

The Leys Primary and Nursery School

Summer Term, 2024

PRESS GANG

Press Gang consists of a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils who write amazing articles about events happening inside and outside of school.

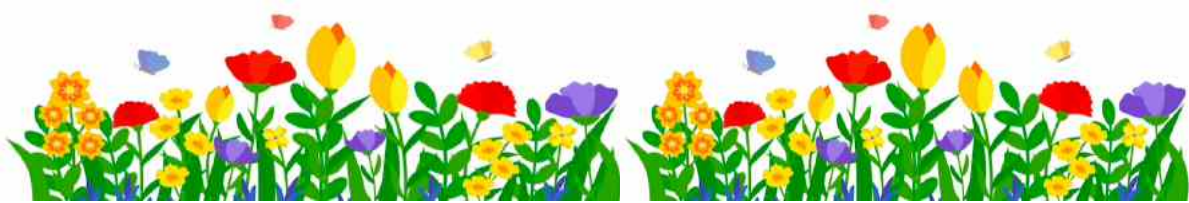
From Year 5 our writers are Mia, Millie, Isla, Liam, Chelsea, Nellie, Emma and Janelle.

From Year 6 we have Tiara, Nancy, Amina, Naomi and Olive.



The pupils of each year group gather images and notes about events that have taken place both inside and outside of school over the most recent term. They have the opportunity to interview pupils and staff to help get the best insight to the news reported. Mrs Westwood helps to support them in their writing journey each week in order to create this newsletter. We have some very talented writers! Please read on!

We hope you enjoy our Summer Edition and have a great summer break!



The Golden Table Awards



The Golden Table Awards are given out to a pupil in each class, every term, for their dedication and hard work to all their work inside and outside of school. The children are chosen for their commitment to their learning, their responsibility to helping others, and always following school rules and values. Each child is nominated by their teacher and receives an invite to join all the others at an end of term party. The teachers have a hard job deciding which children should take part in this event as we have so many children all showing their dedication to their learning and their next steps to improve. This is why we have a golden table award and certificate 3 times a year. Summer, Easter and Christmas. The party is hosted by the amazing Mrs Davies and involves games, food, drink, brilliant decorations and gifts.

“I adore holding these parties as a celebration of what these children can achieve. The children's faces light up and they enjoy the celebrations when interacting with peers and grown ups. This boosts their confidence in their ability to try hard, keep going and make the right choices throughout school,” said Mrs Davies.

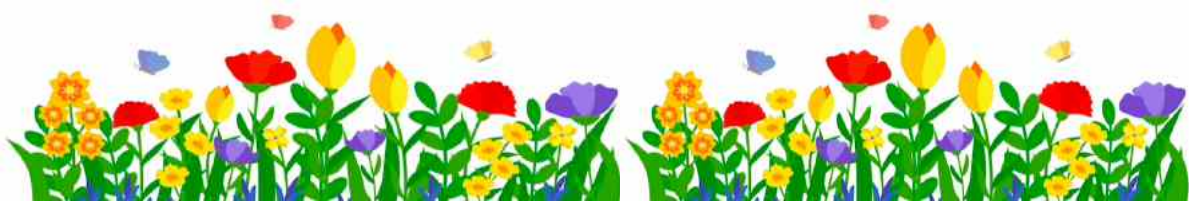


Last term, Lettie, from Year 3, won a place at the table and told me, “**I loved every minute of the party. It's great to feel special and**

Some of the activities included last term were: rabbit ear hoopla, colouring eggs and baking biscuits to ice. Everyone had so much fun and Luke, Year 6, who has previously won a place said, “It is a great memory to take with me when I leave this school.”

What can you do to give yourself the best chance of winning a place at the next Golden Table?

Emma Year 5



COLOUR RUN



BY MIA - YEAR 5

ON 28 MARCH 2024 OUR SCHOOL, THE LEYS PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL, HOSTED A COLOUR RUN. THE COLOUR RUN HAS BEEN INSPIRED BY HOLI (A HINDU FESTIVAL). IT IS WHERE WE GET TO RUN AROUND OUR SCHOOL FIELD AND AS WE PASS CERTAIN POINTS, LOTS OF POWDERED PAINT, IN DIFFERENT COLOURS, IS THROWN ALL OVER US, FROM HEAD TO TOE.



