



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Max
Murphy	Ashar
Kerr	Albie
Bryon	Adelina
Donaldson	Amelia
Soundar	Dhyay
Dahl	Kyler-May
Gavin	Pearl
Mante	Grace
Morpurgo	Janelle
Riordan	Oliver S
Zephaniah	Becca
Malala	Chantelle
Blackman	Alex
Kipling	Veda

**DISCO**  
**School Disco**  
**Friday 24th February**  
**Tickets available**  
**now via school**  
**gateway**

## Friday 10th February 2023

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

13-17 Feb -Half Term  
 24 Feb -School Disco  
           -Reception screening 1  
 27 Feb -Reception Screening 2  
 2 Mar -World Book Day- wear your PJ day for story time.  
 13 Mar -In class school photos  
 13 -17 Mar -STEAM week  
 17 Mar -Red Nose day  
 21 Mar -Poetry day  
 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



**Thank you for all your donations towards the Earthquake in Turkey and Syria fund**

Friendship Award	Year 5 - Layla
Headteachers Awards	
Year 1	Adelina
Year 2	Saaya

## Attendance Wheel of Reward

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



**Be here to have a go!**

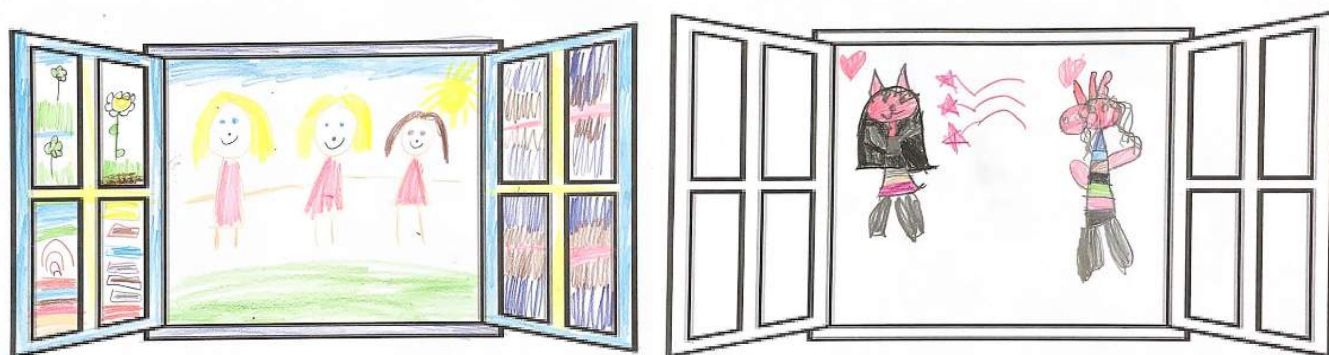
**This week's winners & rewards:**

- Donaldson - Class disco**
- Morpurgo - Class baking**
- Blackman - Class disco**

# UPDATE

## Computing - E safety

This week the Leys have been celebrating E-safety week, this has coincided with e-safety day, in the school we have been focusing on this years theme which is 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. Across the school we have been exploring how we can start a conversation if we see something that upsets up online. KS1 have read a wonderful book by Amy Lockwood called Hanni and the Magic Window, KS2 have 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. Below is some of the work that KS1 have been undertaking this week helping use learn about the importance of talking to a trusted adult if we have any worries.



## First Aid Training

This week, Riordan class (year 5), were lucky enough to receive first aid training. They learnt the meaning of DRS ABCD and how to perform CPR. They also learnt how to put a breathing patient into the recovery position and how to use a defibrillator. It was a very informative session and the children thoroughly enjoyed it! They each received their own certificate!



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**CLASS OF THE WEEK:**  
Murphy



This week Murphy class really enjoyed our visit from the fire fighters. Children did a fantastic job of listening to the talk about what firefighters do and asked lots of fantastic questions. We then had so much fun going to look at the fire engine and having a go at spraying the hose.



Class: Kerr

For the past few weeks we have been working super hard re-writing the tale of Pinocchio! We have seen some fantastic writing. Here are some examples of our fabulous work!  
**Eddie** - Pinocchio flew off his chair and he zoomed to the stage. Can I come with you to the land of lost toys please?  
**Harry** - A giant wave swallowed the little orange rowboat. The enormous blue shark came out from under the wave.

**Reader of the Month**



**Year 4**

**Lily Redmond for her enthusiastic approach to Reading Plus as well as reading at home on a regular basis.**



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



This week the children in Year 3 have been discussing what Children's mental health is and why it is important. Gavin class created a class paper chain to show how they connect together. Each child wrote their own name and a friend's name and gave a reason why they had a great connection. They also have been looking at the mood boosters activities on the CBBC website. Each child took home a mindfulness calendar to complete an activity everyday.

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WELLBEING

**Children's Mental Health Week** - 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 BBC have also released some short videos called Moodboosters which many of the children have tried at school. There are also Moodboosters for families to try over half term. Please see the link below for further information.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/moodboosters>



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**We need your views  
SEND parent feedback**

Please answer these 5 questions about how The Leys are supporting children with SEND and communicating with families. It will only take a minute! Closes 1st March

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Y2RZ55P>

## The Leys Have Talent

Ollie, in year 5, is a talented footballer. He plays for Knebworth football team as well as our school team. Recently, he has received player of the month! Well Done Ollie, Keep up the good work!



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**IWF**  
Internet  
Watch  
Foundation

The IWF is a not-for-profit organisation that works towards the global elimination of child sexual abuse images and videos online. They help to make the internet a safer place for children and adults across the world.

[TALK Checklist by Internet Watch Foundation](#)

## HOLIDAYS



Please be aware that the government continues to regard holidays during term time as *unauthorised* unless there are exceptional circumstances to consider. Parents who decide to take pupils on holiday during term time *may incur a fine*.

## Nursery Tour Dates - Sep 2023 admissions

Friday 24th February - 1pm-2pm  
Friday 3rd March - 1pm-2pm

*Please contact the school office to book a tour*

## Term dates 2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
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  <u>Inset Days 2022-2023</u> 1 September 2022 2 December 2022 5 December (Occasional day) 2022 5 January 2023 21 July 2023

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