



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 16th February 2024

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

19 - 23 Feb -Half term

27 Feb - PTA meeting 3:30 pm

01 Mar -Yr 1 PE Stay and Play 9-9:45am

7 Mar -World Book Day -look out for our book themed school dinner menu!

8 Mar -Yr Reception PE Stay and Play 9-9:45am

11-15 March

-Science/STEAM Week

15 Mar -Yr Nursery PE Stay and Play 9-9:45am

20 Mar -Individual 'in class' photos

21 Mar -Poetry Day

28 Mar -Non uniform day -£1
-Colour fun run from 12pm
-End of term 1:30pm

finish

29 Mar-15 Apr -Easter

Holidays

25 April -Yr 3 Celtic Harmony Trip

6 May -Bank Holiday school closed

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Lilly-Mae
Murphy	Toby
Kerr	Frankie
Bryon	Christabel
Donaldson	Masood
Soundar	Gabriella
Dahl	Saaya
Gavin	Aadi
Mante	Reece
Morpurgo	Afia
Riordan	Erin
Zephaniah	Delilah
Malala	Mya
Blackman	Amber



Times Tables Leaders
Well done to...

1. Amber M.
2. Gusia
3. Harrison

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

Friendship Award

Tammy

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- Free Homework Pass

Dahl- Break the Rules Day

Malala- Class Cooking

UPDATE

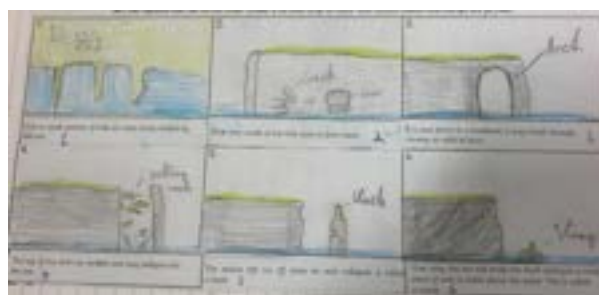
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Across the whole school we have been learning about Holi. We learned about it being the festival of colours and that it is celebrated to welcome new beginnings and fresh starts. We looked at how it is celebrated and the significance of the colours used to celebrate. In KS1 we had fun making colourful cards and colour run t-shirts.



Class: Malala

It's been a busy week for children in Year 6. Over the course of the last four days, children in Malala (and Blackman) class have worked very hard during mock SATs week. They have tackled each paper with great effort and resilience and proved to themselves, and others, that they can apply themselves well under formal test conditions.



Also, Malala class has found the time to study the key features of our coastline in Geography. They learnt how different aspects have been formed including; bays & headlands; dunes; arches, stacks and stumps.

While in Art, Malala class discussed and practised the techniques and key skills to making a ceremonial mask, which links in well with current History lessons, where the children are studying the Mayan civilisation.



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Class: Riordan

One Small Step

I was so excited! My daughter, Luna, is turning six. I spent weeks refining my gift. I made a scrumptious chocolate cake. Carefully, I placed six candles on top of her space themed cake. She sat down in front of her cake as I lit up the candles with scorching fire, I smiled cheerfully. I sang happy birthday as she swiftly blew out her candles.
By Mia Roache



Scientist of the Month

Frankie

Frankie is a superstar scientist who always has amazing ideas. Recently we have been learning about our senses and what we use them for. Frankie was able to tell the whole class the different senses, what we use them for and what part of our body each sense uses. We recently did a taste test and Frankie was excellent at investigating which food belonged in which food type - Bitter, Sweet, Salty, Savoury and Sour.



Whole school attendance target = 97%

Whole school attendance this week = 93.8%

Best class attendance this week = Malala



The Leys Have Talent

Keira completed her Core 10 in gymnastics.

Well done Keira.

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WELLBEING

Last term, The Leys created (and along with other schools) participated in Stevenage's first Well-Being Week. As part of the events and to help raise awareness, schools came together to create the films below. Not only was our site used but Elizabeth and Chloe (last year's Pupil Parliament leaders), Mrs Khangura and the Well-being Champions from this year, all feature!

- **5 ways to well-being video (05:46)** [Click here](#)
- **Connect (03:42)** [Click here](#)
- **Be Active (03:30)** [Click here](#)
- **Take Notice (03:13)** [Click here](#)
- **Keep Learning (03:22)** [Click here](#)
- **Give (04:40)** [Click here](#)

Please enjoy the films and share them with friends and family and complete the online survey link below. The school that has the highest level of survey completions will win a £500 voucher for their school.

The online survey can be found at: <https://forms.office.com/e/KkEJn8Pf7E?origin=lprLink>

Sickness policy

If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they should stay home for at least 24 hours after the last episode.

Spiritual, Moral, Social🏆, Cultural and British Values

On Friday 9th February, the Mayor, Myla Arceno, came to visit The Leys. She attended the upper school assembly to present Antonia, Jemima and Amber from year 6 with a special award for a competition they had entered. The children had their photo taken wearing the Stevenage Mayor's chain. She told us about her journey to become the Mayor. The Mayor passionately told us what her job entails and why she wanted to become Mayor. We were all inspired by her work and her background. We asked her some interesting questions which she answered carefully.



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PARENT FORUM

Parents and Carers are invited to attend our parent forum meeting
FRIDAY 8th MARCH 2024

09:00 am

Tea, coffee and pastries will be available

*** School Disco ***

**Special thank
you to the PTA
and
parents/carers
for supporting
this highly
enjoyable event
for our pupils!**



**ANTI-BULLYING
ALLIANCE**

Advice and support

Whether you are a parent/carers, young person, or work with young people; if you're worried about bullying or want to find out where you can get advice and support this is the section for you!

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