in them. We have been discussing the golden rules that keep us happy and safe in Nursery.

We have had lots of opportunities to learn our names and to get to know each other through circle games and group activities. The children have been enjoying exploring the outdoor area and engaging in lots of different activities as part of their Child Initiated Learning.

It has been lovely to see the children exploring different areas and beginning to develop some friendships!

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.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

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## Earthquake Appeal

On Friday 8 September, 11pm, a 6.8 magnitude earthquake struck Morocco.

Local authorities are now reporting that over 2,800 people have died, with many more critically injured. If you're able to please support by using the link below

<https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/morocco-earthquake-appeal>

### Term dates 2023-2024

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
Term: 1 September - 19 October 2023 Inset day: 20 October 2023 <u>Half term holiday: 23 October - 27 October 2023</u>  Occasional day: 8 December 2023 Term: 30 October - 20 December 2023 <u>Christmas holiday: 21 December - 3 January 2024</u>	Inset day: 4 January 2024 Term: 5 January - 16 February 2024 <u>Half term holiday: 19 February - 23 February 2024</u> Term : 26 February- 28 March 2024 <u>Easter holiday: 29 March - 12 April 2024</u>	Term: 15 April - 24 May 2024 Bank Holiday: 6 May 2024 <u>Half term holiday: 27 May - 31 May 2024</u> Inset day: 3 June 2024 Term: 4 June - 23 July 2024 Inset day: 12 July 2024 <u>Summer holiday: 24 July 2024 - 30 August 2024</u>  <u>Inset Days 2023 - 2024</u> 1 September 2023 20 October 2023 8 December (Occasional day) 2023 4 January 2024 3 June 2024 12 July 2024

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