ALL YEAR GROUPS TOOK PART AND SO DID THE MAJORITY OF TEACHING STAFF!! THE TEACHERS AND SOME OF THE YEAR 6 CHILDREN HAD FUN COVERING US IN ALL THE COLOURED PAINT! DON'T WORRY WE WILL GET OUR REVENGE!!

WE CAME IN IN OUR OWN CLOTHES WHICH WE DIDN'T MIND GETTING DIRTY AS WE COULD GET A

Ramadan

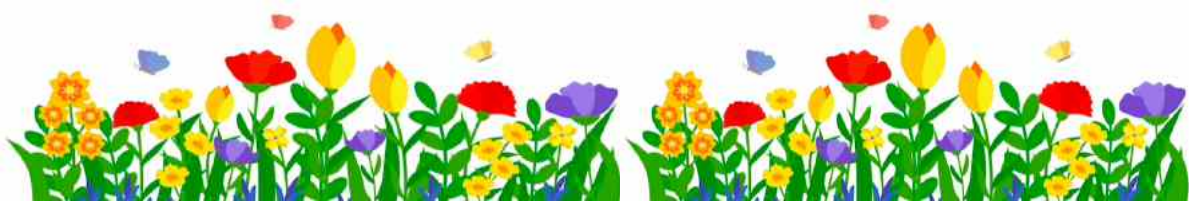


At the time of writing this, Eid was a couple of weeks ago. On Eid Muslims celebrate the end of Ramadan - a month of fasting, worship, service and spiritual development.

Eid is when Muslims believe that the devil is allowed to come back to earth. Families celebrate in many different ways and normally, my family and I, go to the fun fair but this year I did not go and had my first ice cream sundae before we had laylatul Qadr. Well you see that day varies from 10 days roughly that is all I can say. The lucky hood is that it is on the 27 th.



One more thing about Ramadan is how it is a time when many people try to find their way to god and peace. During this time-as a family- must not watch any TV.



BIT MUDDY AND **V**ERY COLOURFUL. WE GOT REALLY DRENCHED IN RAIN BUT WE STILL HAD SO MUCH FUN. THE WEATHER WAS VERY WET BUT THIS LED TO IT BEING MORE COLOURFUL AS THE POWDER STUCK TO US MORE (NOT SURE OUR PARENTS WERE TOO HAPPY ABOUT THAT THOUGH!!)



WE ALSO USED THE EVENT TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR PTA WHICH HELPS US PURCHASE RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL AND CAN HELP SUBSIDISE SCHOOL TRIPS. LET'S HOPE WE CAN DO IT AGAIN SOON!!



Year 6 enjoying their last colour run at this school!

I really do believe that for all, Muslim or not, this is a time of peace.

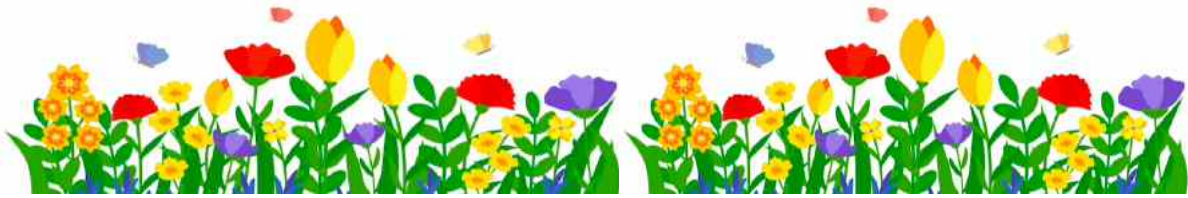
This is my Eid dress. Normally people get a new dress for Eid- my mum made it for me.

