



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 12th July 2024

**Kindness Award**

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Murphy	Aizah
Benjamin	Dawnie
Kerr	Adam
Bryon	Ziyad
Donaldson	Antonia
Soundar	Vinnie
Dahl	Jack
Gavin	Obrempong
Mante	Joshua
Morpurgo	Elsie
Riordan	Dawson
Zephaniah	Liam
Malala	Ellanora
Blackman	Jess

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

15 Jul - Y6 water fight  
 19 Jul- Yr 6 Production day  
 22 Jul- Yr 6 Prom  
 23 Jul- School finishes 1:30  
 24 Jul - Closed for Summer

**September 2024**

4 Sept - Y2 Meeting with new parents  
 5 Sept - Y3 Meeting with new parents  
 6 Sept - Y4 Meeting with new parents  
 9 Sept -Y5 Meeting with new parents

Kindness Award | Santino

**Headteachers Awards**

Year 1	Honey-Rose, Charlie, Alex, Albert, Carla, Chloe, Christian, Darcy, Denis, Emmie, Frankie, Hetav, Harper, Iosac, Keira, Leo, Mia, Rose, Sabur, Kolby
Year 5	Alex, Lily, Logan, Mia, Kaan, Tamaya, Tanya



**Times Tables Leaders**

Well done to...

1. Jack W.
2. Jared
3. Jake T.

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

# UPDATE

## Olympic Week

This week at The Leys we have held our Olympics week.

- Monday consisted of activities run by Stevenage Sporting Futures, such as Ultimate frisbee, Team games, Hoophut Dodgeball which all the children thoroughly enjoyed.
- Tuesday consisted of activities organised by Mr Newlands and run by the Year 6 Sports Ambassadors which were basketball, long jump, javelin throwing, running races and lacrosse games. We chose these activities as they are all Olympic sports and sports that the pupils may not have accessed and played before, so it gave them a chance to experience and play a new variety of games and activities.
- On Wednesday we had a former teacher, now turned author Miss Emma Taylor come in and read her new book 'Olivia's Olympics' to each of the phases.



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Class: Mante

This week, Mante class has been learning all about the Olympics. We have been exploring the various events that athletes will be competing in later this month. The class is excited to watch many of the events we have been studying. Many children have enjoyed watching equestrian dressage from the 2020 Olympics. Additionally, the class has had a lot of fun researching the newest event in the Olympics this year: break dancing. To celebrate the upcoming Olympics, Mante class has been creating fact files and sculptures of the athletes participating in different events. These projects were recently displayed at the Olympic fair we held.



Class: Bryon

In Bryon class we have been recreating the story of The Storm Whale.

Alex wrote ' All of a sudden it came to the end. He was addicted to the whale. He thought about his memories , he was heart broken and said his last goodbye. When Noi had to say bye he felt tearful and heartbroken and he felt like he couldn't breathe! Noi was downhearted. He decided to have a hug from his dad until he stopped crying, then he released his dad was his only friend!



Whole school attendance target  
= 97%

Whole school attendance this  
week = 96.9%

Best class attendance this week  
= 99%

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## The Leys Have Talent



Matilda in Reception Class took part in her first dance show at the Gordon Craig where she performed a ballet and tap routine.

She did so well and loved being on the stage.

☀ Well done Matilda ☀



Will in Reception Class was delighted to receive his Swim England, learn to swim Level 1 certificate and his certificate for completion of his summer water safety lesson this week.

☀ Well done Will ☀



This is Herts one stop shop for online support around children's mental health. It gives access to children's instant messaging service, the online groups and individual support, plus access to advice for parents and carers and adult provisions. It also has information about the Stevenage Haven Cafe and Lumi Nova. If you or your child are struggling with mental health over the holiday, please click on the link below for further advice and support.

<https://www.withyouth.org/>

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

The International Food Festival was a great success. Each year group made food or snacks from their chosen continent to sell. Parents and carers were busy baking some delicious treats to share in our school. Families were invited to try and buy our tasty food.

A big thank you to all of you for your kind donations and support.



## PEGI helps parents to make informed decisions when buying video games

PEGI provides age classifications for video games in 38 European countries. The age rating confirms that the game content is appropriate for players of a certain age. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty.



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## Term dates 2023-2024

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<p>Start of term: <b>3 September 2024</b>                      Inset day: 2 September 2024                      25 October 2024                      Term: 2 September - 25 October 2024  <u>Half term holiday: 28 October - 1 November 2024</u></p> <p>Occasional day: 2 December 2024                      Term: 4 November - 20 December 2024  <u>Christmas holiday: 23 December - 3 January 2025</u></p>	<p>Inset day: 6 January 2025                      Start of term: 7 January - 14 February 2025  <u>Half term holiday: 17 February - 21 February 2025</u>                      Term : 24 February- 4 April 2025  <u>Easter holiday: 7 April - 21 April 2025</u></p>	<p>Term: 22 April - 23 May 2025                      Bank Holiday: 5 May 2025  <u>Half term holiday: 26 May - 30 May 2025</u>                      Inset day: 2 June 2025                      23 July 2025                      Term: 2 June - 23 July 2025  <u>Summer holiday: 24 July 2025 - 29 August 2025</u></p> <p><u>Inset Days 2024 - 2025</u>                      2 September 2024                      25 October 2024                      2 December (Occasional day) 2024                      6 January 2025                      2 June 2025 - New inset day                      23 July 2025</p>

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