



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Nesrin
Murphy	Alby F
Kerr	Hunter
Bryon	Olivia
Donaldson	Emmy
Soundar	Lily-Mai
Dahl	Shiv
Gavin	Maaya
Mante	Emily
Morpurgo	Todi
Riordan	Chelsea
Zephaniah	Olivia
Malala	Antonia
Blackman	George



Times Tables Leaders
Well done to...
Frederick
Naeem
Shaylen
For most improved time
(playing in the Studio
area) over the past 7
days

Friday 13th October 2023

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

- 17 Oct -Bags2School collection
- Year 6 WW2 Workshop
- Parent consultations face to face
- 18 Oct -Parent consultations telephone
- 20 Oct -Inset Day/school closed
- 30 Oct -3 Nov -Year 6 Manor Adventure
- 3 Nov -Year 4 school trip
- 6-10 Nov -STEAM Week
- 10 Nov -PTA Disco
- 13-17 Nov -Feel Good Week
- 16 Nov -Year 5 STEM Trip
- 17 Nov -Non-uniform for Children In Need
- 1 Dec -Enterprise Day 2:30-4pm
- 8 Dec -Occasional Day school closed
- 13 Dec -Flu Vaccination (2nd visit)
- 15 Dec -Christmas jumper day
-Christmas dinner
- 19 Dec -Christmas parties
- 20 Dec -Last day of term 1:30pm finish
-Non-uniform day

Friendship Award	Isla and Harleen
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Headteachers Awards

Year 5	Lily G, Delilah, Dawson
Year 6	Amber, Olive, Jake, Gianna



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down day on Friday 17th
November

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UPDATE

History - Diversity



As part of their 'World War 2' History topic, Year 6 children have been learning about WW2 and most recently, the sad plight of Anne Frank and others of the Jewish faith. To deepen their understanding, a member of the Stevenage Synagogue paid us a visit to share more information on Jewish history under the heading 'The Fragility of Freedom'.

At the end of the talk, pupils also got the chance to sample some challah bread. The children were also invited to take part in a competition (which is to be judged by the Mayor of Stevenage) to design the front cover of a booklet which will be used to promote Holocaust Memorial Day which takes place in January.



CLASS OF THE WEEK:
Murphy



This week in Murphy Class the children have been working very hard to learn about repeating patterns in our Maths. The children have been making patterns with their bodies by doing different actions, they have then copied and continued patterns, before making up their own repeating patterns. They have worked so hard this week!



Empathy

Inclusivity

Respect

Aspirations

Determination

Empowerment



Class: Bryon

In English this term we have been looking at the story 'The train ride'. This week we acted out part of the story pretending we were Molly on the train ride. We really enjoyed the part where we tried chocolate and strawberries for 'lunch' like Molly. All the children were able to think of a variety of adjectives to describe the food. Olivia thought of a brilliant idea- The strawberries are sweet like honey. We were really impressed that she was able to use a simile that we learnt about last week. Well done Olivia!

Reader of the month



Aiden and Tieri are the Year 3s with the highest number of reads in their reading records so far! Well done boys!



Whole school attendance target = 97%

Whole school attendance this week = 95.7%

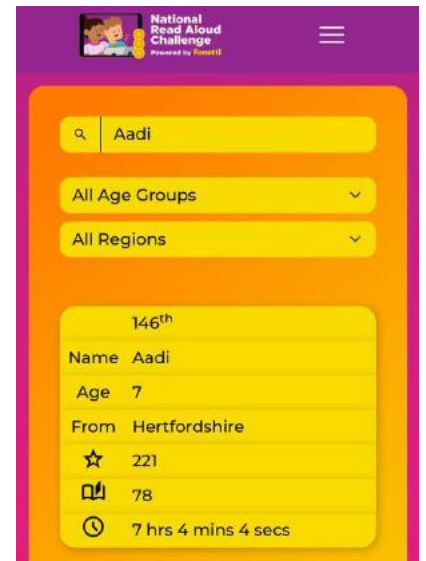
Best class attendance this week = Soundar

The Leys Have Talent

We'd like to say a huge well done to **Aadi** in year 3, who took part in the National Read Aloud Challenge.

The online leaderboard for all regions from the UK, listed Aadi in 146th position among more than 600 children and he came second in Hertfordshire.

What an achievement!





World Mental Health day is 10th October and we are all encouraged to talk about mental health. This can be a tricky topic to start a conversation about. So, find somewhere quiet without interruptions, actively listen and ask questions to clarify information and ask how you can help. If you need help with mental health concerns contact a support group via

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/node/4621>

As part of this event, Ant and Dec and ITV have set everyone homework to write/draw their worries and talk about them with a trusted adult at home. If you are able to join in with this event, here are the links to their video and task.

https://www.itv.com/britaingettalking/schools.html?dm_i=7N6Y,ULO,HRBQ7,33P0,1



In line with our school policy, if your child has been off school with an upset stomach, sickness or diarrhoea, they are permitted to return to school once they have been clear of symptoms for **24 hours**

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

On Tuesday, Year 3 were visited by Mr Egypt! They had a fantastic day and learned a lot about the Ancient Egyptians. Some highlights were getting to see and touch Ancient Artefacts as well as doing some Egyptian dancing and wrapping people up as toilet paper mummies. It was a wonderful experience and a good time was had by all.



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SADA Domestic Abuse Service

Helping you to feel safe, secure, protected and empowered

The SADA Domestic Abuse Service, which is a service for everyone, aims to signpost and support people experiencing domestic abuse.

A dedicated domestic abuse liaison worker will signpost clients to agencies where they can offer support covering a wide range of areas.

- Implementing additional security features in the home
- Supported referrals to other agencies
- Housing/ tenancy issues
- Debt and benefits advice and guidance
- Emotional support to the individual and family
- Practical Support to the individual and family
- Support around accessing legal advice
- Open to men and women
- Access to multi agency

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**Is your child due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2024?
The Leys Primary and Nursery School is offering tours on:**

- **Friday 24th November 1.30pm -2.30pm (places now limited)**
- **Monday 27th November 10am -11am (places now limited)**
- **Monday 4th December 1.30pm -2.30pm**

Please telephone on 01438 314148 to book an appointment to tour our amazing setting and meet the early years team

Term dates 2023-2024

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AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<p>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</p> <p>Occasional day: 8 December 2023 Term: 30 October - 20 December 2023 Christmas holiday: 21 December - 3 January 2024</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p> <p><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</p>

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