EID IN SAUDI ARABIA vs ENGLAND

Eid is celebrated all around the world and in many different ways. In Saudi Arabia, before Eid prayer, they eat sweet Maamoul - a biscuit made from flour or semolina. We just read our prayers. Their celebration is a lot more extravagant because that is the Muslim capital (It is not only populated by Muslims though!) It is also traditional that you use Musquark (a natural toothbrush) during this time.

By Amina Year 6

EID MUBARAK!!! 😊🎈🌸



National Pet Month - our furry friends!



When is it and how do we celebrate?

Well, National Pet Month (NPM) is celebrated from the 1st of April to May 1st. It is celebrated by fundraisers to raise money for our fluffy friends and the charities that support them. In the USA it's celebrated slightly differently - instead they throw a party for their pets!! It's not just the UK and the USA that celebrate NPM. Other countries include: Italy, Australia and Ireland.

Why is it celebrated and where could you donate?

National pet month is a celebration of the benefits animals bring to our lives and what we do for them.

There are hundreds of charities that you could donate to including PDSA (People's Dispensary for Sick Animals) which cares for sick pets, The Blue Cross or even a more local independent charity.

When did it start?

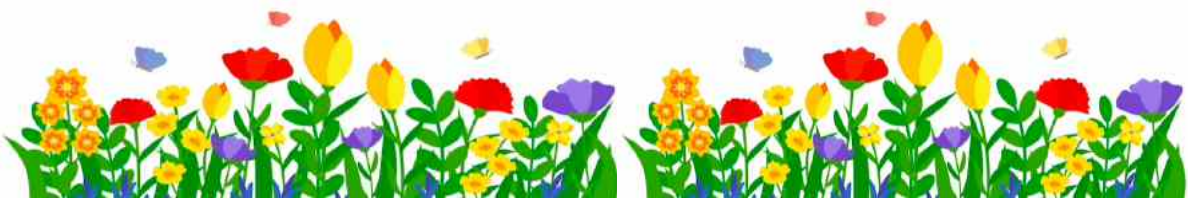
National Pet month started in 1989 (just like national pet day) for pet owners to pay more attention to their adorable and phenomenal pets. It was created by the National Association of Professional pet sitters (NAPPS) in the U.S in 2006.

Some of our cuddly buddies!



Well, only good things can come your way from adopting furry friends like cats (well apart from the birds they bring!) So why not adopt one today from places that help take our pets from the streets. I got my cat from a place called The National Animal Welfare Trust. If you don't want a full time job of caring for animals, why not choose to foster a pet rather than keeping them forever? Fostering still comes with all of the perks of being a pet owner, such as feeding them and spending quality time cuddling up on the couch. It's a great way to see not only if you want a pet but also what pet you want. If you're still not sure about fostering a pet here are 3 reasons why to do so:





1: You can provide a lot of help and care to animals that need medical attention or are recovering from medical treatments.

2: When you're feeling down or blue, a furry friend can accompany you and stay with you by your side.

3: If you foster a pet it allows an adoption centre to take in another abandoned pet.



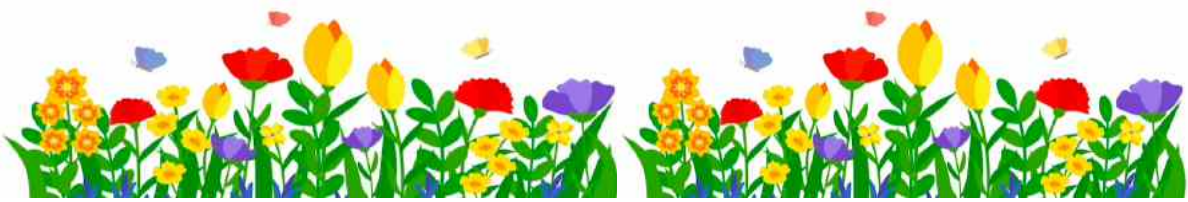
By Olive and Naomi - Yr 6

Crucial Crew



The Year 6 *Crucial Crew* initiative was held at Stevenage Borough FC and involved talks from various emergency services, including Crime Prevention Officers, Fire and Rescue and the Ambulance Service, with an opportunity to engage the pupils so they understand more about the dangers that they may face when they go to Secondary School and as they grow up. The whole year group was split into smaller groups and experienced things like games for healthy living, the dangers of being around water, how to avoid house fires and more understanding of online safety. So many lessons were learnt about how to keep safe and some of the facts even surprised the adults!

