



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 17th May 2024

DATES COMING UP!

(please note all dates are subject to change)

- 20-24 May - STEAM Week
- 20 - 24 May - Walk to school week
- 23 May - Sports Day
- 24 May - Sports Day backup date
- 27-31 May - Half Term
- 3 Jun - INSET Day
- 10 Jun - Y6 Crucial Crew
- 10 June - Mental Health Workshop for parents 2-3pm
- 14 Jun - Summer Disco
- 18 Jun - Y6 - Silverstone Interactive Museum Trip
- 21 Jun - Pride Day- Wear Colourful clothes!
- 26 Jun - Class group photos
- 28 Jun - Non-uniform Day- donation of items (details to follow)
- 3-5 Jul - Y4 Wymondley trip
- 8 Jul - International Food Fair 2:30-4 pm
- 11 Jul - Transition Day
- 12 Jul - Inset day- school closed
- 19 Jul - Yr Production day
- 22 Jul - Yr 6 Prom
- 24 Jul - Closed for Summer

| Star of the Week | |
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| Class | Pupil |
| Benjamin | Thomas |
| Murphy | Dolli |
| Kerr | Marianna |
| Bryon | Munesu |
| Donaldson | Elijah |
| Soundar | Dylan |
| Dahl | Ella |
| Gavin | Lexi BM |
| Mante | Austin |
| Morpurgo | Lily B |
| Riordan | Maha |
| Zephaniah | Ava-Mai |
| Malala | Ivy |
| Blackman | Ella |



Times Tables Leaders

Well done to...

1. Immie
2. Sophia
3. Freddie

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

Friendship Award

Christian

Reader of the Month

Maya

Headteachers Awards

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| Year 2 | Nahla |
| Year 6 | Skyla |

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:

Murphy - PJ Day

Donaldson - Class Cooking

Blackman - Movie & Popcorn

Malala - Movie & Popcorn



We plan to start to develop the Key Stage 1 playground by adding a mud kitchen, sand and wheeled toys. In order to do this we are asking parents, if they can help by donating; old kitchen equipment (saucepans, plastic bowls, spoons), buckets or spades, scooters, pallets, crates, tarpaulin or covered sand pits. In order to be able to complete this, we are looking for someone with DIY/handyman skills who is able to donate some time to help us build a mud kitchen or den.

If you could help please contact the school office on 01438 314148.

UPDATE

The Secrets Of Black Rock

Over the next two weeks, the whole school are focussing on The Secrets of Black Rock by Joe Todd-Stanton.

Have a look at some of the fun things each year group will be doing:

EYFS will be describing The Black Rock, describing how Erin feels at different points of the story and describing the beautiful scene below the Black Rock. They will also be making starfish, a playdough black rock and fish art.

Year 1 will be designing sea creatures that might live on the black rock and creating descriptive pieces of writing about them. In their art lesson, they will be using watercolours to make sea creatures.

Year 2 will be creating Non-fiction information reports based on the different sea creatures. In their art lessons, they will be experimenting with paint and tools to make sea creatures.

Year 3 will be writing a story from Black Rock's perspective. In their art lessons, they will be creating watercolour turtles.

Year 4 will be creating their own conversation between Erin and the black rock. In their art lessons, they will be making recycled jellyfish.

Year 5 will be creating an informal, tension-filled diary entry from Erins perspective. In their art lessons, they will be creating an ocean themed SET design and sketching sea creatures.

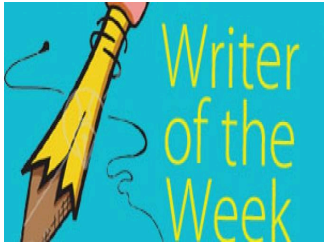
Year 6 will be writing a persuasive letter to the mayor to convince him to save Black Rock. In their art lessons, they will be creating an ocean mosaic using recyclable materials.

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Class: Soundar

We have had a great time discovering what plants are in the meadow! We collected, identified and drew lots of plants including Meadow Buttercups, Cow Parsley, Dandelions and Daisies. In our table groups, we had to discuss who would be a collector, who would be the artist and who would be identifying the plants. Next week, we will be planting our own beans ready to learn the different stages of growing and what they need!



