



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

| Star of the Week | |
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| Class | Pupil |
| Benjamin | Thomas |
| Murphy | Sophia |
| Kerr | Maria |
| Bryon | Charlie |
| Donaldson | Antonia |
| Soundar | Yuvan |
| Dahl | Sophie |
| Gavin | Lexi W |
| Mante | Kye-Mayson |
| Morpurgo | Elsie |
| Riordan | Maggie |
| Zephaniah | Gabriella |
| Malala | Chase |
| Blackman | Emmy |



Times Tables Leaders

Well done to...

**Frederick
Felicity
Archie B**

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

Thursday 19th October 2023

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

20 Oct -Inset Day/school
closed
30 Oct -3 Nov -Year 6 Manor
Adventure
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
23 Nov -Year 1 school trip
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



Please donate via our
JustGiving page for
dress down day on
Friday 17th November

[h=pfp-shareJustGiving](https://www.justgiving.com/h=pfp-shareJustGiving)

Friendship
Award

Finnley, Gianna,
Brayden, Naomi &
Shikana for
supporting each
other when
creating their own
[maga]zines.

**We'd appreciate all
parents/carers
taking time to
complete the below
survey.
Thank you**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X9NKDZG>

QR code for survey



UPDATE

Art -Diversity

In Art this week year 4 have been drawing self portraits thinking about their own characteristics and what makes them individual. The children spent time looking at their reflections and feeling their faces to accurately draw their facial features. We have been using the Colours of the World pencils to try to accurately match the colours of skin, lips and hair. The children found it interesting to find out what colour eyes everyone had.



CLASS OF THE WEEK:
Donaldson



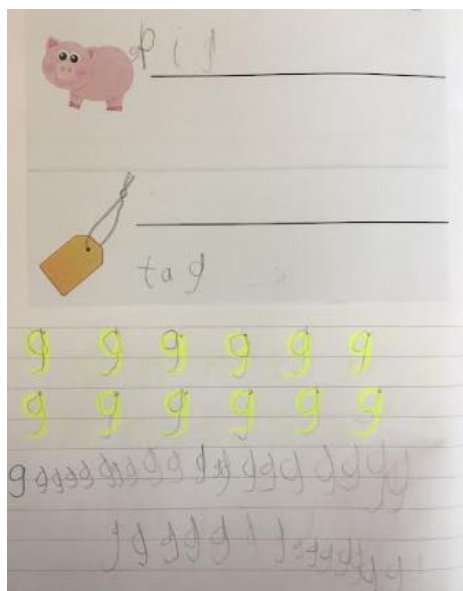
Shepreth Wildlife Park



Year 2 visited Shepreth Wildlife Park last week to study animals and their habitats. This links with our topic of Habitats in Science.



Class: Benjamin



Francis has been working hard in phonics this week. He has been practicing his letter formation for 'g' and writing CVC words containing 'g'.

Empathy

Inclusivity

Respect

Aspirations

Determination

Empowerment

Scientist of the Month



This week, Year 2 went to Shepreth Wildlife Park to learn about habitats and how animals have adapted to live in these habitats. Yuvan's group were given the habitat, oceans, along with some of the animals and plants that live there. Yuvan confidently named all of the organisms including phytoplankton and was able to give reasons as to how some of the animals had adapted to live there.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Whole school attendance target = 97%

Whole school attendance this week = 93.5%

Best class attendance this week = Dahl

The Leys Have Talent



We're super impressed with Grace in Year 5, Joshua in Year 4, Esther and Sophia in Reception who all took part in the Stevenage Striders Running Club's mini mile race.

The Mayor of Stevenage congratulated them and handed out medals to all finishers. Well done to you all!



WELLBEING

Herts Haven Café

Launch Day!

Tuesday 17th October
Bowes Lyon
Stevenage
SG11XY

- Pop in and say hi!
- Meet Herts Haven staff
- See what is on offer in your local community
- Refreshments available

Just a reminder, that this week the Stevenage Herts Haven Cafés was launched at Bowes Lyon. These cafés are a haven of support for children and young people in the county aged 10 to 18, offering free-of-charge, emotional wellbeing support without the requirement of a referral. If you know a young person who might benefit from their support, get them to visit over half

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term.

If you want to find out more about [Herts Haven Cafés here](#).

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

Year 6 were visited by nurses from Lister Hospital as part of the National Restart A Heart Campaign on October 16th.

Today we had a visit from 3 female nurses (including Mrs Luzzeri's sister). We moved around in sections. First we got into 4 groups of 7. In part 1, we did CPR to a manikin (called Jimmy) and did a race to see who was the best at CPR. In part 2, we coloured different things like a heart and did a mini quiz. In part 3, we learnt how to use an AED (automated external defibrillator) and what we would say to someone when we are on call to 999. In part 4, we learnt how to do the recovery position. After that, the person who was leading the assembly told us about her job and how she got into her career.

Then we took a nice photo (2 photos).



**The
Children's
Society**

**No child
should feel
alone**

Preventing child sexual exploitation

Each year, thousands of young people are abused and groomed to have sex. Some are tricked into thinking they're in a 'normal', even loving relationship,

then they are threatened and passed around to strangers. This needs to stop.

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We want to end child sexual exploitation, and make sure childhood abuse doesn't define a young person's future.

**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

| 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 <u>Christmas holiday: 21 December - 3 January 2024</u></p> | <p>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></p> | <p>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></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> |