The most interactive part for the children was implementing CPR on dummies and learning about what DrABC stands for. Becca from Blackman Class, Year 6 had this to say, "Such a fun experience and I feel very privileged to have taken part."



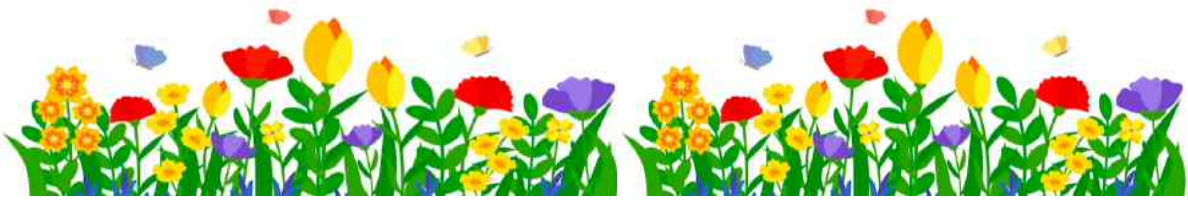
Skylla said, "I enjoyed it all. I think the best bit was practising CPR on dummies and I also liked how we learnt about what could cause a fire in a bedroom. It has made me check what my room is like!"



Over 900 pupils from various schools all over Stevenage have taken part in this event and it is a very valuable opportunity for children aged 10-11 years old. A massive thank you goes out to everyone involved.



By Year 6



SPORTS DAY 24th MAY 2024!



Sports day is an exciting event held each year at our school. The weather was just right for all our students from Nursery to Year 6 to compete in the games in their houses which are named after continents (Africa, Asia, Australasia, Europe, North America and South America). This spectacular sport event involves a selection of activities including quoit on the head, bean bag on the racquet, hurdles, obstacles and sprint races.

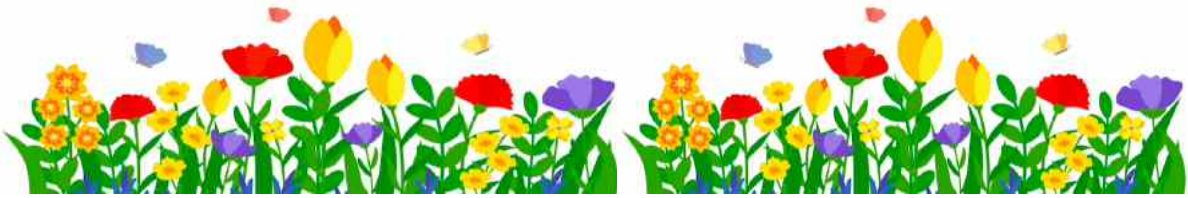
In the races you get a special medal sticker if you come 1st, 2nd or 3rd and these equate to points and are all added together to help decide the winner of sports day. Don't worry if you didn't win your race though as it's the taking part that counts and it is about you trying your very best.

The day also includes teacher and parent races and this year, Year 6 parents were invited especially to take part in the last race for them at the school.

This year's Sports Day was won by Asia and last year's winners, Europe, came second. It was a great achievement and the Year 6 House Captains were invited up to collect the trophy on behalf of the House. Well done Asia!



By Nellie and Chelsea Year 5



Eco Club

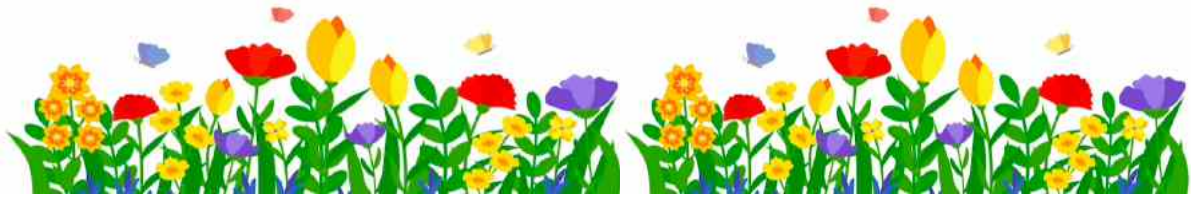
We are known as the 'Eco Warriorz' and participate in a lunchtime club which includes students from Years 5 and 6. We are on a mission to clean up the environment and our goal is to leave an impact on the school, on the environment and our community.