Class: Kerr

Charlie S writing about 'The Secrets of Black Rock'

Have you ever known a creature called a Mr Mosersurus? Keep reading to find out more. Mr Mosersurus has four horns so he can catch the sunlight and he uses his sharp teeth to catch his prey. Mosersurus is rainbow coloured with an orange fin and flippers that are blue. He has reddish eyes, they are special because if he looks up to the rain his eyes won't sting because his eyes are made of metal. Mr Mosersurus has special powers, he has laser beam eyes and wolverine claws. When swimming Mosersurus has a speed limit of over 150 miles an hour. He has a propeller like a plane.

ECO Warriorz



This term the Eco Warriorz lunchtime club will be focusing on updating the flower boxes outside the Year 6 block. Wickes, in Stevenage, have been kind enough to support this Community Project by donating the materials and tools we need to get the job done. These include trowels, forks, black bags, soil, sandpaper and external paint for the boxes themselves. So far we have 15 pupils helping out and so this should be finished by the end of the year. Keep your eyes peeled for updates on the final project.

Thank you Wickes!



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Cakes Please

On Thursday 23rd May at our Sports Day, our fabulous PTA will be selling cakes and biscuits.

We'd be very grateful for any cake and biscuit donations (*no nuts*). Please bring them into school on Wednesday 22nd May. As always we'd like to say a huge thank you for your support



Careers Month

The month of June will be dedicated to celebrating and empowering our pupils about future careers. We would like to invite our parents/carers/relatives to visit our school and talk to our pupils about their jobs. We would appreciate and welcome talks from all careers.



Please call or email admin@leys.hert.sch.uk with your details and preferred year group.
Thank you



Whole school attendance target
= 97%

Whole school attendance this
week = 95.8%

Best class attendance this week
= 99.5%

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The Leys Have Talent

Shiv participated in a cycling event on a hot and sunny Saturday. Shiv completed the Classic Surrey Hills Cycling Event and successfully completed 50k on his bicycle.

Well done Shiv!



This week is Mental Health Awareness Week and the theme this year is moving more for our mental health. Moving daily is one of the most important things we can do to help protect our mental health. Our bodies and our minds are connected. Looking after ourselves physically also helps us prevent problems with our mental health. Here are some top tips to help fit movement into your busy day.

https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/sites/default/files/2024-04/MHF_Movement_Tips_2pp_A4.pdf

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Spiritual, Moral, Social 🏆, Cultural and British Values

Year 3 were very excited to spend some time learning about the Buddhist festival Vesak. They spent some time gathering natural resources to make mandalas, and (in the spirit of our upcoming STEAM week) used scrap paper to make prayer flags and lanterns.

We hope everyone has a happy and peaceful weekend in the spirit of Wesak.



Well done to Year 6

We would like to congratulate all of our Year 6 pupils on all their hard work during this week's assessments. We are really proud of the manner with which they have approached this week.

Whilst important, the tests can only be a measure of your children's attainment on the day, in only reading, maths and spelling, grammar and punctuation. Your end of year report will give a broader overview of your child's achievements and successes across the year.

Thank you to all the parents who have given such positive support to the children, school and staff for the SATs tests. I am sure that you will appreciate how hard everyone has worked, not only to prepare children for the tests but to ensure that a balance has been maintained with the other subjects in the curriculum. Thank you to all the adults who have been involved in supporting and preparing the children for this week.

Year 6, we are very proud of you! Well done! Enjoy your PJ Day on Friday.



Parent's hub

We all want children and young people to enjoy taking part in sport - and parents play a key role in that.

This section of our website has been created to signpost parents to all the advice you need to keep your child safe in sport, from choosing safe clubs and activities, to supporting your child in a positive way.

If you're a coach or sports club, you can find further information on engaging with parents on our parents in sport topic page.

<https://thecpsu.org.uk/parents>

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Name a Asiatic lion cub competition

ZSL London zoo just opened up a competition for all UK primary schools to name the 3 new Asiatic lion cubs born in the zoo last March.

The three pupils whose names are chosen for the cubs will win a family ticket to London Zoo and the chance to meet a zookeeper. The winning pupils' classes will receive an education visit to the Zoo, or we will bring the Zoo to you through London Zoo's digital outreach programme to support your classes learning.

The names need to be submitted by noon on Tuesday 21 May 2024.

More details here <https://www.10ticks.com/LionCubCompetition>



Term dates 2023-2024

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