



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Poppy
Murphy	Logan
Kerr	Emmie
Bryon	Olivia
Donaldson	Tanith
Soundar	Henry
Dahl	Kabir
Gavin	Bella
Mante	Gusia
Morpurgo	Immie
Riordan	Alex
Zephaniah	Thomas
Malala	Alex
Blackman	Holly



## Times Tables Leaders Well done to...

1. George
2. Tomas
3. Immie

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

## Friday 14th June 2024

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

- 18 Jun** - Y6 - Silverstone Interactive Museum Trip
- 20 Jun** - Author's visit - Su Murley
- 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 (details to follow)
- 09 Jul**- Olympic Day- Wear House colours.
- 11 Jul**- Transition Day for all years
- 11 Jul** - Transition meeting new to Year 1 - 2.30pm
- 11 Jul** - Transition meeting new to Year 6- 9 am
- 12 Jul**- Inset day- school closed
- 19 Jul**- Yr 6 Production day
- 22 Jul**- Yr 6 Prom
- 23 Jul**- School finishes 1:30pm
- 24 Jul** - Closed for Summer

## Kindness Award

Kindness Award Tanya, Fiza

## Headteachers Awards

Year Reception	Franklin, Roman, Florence, Dawnie, Nellie, Ahmad, Haven, Huxley, Albie D, Poppy, Nesrin, Nevaeh-Faith, Jomiloju, Thomas, Esther, Francis, Yousuf, Victoria, Ruby, Hope, Evangeline. Aizah, Alex, Amelia, Matilda, Dion, Alby F, Logan, Zenel, Will, Thomas, Lottie, Albie W, Elisha, Tobias, Olympia
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## Attendance Wheel of Reward

Each week in assembly the wheel will be spun for the **most improved class attendance**



Be here to have a go!

This week's winners & rewards:

**Kerr - Class Cooking**

**Dahl - Picnic**

**Malala - Friday Non-uniform**  
**Morpurgo - Free Homework Pass**

# UPDATE

## Subject - Art

This week the children in nursery have been exploring their topic of minibeasts through Art. The children have been enjoying using playdough, string, glass beads and lolly sticks to make various minibeasts. As the children were making their models they were counting how many legs each minibeast needed and we talked about how many eyes they had. In the painting area the children have been painting paper plates which they will turn into minibeasts. There were lots of spiders and bees being made. The children had to think about which colour they would use for their chosen minibeast and carefully paint stripes on the bees. Working with another adult some of the children were making spider hats where they were independently selecting strips of paper to glue to their band counting out the correct number of legs.



Class: Murphy

This week Murphy Class have been learning about keeping our teeth healthy. They have learnt instructions for how to brush their teeth correctly, carried out an experiment with egg shells to see what happens when they are put in different liquids such as water and orange juice to show what happens to their teeth if they drink too much of these and practiced correctly brushing their teeth.



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Class: Morpurgo

This week in English the children have been learning about Nikola Tesla. They were challenged to think about what life would be like without electricity. Olivia wrote:

At the start of the morning I got woken up by mum because my alarm didn't go off. I thought to myself how weird it was. Dad was being insane because the kettle wouldn't work.

"ARGH!" shouted dad.

"Mum my uniform needs ironing." shouted Olivia.

"Honey I can't, it won't work!"

I got changed and said "Mum what's the time?" but mum was too busy trying to put Good Morning Britain on. I went downstairs to eat but instead of toast I had bread with Nutella. I was so annoyed but I just ate it. I waved goodbye to dad but he ignored me because he was still upset about the kettle.



# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Whole school attendance target = 97%

Whole school attendance this week = 94.9%

Best class attendance this week = 99.2%

## 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](mailto:admin@leys.hert.sch.uk) with your details and preferred year group.