Usually we do games or drawings about how to make the earth a better place to live, to keep our environment clean and how to recycle. At one point, we even made our own plant pots in the club - the perfect way to start the week! However, over the last few weeks, as the weather has been much nicer, we have been outside making the flower boxes (outside Year 6 block) look neater and brighter. The aim is to replant things, encourage more (bees, ladybirds etc) and have self seeding plants for years to come.



Our first job was to take out all of the dead plants and weeds. Whilst we were doing this we discovered many things which we were not expecting: onions, garlic and even a potato! Wickes in Stevenage kindly donated lots of items to help us achieve our plan including: spades and trowels, soil, weed control and the sandpaper and varnish for the outside of the boxes. We are slowly adding new plants which have also been donated by kind friends of The Leys. This project is ongoing and will be amazing when it is finished. Pop to the Year 6 block and have a look sometime!

By Amina



School litter picking

Millie Year 5

In our school Eco Club we participated in the Big Litter Pick all around the school.



It was arranged by Stevenage Borough Council who came to the school prepared with pickers, black bags and high vis jackets.

We worked in small groups and walked around the school grounds picking up litter which had blown in from outside the grounds. We are doing our best to stop littering from happening if it is on purpose or not. Maybe you could do the same thing as it is very good for our environment.

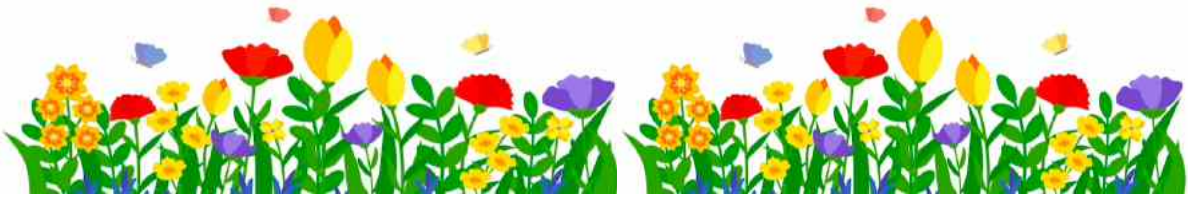


I spoke to Chelsea From Year 5 and she said, "I liked litter picking because it helps clean the environment that we live in and

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR

THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 8TH JULY AND WAS GREAT FUN FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED. EACH YEAR GROUP WAS GIVEN A CONTINENT FROM AROUND THE WORLD AND MADE FOOD WHICH REPRESENTED THAT CONTINENT IE: POPCORN AND BROWNIES FOR NORTH AMERICA, ANZAC BISCUITS AND FAIRY BREAD FOR AUSTRALIA AND ICE CREAM FOR EUROPE. THE QUEUE WAS GINORMOUS TO BUY THE ICE-CREAM THAT THE YEAR 3'S WERE PROVIDING. THE FLAVOURS CONSISTED OF CHOCOLATE FUDGE, STRAWBERRY, VANILLA AND MANY MORE!!! CHILDREN AND PARENTS WERE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO BRING IN FOOD FROM THEIR CULTURE WHICH THEY HAD MADE AT HOME, THIS ALLOWED MANY PEOPLE TO TRY STUFF THEY HAD NEVER EATEN BEFORE LIKE JAMACIAN RICE DISHES AND ROMANIAN SPONGE CAKE.





it could save some wild animals that are just roaming through the school.”



What you could do to help with littering?

