



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 20th September 2024

Kindness Award

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Murphy	Jayden
Benjamin	Albie
Kerr	Zenel
Bryon	Reggie
Donaldson	Lulu
Soundar	Iosac
Dahl	Antonia
Gavin	Scarlet
Mante	Erika
Morpurgo	Bella
Riordan	Joshua
Zephaniah	Fletcher
Malala	Alex
Blackman	Devon

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

- 7 Oct Flu vaccination visit
- 10 Oct National Poetry Day
- 16 Oct Phonics Workshop - Nursery Parents 9-10 am
- 17 Oct Phonics Workshop - Reception Parents 9.15 - 10.15am
- 18 Oct School Disco
- 22 Oct Parents evening
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- 24 Oct Non uniform PTA £1
- 24 Oct PTA meeting 3.15-4pm
- 25 Oct Inset Day**
- 28 Oct - 1 Nov Half Term**
- 3 Nov - 6 Nov Y6 - PGL
- 18 Nov Road Safety Week
- 21 Nov Y5 - School Trip
- 22 Nov Movie Night
- 29 Nov Enterprise Day
- 2 Dec Occasional Day
- 6 Dec Whole School Stay and Play 2.30 - 3.15pm
- 17 Dec Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
- 20 Dec Last Day of Term School finishes at 1.30pm
- 23 Dec - 3 Jan 2025 Christmas holiday
- 6 Jan 2025 - Inset Day
- 7 Jan - New Term Starts

Kindness Award	Olivia E-R
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Headteachers Awards

Year2	Charlie R
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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 - Extra long play with game

Dahl - Movie and popcorn

Zephaniah - Break the rules day

Blackman - Sports games



Times Tables Leaders
Well done to...

1. Benson
2. Toni
3. Tanya

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

UPDATE

Bikeability

This week some of our Year 5 & 6 pupils have completed their Level 1 & 2 cycle training. The course is designed to improve cycle control and introduce children to riding on the road. The courses were delivered over 5 daily sessions (one of 2 hours and four of 1 hour 15 minutes). The first session consists of a cycle check, and an assessment of riding skills in a traffic free environment on the school playground. On days 2, 3, 4 and 5, sessions consist of basic manoeuvres and drills on road junctions in the local area. These include left and right hand turns and overtaking parked vehicles. The children did an amazing job and the course instructors from Hertfordshire County Council were very impressed with their cycling abilities. They gave high praise of how the children conducted themselves whilst off site. Well done everyone.



For further details on Bikeability levels, please visit: <http://bikeability.org.uk/>

It is advised that all children look at the DfT Think! Website <http://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/> as this will help with their understanding of the Highway Code.

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Class: Kerr

This week in Kerr class we have been writing our own version of the story "The train ride" by June Crebbin. We have been using our Oracy skills to rehearse our sentences before writing them and trying to include onomatopoeia and adjectives in our writing.

Louie wrote "A feathery bird, that's what I see, that's what I see." And Will wrote "The train was fast. The train was bright. Thud thud thud, the train stopped."



Class: Morpurgo

In Morpurgo class, we have been recreating sentences based on the book 'Float' by Daniel Miyares. Aadi has written some fantastic sentences to describe a boy playing with his paper boat in the rain.

The black birds gaped intensely while the wet, white and little boat was launched for the first time ever! Deep in the dark puddle, rooves roared, trees toppled and doors danced. Hop by hop. Leap by leap. Bounce by bounce. The boy stomped through the puddle. Eventually, he saw a larger stream of water.



Whole school attendance target = 97%

Whole school attendance this week = 96.8%

Best class attendance this week = Soundar

The Leys Have Talent



★ Congratulations to Honey-Rose on receiving level 10 certificate in Gymnastics ★

Well done

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WELLBEING

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust (HCT) Children's Wellbeing Practitioners regularly run a variety of workshops focused on children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health. Some workshops are for the parents/carers of primary school aged children and others are directed at adolescents, although parents can also attend. The workshops aim to provide support, guidance, some strategies and tips to try to improve children and young people's mental health.

The workshops are free to attend and currently take place on Microsoft Teams. They are currently offering workshops on: Wellbeing, Sleep, Self-esteem and Resilience. The Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Eventbrite page, has information about what the workshop will cover and allows parents/carers to book a place:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hct-childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-33494371787>

Spiritual, Moral, Social 🏆, Cultural and British Values

This week, Year 4 has been exploring what it would look like if we lived in a world without judgement. Together, we discussed how kindness, acceptance, and empathy could shape our relationships and communities. The children shared their thoughts on how a judgement-free world would allow people to express themselves freely, be more open to others' ideas, and embrace differences without fear or prejudice. This really helped the children expand their knowledge of the British value 'tolerance'.

Is your child due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2025?

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you must apply to start an infant or primary school (Reception class) in September 2025. The closing date for Reception class applications is 15 January 2025. You must still apply for a Reception place, even if you already have a place in the Nursery associated with your preferred school.

The Leys Primary and Nursery School is offering tours on:

- Monday 18th November 2024 1.30pm -2.30pm
- Thursday 21st November 2024 10am -11am
- Tuesday 26th November 2024 10am -11am
- Monday 9th December 2024 1.30pm -2.30pm
- Tuesday 10th December 2024 10am -11am

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**WE URGENTLY NEED TO APPOINT A SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL AT
LEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Do you know anyone who would be interested in taking up this position?

THE PAY IS £11.59 PER HOUR (excluding enhancements)

PLEASE CONTACT

Joanne Morris on 01992 556803
or e-mail The Active & Safer Travel Team
scp.enquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk



What is Families First?

Families First is the term used in Hertfordshire for services that work together to support families who need extra help. These are also known as early help services.

Issues we can help with:

- parenting
- mental and physical health problems
- drug or alcohol dependency
- domestic abuse
- school related concerns - such as your child is not attending school
- debt problems



0300 123 4043
Phone lines are open:
Mon - Fri 8am - 8pm, Saturday 9am - 4pm
risk of becoming homeless.

Term dates 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
Start of term: 3 September 2024 Inset day: 2 September 2024 25 October 2024 Term: 2 September - 25 October 2024 <u>Half term holiday: 28 October - 1 November 2024</u> Occasional day: 2 December 2024 Term: 4 November - 20 December 2024 <u>Christmas holiday: 23 December - 3 January 2025</u>	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>	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> <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

