



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Alby S
Murphy	Thomas
Kerr	Kolby
Bryon	Max
Donaldson	Maya
Soundar	Szymon
Dahl	Dylan
Gavin	Oakley
Mante	Joshua
Morpurgo	Aniela
Riordan	Alexandre
Zephaniah	Noor
Malala	Jamaima
Blackman	Rebecca I



## Times Tables Leaders Well done to...

1. Immie
2. Betty
3. Amaya

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

## Friday 22nd March 2024

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

**25-28 Mar** -Yr 5 bake sale  
**28 Mar** -Non-uniform day -£1  
 -Colour fun run from 12 pm  
 -End of term 1:30 pm finish  
**29 Mar-1 Apr** -Easter Holidays  
**25 April** -Yr 3 Celtic Harmony Trip  
**2 May** -Bags2School clothing collection  
**6 May** -Bank Holiday school closed  
**20-24 May** -STEAM Week  
**23 May** -Sports Day  
**24 May** -Sports Day backup date  
**27-31 May** -Half Term  
**3 Jun** -INSET Day  
**14 Jun** -Summer Disco  
**26 Jun** -Class group photos  
**8 Jul** -International Food Fair 2:30-4 pm

**New Dates to note - Save the date**

**14 June - Summer Disco**

**8 July - International Food Fair  
2.30pm to 4.00pm**

Friendship Award	Joyden (Y3)
Reader of the Month	Ava A-L (Y5)

## Headteachers Awards

Year 2	Dylan
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## 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:

**Soundar - Free Homework Pass**

**Dahl - PJ Day  
Malala - Friday non-uniform**

# UPDATE

## Poetry

The whole school were invited to enter an Easter Poetry competition. Well done to everyone who entered. We were overwhelmed with the response and the sheer amount of talent in the school.

Here are a list of all the winners who were presented with an Easter egg and a certificate in assembly.

<b>Reception</b>	Will	<b>Mante Y4</b>	Joshua, Ava-Rose and Sophia
<b>Bryon Y1</b>	Caelum, Evelyn	<b>Morpurgo Y4</b>	Elsie, Chloe
<b>Kerr Y1</b>	Iosac, Louie	<b>Zephaniah Y5</b>	Thomas, Delilah
<b>Donaldson Y2</b>	Emmy, Robyn	<b>Riordan Y5</b>	Nellie M
<b>Soundar Y2</b>	Taha, Dylan	<b>Malala Y6</b>	Alex J
<b>Dahl Y3</b>	Saaya, Alaya, Harlie	<b>Blackman Y6</b>	Olive R, Tiara B
<b>Gavin Y3</b>	Bella, Charlie, Lucie		



**Class: Morpurgo**

This week Morpurgo class has had a very creative week. We started the week off baking Anglo Saxon bread, we tasted a range of modern breads and compared them. We looked at different Anglo Saxon recipes discussing the difference in ingredients used in peasant bread and in royal bread. Then we made our bread carefully measuring the ingredients and baking, but our favourite part was tasting the bread. On Wednesday we made stained glass crosses to celebrate Easter which are now proudly displayed on our classroom window. We have ended the week making salt dough still life tiles. We have drawn and taken photographs of a variety of fruits and vegetables then created tiles with salt dough. We then added details by carving into the tiles and adding 3D details. We are excited to paint them next week.

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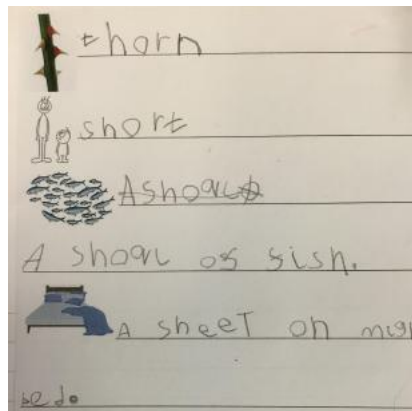
Empowerment



Class: Murphy

In phonics we have been working hard on writing sentences and trying to remember to start with a capital letter, have finger spaces and end with full stop. Will has been working really hard to remember all of these things in his sentences.

Well done Will! We are very proud of how hard you are working!



Whole school attendance target  
= 97%

Whole school attendance this  
week = 95.6%

Best class attendance this week  
= Bryon

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## The Leys Have Talent



Dion  
was very happy to receive his  
first belt in Karate this  
weekend.

Congratulations Dion!



WELLBEING

**First Steps Ed** - Is Hertfordshire's go to resource for parents who have concerns about their child and a potential eating disorder. They offer;

One to one support - 10 fully funded one to one sessions with a specialist support officer using the CBT-T approach to Disordered Eating. This support covers those struggling with Restriction, Binge, Purge (in some cases where risk is lowered), and ARFID. All staff are trained in Autism.



Befriending - An email service where someone receives low level support from a volunteer, who are experts by experience, up to twice weekly over a period of 6 months with the option to extend to 9. There is also a video clinic/telephone call option up to once a week. Befriending is also good for supporting parents or carers who are looking for support from another parent with lived experience giving them the opportunity to learn from someone who has been there themselves and can utilise that experience and apply similar strategies for staying focused on their care plan and journey; that being said lots of us at First Steps ED have lived experience! If you want to know more their email address is:

<https://firststepsed.co.uk/>

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

### Steve Frew - PE & Sport Athlete Visit

Last week, we were lucky enough to have a former GB gymnast (Steve Frew) visit our school. The Whole school (Nursery - Year 6: 420 Pupils) took part in a variety of

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activities with Steve and his assistant which was part of our fundraiser scheme that we launched recently. Steve also performed a press up handstand and a running dive over 2 students and Mr Newlands ! The children, staff & Steve thoroughly enjoyed the morning which got everyone on their feet and joining in.

Please can you continue to sponsor your child, any amount of money available to be sponsored is appreciated. Deadline to sponsor online & hand in any cash donations is 3:15pm on **Thursday 21st March 2024**. [Sports for Schools · Event Promo](#)



**Help, advice and resources**  
**for parents and carers**

**Offer your children support and guidance with our range of online safety guides**

**<https://www.childnet.com/young-people/4-11-year-olds/get-help/>**

**Term dates 2023-2024**

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