- Put rubbish in the right bin - use the recycling bin
- If you catch someone littering don't be afraid to point them out
- If you drop something pick it up
- Reduce Reuse Recycle

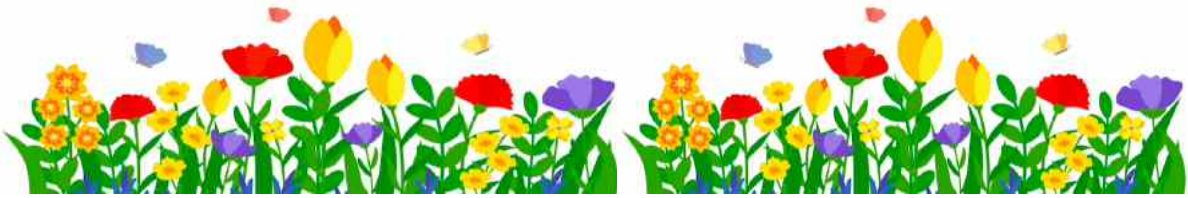


THIS YEAR THERE WAS MORE THAN JUST FOOD TO ENTERTAIN US. THERE WERE 2 SENSATIONAL PERFORMANCES IN THE HALL; OUR TALENT SHOW ENTRANT GABI, FROM YEAR 5, PERFORMED HER WINNING SONG AND MR SAPSEED'S DANCE GROUP GAVE US TWO WELL REHEARSED ROUTINES. THERE WAS A TOMBOLA WHERE YOU COULD WIN FOOD, DRINK AND TOILETRIES AND A RAFFLE FOR THE BIGGER PRIZES INCLUDING TICKETS TO A LOCAL FARM AND TO STEVENAGE BOROUGH FC. WELL DONE IF YOU WON ANYTHING ON EITHER OF THESE!! THE MONEY WILL BE GOING TOWARDS THE PTA FUND SO THANK



YOU. THESE FAIRS ARE SO MUCH FUN AND IT IS WONDERFUL TO SEE EVERYONE WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE IT SO SUCCESSFUL.

MIA YEAR 5



Year 3 Celtic Harmony Trip



This term Year 3 went on a trip to Celtic Harmony as part of their topic of the Stone Age. Celtic Harmony is a stone age settlement that offers school trips for children in the area. During the trip, the children learnt many things such as how to start a fire, how to gather food and how to build a shelter of sticks, twigs, leaves and grass.

How did they get there?

In the morning, they came into school and boarded a coach with their lunch and a coat then they went on a short bus ride to Celtic Harmony where they were greeted by a stone age person who they had to persuade to let them in.

What did they do?

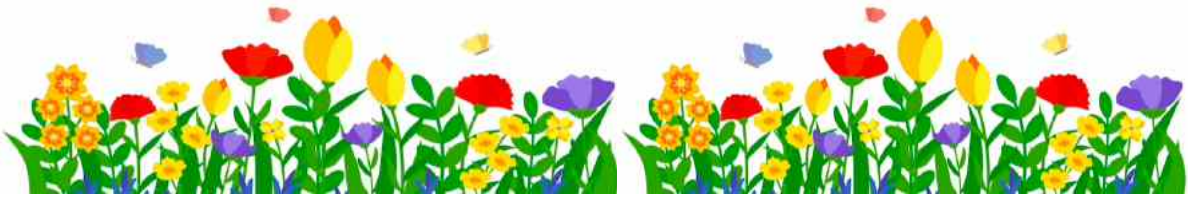
When they arrived they were shown lots of artefacts from the stone age and were told about them, what they were and what they were used for. Then, they watched someone light a fire using friction. After that, they went into the forest to gather food which they added to some herbs to cook prehistoric foods. Afterwards, they had lunch and built a shelter out of logs, sticks, leaves and anything else they could find in the forest.



“I loved it so much and I want to go again,” said Lettie.

Noah commented, “It was so much fun. I loved it. My favourite part was building the dens and lighting the fires”

By Liam Voss Year 5



Global Goals - 4 Quality Education

This goal is hugely important to everyone as ensuring an inclusive and equitable education benefits all human beings and should be available to everyone no matter what.

The most recognised target is to provide free Primary and Secondary education, by 2030, so that all boys and girls around the world have quality education which will lead to effective learning outcomes.