Thank you

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## The Leys Have Talent

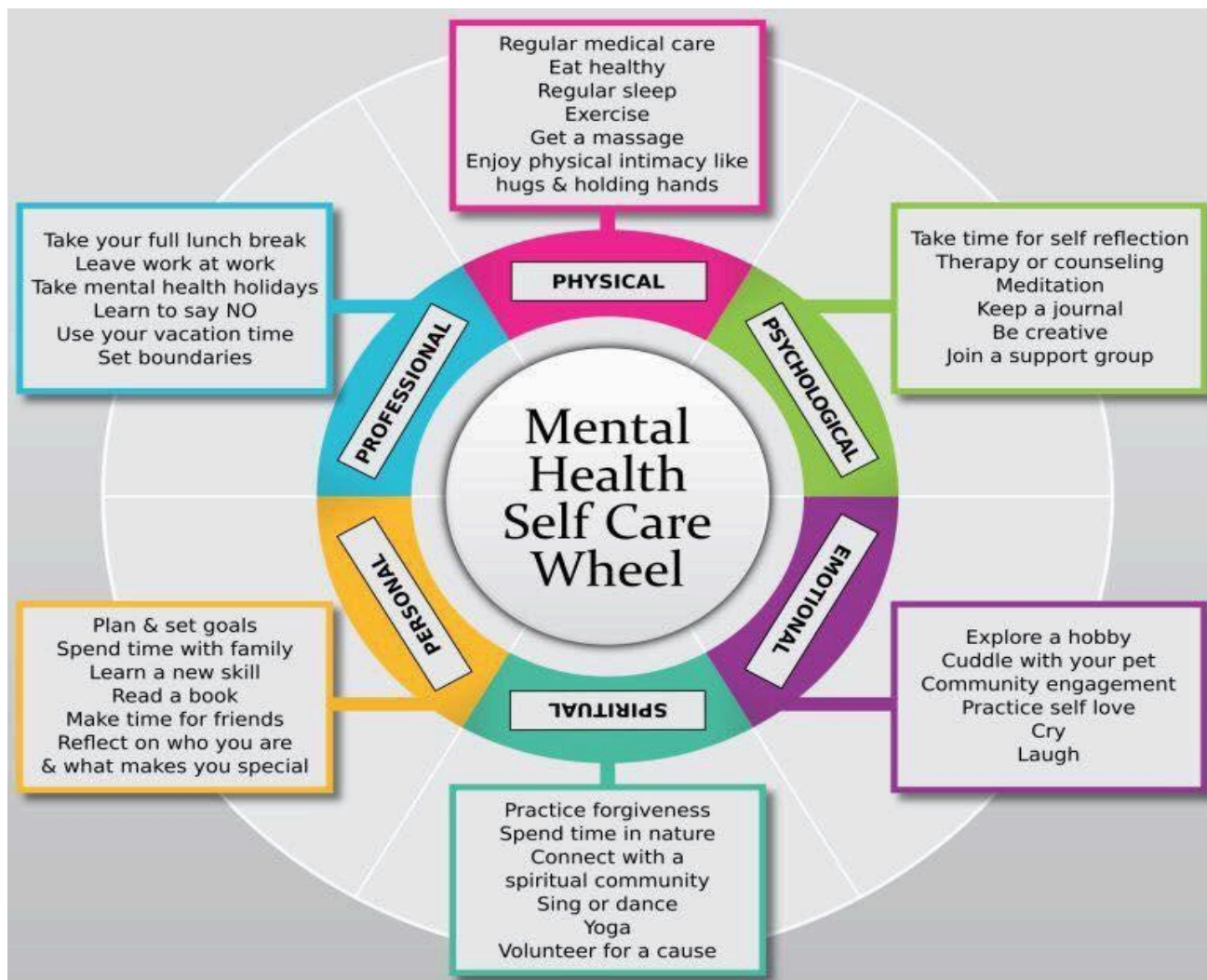


Sophia performed at the Gordon Craig this weekend in "This Is Us" by Footworks Dance School. The Mayor of Stevenage even came to watch.

Well done!



This week our Mental Health Senior Practitioner delivered a well being session for parents and talked about, among other things, the importance of self care. Here are the reminders that she gave to parents.



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If you were unable to attend but want support the link below is for an NHS webinar about **Managing difficult emotions and building resilience** on 3/7/24 at 7pm.

<https://events.hertfordshire.gov.uk/local-offer/nhs-talking-therapies-care-for-parent-carers-webinar-copy>

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

### Tree of Trust

Who can we talk to about our feelings? Draw or list your answers in the space below.



### Year 2

This week we have been thinking about our feelings and focusing on worry.

The children discussed what a worry is but who they could go to if they were worried. They talked about their trusted adults.

Messages of hate can take many forms. Extremist groups use them to recruit young people. Parents can find answers to common questions and resources to help protect your child below.

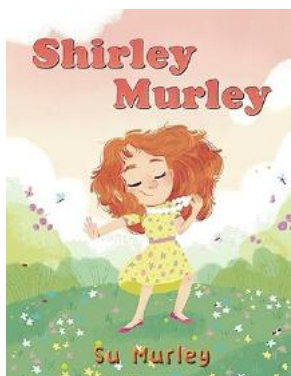
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<https://www.educateagainsthate.com/category/parents/online-safety/>

The children's author- Su Murley- is visiting our school on the 20th June (Reception-Y6). If you would like to purchase her book for signing on the day.

Please visit her Amazon page-

[Shirley Murley : Su Murley: Amazon.co.uk:](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Su-Murley/dp/B000APR000)  
Books



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## Term dates 2023-2024

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