



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Murphy	Grayson
Benjamin	Nesu
Kerr	Joey
Bryon	Lilly-Mae
Donaldson	Max
Soundar	Hetav
Dahl	Harry
Gavin	Mo
Mante	Nila
Morpurgo	Aadi
Riordan	Kunashe
Zephaniah	Poppy
Malala	Alfie
Blackman	Harry



Times Tables Leaders
Well done to...

1. Elijah
2. Albie
3. Gregory

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

Friday 11th October 2024

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

- 16 Oct Phonics Workshop - Nursery Parents 9-10 am
- 16 Oct Y6 Parents Meeting PGL
- 17 Oct Phonics Workshop - Reception Parents 9.15 - 10.15am
- 18 Oct School Disco
- 22 Oct Parents evening
- 23 Oct Parents evening
- 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
- 4 Nov Poppy Appeal Week
- 11 Nov Anti bullying Week
- 15 Nov Children in Need
- 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

Important

Please see all our updated policies
and procedures on our website:

<https://www.leys.herts.sch.uk/ki-policies-and-procedures.html>

Kindness Award

Kindness Award Maaya

Headteachers Awards

Year Reception Amelia, Corey

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:

Bryon- Chromebook Games

**Donaldson - Break the rules
day**

**Morpurgo - Free seating pass
for one day**

Mante - Eat cake

UPDATE

National Poetry Day



Last Thursday was National Poetry day.

National Poetry Day is held on the first Thursday of October every year and was founded in 1994 by the charity Forward Arts Foundation.

It encourages people to make, experience and share poetry.

All children were given a range of different poems and they were asked to choose one and perform it to their class.

It was great seeing such good use of movement and projection of their voices! This skill is a big push within our school at the moment. It is important for children to present effective Oracy skills and Poetry day was a great way to enhance and practise these skills!

Well Done to everyone who was brave enough to take part!

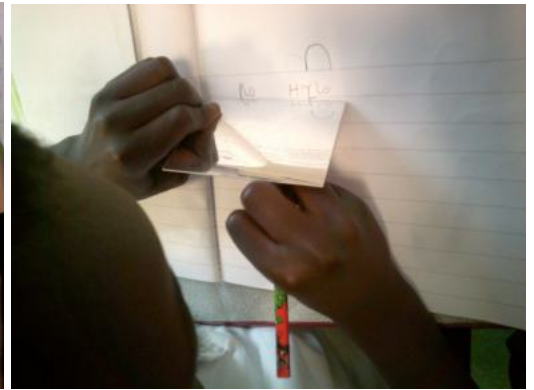
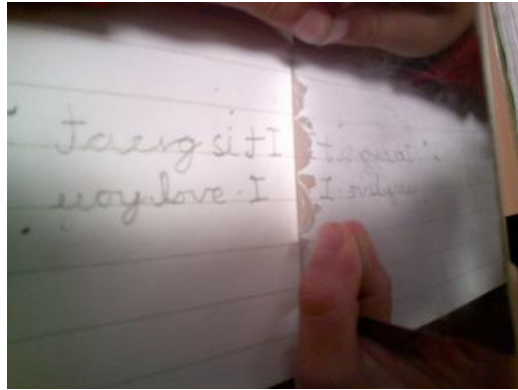
A few very good performers were even brave enough to perform in assembly!

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Class: Dahl

In Dahl class this week, we have been looking at reflective surfaces, specifically mirrors. We discussed how reflection works, how light enters the eye and made quizzes for our partners. Our favourite part was writing backwards messages for our friends to write the correct way round!



Class: Riordan

Year 5 have been learning about child labour. Some children have done some research and believe that their school uniform may be produced through child labour. Bianca has written the following letter for George at Asda.

Dear Asda,

My class has been researching about child labour. We think children should not work and all areas should be Child Labour Free Zones. Your high quality t-shirts are amazing but do you realise that behind that are poor, sweaty children. They are deprived of education and sleep, which will lead their mental health to suffer in these conditions. Personally I think you should stop, these children get very little money on which to survive. Your lovely clothes come from bad things!

Adults should be employed to make your clothes so children can enjoy their childhood. They need to fulfil their dreams and aspirations so they will get a true taste of life. Stop using innocent children to produce your clothing brands. I hope you understand what I mean and make things better. Let's make our world a more happy and inclusive place.

From Bianca

Ps- Please do something!



Whole school attendance target = 97%

Whole school attendance this week = 96.3%

Best class attendance this week = Zephaniah

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The Leys Have Talent



Huge congratulations to Jenson who took part in a Southern Counties Archery Society competition at the weekend. The shoot took place under official world record conditions and Jenson won gold in his category.



Well done Jenson



Yesterday, it was World Mental Health day. We know that prioritising your own mental health is essential if you care for children. Therefore this week we are highlighting support for adults in the community. Below is a link to a variety of talking therapies provided by Herts NHS. On this site you can find links to webinars, self-help videos and guide booklets about topics such as; becoming a parent, bereavement, depression, stress and sleep issues. Sometimes we all need a little help.

<https://www.hpft-talkingtherapies.nhs.uk/>

Spiritual, Moral, Social 🏆, Cultural and British Values

Y2 has been learning all about Islam and the prayer routine of a muslim. We were very lucky to have an expert in our class who could show us. We were also very lucky to have a wonderful parent come in and show us some of the routines. He also showed us some of the important things from home that he uses to pray, such as a prayer mat, the Qur'an and taqiyah (prayer hats). The children were able to observe the routine and then have a look at some of these precious items. Some children decided to have a go at the routine themselves.



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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

What is abuse?

Domestic abuse is a pattern of behaviour on the part of the abuser designed to control his partner. It can happen at any point in a relationship, including after you have split up.

If you are in an emergency, please call 999.



For women and children.
Against domestic violence.

Term dates 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM

Start of term: 3 September 2024
 Inset day: 2 September 2024
 25 October 2024
 Term: 2 September - 25 October 2024
Half term holiday: 28 October - 1 November 2024
 Occasional day: 2 December 2024
 Term: 4 November - 20 December 2024
Christmas holiday: 23 December - 3 January 2025

SPRING TERM

Inset day: 6 January 2025
 Start of term: 7 January - 14 February 2025
Half term holiday: 17 February - 21 February 2025
 Term : 24 February- 4 April 2025
Easter holiday: 7 April - 21 April 2025

SUMMER TERM

Term: 22 April - 23 May 2025
 Bank Holiday: 5 May 2025
Half term holiday: 26 May - 30 May 2025
 Inset day: 2 June 2025
 23 July 2025
 Term: 2 June - 23 July 2025
Summer holiday: 24 July 2025 - 29 August 2025
Inset Days 2024 - 2025
 2 September 2024
 25 October 2024
 2 December (Occasional day) 2024
 6 January 2025
 2 June 2025 - New inset day
 23 July 2025

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