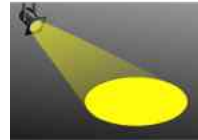
An increase in qualified teachers is also imperative, by the same time, to ensure there are sufficient teachers to provide the highest level of education especially in under-developed countries where their education system is currently lacking.

By 2030, the G20 leaders wish to eradicate gender discrimination within education and ensure all children and as many adults as possible have a better understanding of both reading and writing and mathematics.

Stay informed of this and all the Goals at

[@TheGlobalGoals](https://twitter.com/TheGlobalGoals).

Olive Year 6



Leys Got Talent!!

Recently, we introduced a new way of celebrating the talent of our children here at The Leys Primary and Nursery School. Each child has their own talent, may it be playing the trombone, gymnastics, singing or dancing.

Every child from each class in Year 3-6 was invited to audition for a place in the final and to perform in front of their peers. It was lovely to see all the talents that the children have -

Shaylen in Year 6 even auditioned with her boxing ability, so be careful not to upset her!!

The teachers in each year then decided who would go forward from their class to the final and showcase their talent on the hall stage.

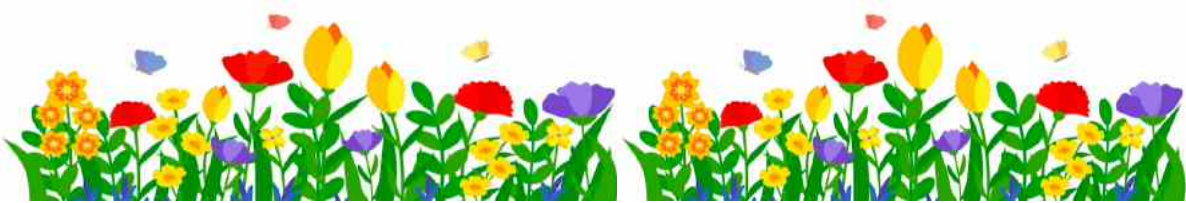
Three children from each year went forward and all their peers were invited to watch them and cheer the loudest for who they wanted to win.

There was a small panel of 3 judges, Mr Small, Mrs Davies and Mrs Clibbon and they had the tough task of choosing the winner.

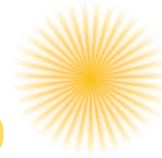
Well done to everyone who took part and a special congratulations goes to Gabi in Year 5 who wowed everyone and won the talent show with her amazing rendition of Shakira's Waka Waka. Amazing!!



Let's hope we can repeat this next year and so if you have a special talent, get practising now!



SUMMER DISCO



This year, our summer fair was mixed along with a summer disco and so it consisted of games, food and of course the dancing! This year the PTA (who run it) introduced an ice cream stand - which 99% of people visited and loved! Year 6 hosted games stalls, face painting and sand art in the Music room to help them raise money for their Prom this coming month. It was a great success and they did a fantastic job with the most popular game being the Racing Plgs. It's always fun!!

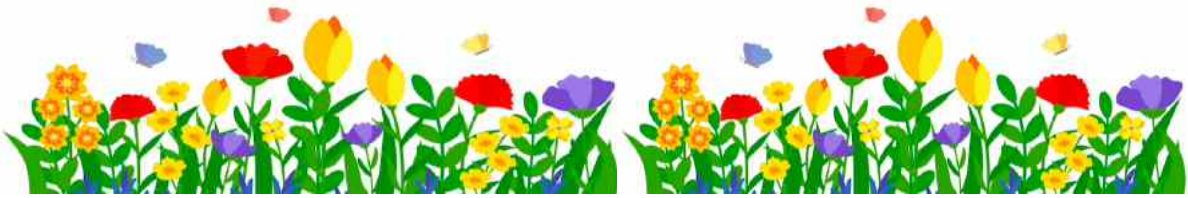
The DJ got our blood pumping by playing many different songs and games, such as the conga, and lots more. Also, he was giving out sweets, which many of you got over excited for, to the children showing their best dancing and singing.



Some of our favourite artists were playing, including Taylor Swift, Ed Sheeran and Jo Jo Siwa. The great thing about our discos is that if it gets too much on the dancefloor, there is always somewhere else we can go to calm down and have some quiet time. There is also the traditional sweet and toy stall which always does a great trade! This time the light up sunglasses were a real hit. "My favourite thing to buy!" said Nova, Year 3.

Isla, Nellie and Chelsea
Year 5

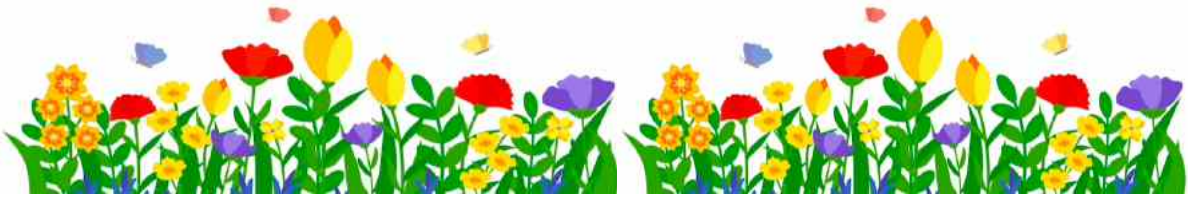




Summer Word Search



SUMMER	G	A	R	D	E	N	Y	S	M	B	M	T	O	L	S
SUNSHINE	N	I	A	R	M	E	L	E	S	E	E	R	W	O	U
SWIM	U	C	I	N	C	I	P	E	A	S	I	A	M	S	N
BOAT	L	M	L	I	N	O	I	T	A	C	A	V	R	P	S
CAMP	P	O	P	S	I	C	L	E	Q	L	D	E	K	I	H
HIKE	U	I	P	E	C	A	M	P	I	O	O	L	F	C	I
GARDEN	Y	T	N	S	R	E	T	L	M	D	N	T	R	E	N
PLAY	P	W	N	S	O	E	P	A	T	G	N	E	D	X	E
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JULY	R	L	J	U	L	Y	G	R	S	A	S	O	U	P	A
AUGUST	K	E	F	G	L	C	E	A	T	H	I	R	G	A	S
PARK	B	A	L	Y	P	A	E	N	O	C	R	E	U	R	D
PICNIC	S	H	O	R	T	S	O	O	H	A	E	H	S	H	R
POPSICLE	U	Y	P	E	M	N	O	S	A	E	S	S	T	D	E
ICE CREAM	C	H	E	T	A	M	C	L	Y	B	G	M	R	E	S
SHORTS	X	L	A	O	V	Z	R	C	O	J	B	R	I	N	S
DRESS	F	O	S	E	M	A	E	R	C	E	C	I	O	W	L
TRAVEL	B	L	O	S	S	U	M	M	E	R	W	B	M	O	S
VACATION															
SEASON															



Fancy a Writing Challenge Over the Summer holidays?

Try and complete as many of these as you can!



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<p>Make a bucket list of things you want to do this summer.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write your life story.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Go for a walk. Write five sentences about the walk you went on.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write a scary story.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write a letter to your friend or family.</p> <p>Date:</p>
<p>Write about the last week of school.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write a description of a garden using 5 senses.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write what you did on a rainy day.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write about the worst holiday of your life.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write swimming instructions for your younger sibling.</p> <p>Date:</p>
<p>Write a poem about summer.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write about a new exotic fruit you tasted this summer.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write about a picnic.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write about your favourite water game or activity.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write a recipe of your favourite food.</p> <p>Date:</p>
<p>Write a book review of your favourite book.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write about your favourite children's book author.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write about a magic lamp you found in the woods.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write a summer song.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write in your playhouse.</p> <p>Date:</p>
<p>Write a hilarious poem.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write about a favourite character you read in the book.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write a shopping list for your parents.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write about your favourite sport.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write a mystery story.</p> <p>Date:</p>
<p>Write a new ending for a book you read today.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write five interesting facts about summer.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write about the beach you went this summer.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write under the stars.</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Write what you want to achieve in your new class.</p> <p>Date:</p>