



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 26th May 2023

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

- 29 May-2 June -Half term
- June -Careers Month
- 8 Jun -Year 2 school trip
- 9 Jun -Non uniform Summer Fair donations (details closer to the date)
- 12 Jun -New to Nursery parent meeting 9am
- 16 Jun -Summer Fair
- 19 Jun -New to Reception parent meeting 9am
- 26 Jun -Class group photos
- 27 Jun -NSPCC Workshops
- 29 Jun -Sports Day 1
- 30 Jun -Sports Day 2 (reserve)
- 3-7 Jul -Climate change week
- 7 Jul -Wear yellow for Ahoy
- 13 Jul -Stevenage school transition day
  - New to Year 6 parents meeting 9am
  - New to Year 3 parents meeting 2:30pm
- 14 Jul -Y6 Productions
- 17 Jul -Y6 prom
- 20 Jul -Last day of term 1:30pm finish
- 21 Jul -INSET Day, school closed

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Mia
Murphy	Albert
Kerr	Harry
Bryon	Maya
Donaldson	Oscar
Soundar	Haylie M
Dahl	David
Gavin	Olivia
Mante	Tamaya
Morpurgo	Olivia
Riordan	Kazim
Zephaniah	Jake
Malala	Isobella
Blackman	Jake
Kipling	Charles



**Times Tables Leaders**

Well done to...

**Leanne  
Harry G  
Felicity**

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

Friendship Award	Todi
Headteachers Awards	
Year 4	Jared, Lily

**Attendance Wheel of Reward**

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



Be here to have a go!  
This week's winners & rewards:

- Bryon -Purple mash games**
- Morpurgo -PJ Day**
- Blackman -Movie & popcorn**

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Thank you for all your

contributions to our Bake Sale. We raised a massive **£291.51** for the charities



# UPDATE

## PSHE/PE - Healthy Living week

Our whole school focus this week has been about 'Healthy Living'. Year groups have been taking part in a variety of activities.

Last week, EYFS had a Healthy living workshop, where both grown ups and children joined in lots of different activities involving food, such as making smoothies, fruit salads and choosing items to make a healthy plate. In the Nursery class, the children have been learning about good hygiene practices, such as cleaning teeth, visiting a dentist and keeping our bodies clean and safe. The children have also been doing lots of different exercise sessions, ranging from yoga, dancing, 8 minute cardio in addition to their weekly P.E. lessons. To help keep a healthy mind, the children have been practising relaxation techniques such as controlled breathing and quiet reflections.



Outside in the Nursery garden, the children have been getting lots of fresh air whilst helping Mrs Katun plant strawberries and tomatoes, which they will look after enough fruit for a healthy

and hopefully provide class snack. During cooking, the children used a manual Spiralizer machine to make vegetable spaghetti and chopped up tomatoes and onions to make a wonderful tomato sauce.



Reception class has been learning about eating a healthy balanced diet and what they need to do to have a healthy body.

Year 3 has been exploring personal hygiene and how important this is for us to be healthy. The children each created a poster to promote good personal hygiene skills.



Year 5 has been learning about the 5 food groups. They have created a visual display of different foods sorted into their correct food group.

The importance of leading an active healthy lifestyle has been further promoted during our PE curriculum lessons. We have discussed the importance of regular exercise and the positive impact that it has on our bodies and also the mind. We have also discussed the value of eating and drinking well and what this looks like. We will continue to embed the importance of leading an active healthy lifestyle and the benefits this will have longer term. Our children access active learning each week outside of their PE lessons through a wide range of opportunities. Our whole school's active approach further supports, promotes and embeds the value of leading an active healthy lifestyle.

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CLASS OF THE WEEK:  
Bryon



Bryon class have been working hard this week with their writing in English. Our current topic is 'Beside the sea'. The children have been observing different pictures and writing sentences using adjectives and conjunctions. They have also been thinking of how they can use question marks. The children have written some questions about the beach that they would like to find out. I have seen some great writing! Well done Bryon class!!

Also, a big well done to the children's behaviour during our beach afternoon on Wednesday! Well done all of you!



Class: Donaldson

Here are some different ways that we can all stay healthy.

- Eat more fruit, vegetables and salads.
- Exercise 30-60 minutes.
- Sleep for 11 hours if you are 5,6 or 7.
- Drink more water to stay hydrated.
- Brush your teeth twice a day.
- Wash your hands throughout the day.

Written by Uno.

### Scientist of the Month



This week children in Nursery have been learning about what plants need to grow. They have planted different seeds, which have started to sprout and beanstalks that have grown to over 30cm! Some children have helped to maintain the garden by weeding, creating space for the tomato and strawberry plants.



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

This week, Year 1 were lucky enough to have their fun filled beach afternoon! The children have been learning all about Seasides in class. They have explored how seashores have changed over time in History, where our local seashores are in Geography, what they look like, the features and much more!

On Wednesday the children had the best afternoon! They had sand to play with, a paddling pool to splash around in, jelly fish to make, beach ball games and lots more! The children had such a good afternoon which was great to see!

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# The Leys Have Talent

Oliver, in year 5, is an amazing swimmer! After completing all his swimming badges, he was invited to join the Rookie Lifeguards. He has just completed his first award (Bronze Level 1). He has learnt how to rescue an unconscious person from the water, how to dive down and bring a casualty to the surface, tow casualties 25 metres and get them safely out of the water. He has also learnt how to put casualties in the recovery position, do CPR and he knows how to use a defibrillator.



Well Done Oliver- Keep up the good work!



WELLBEING



## Healthy Living week

This week we have been encouraging the children to exercise, eat a healthy diet, keep clean and get enough sleep, in order to look after their minds and bodies.

Beezee Bodies - Fussy Eating master class  
20/6/23 for parents

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fussy-eating-masterclass-tickets-591529710287?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

There are also lots of Blogs for parents about how to support children with these themes.

<https://beezeebodies.com/blog/category/parent-guides-to-healthy-kids/>

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# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Whole school attendance target = 97%

Whole school attendance this week = 93.8%

Best class attendance this week = Gavin 97.7%



## Providing life-long skills since 2014

Families Feeling Safe is an award-winning Social Enterprise, delivering high quality Protective Behaviours training, courses and workshops.

Our work means children, young people and families feel safer in their communities by improving their resilience and emotional & mental wellbeing.

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**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**

## SENDCo drop in sessions

These sessions are to discuss:

- Information to share from home
    - Initial concerns
    - Making a plan to move forward
  - Other arising matters you would like to raise after speaking with the class teacher
- If you would like to book a drop in session with myself, please follow the link below

Slots available			
Monday 24th April 2-2.15	Tuesday 16th May 9-9.15	Wednesday 14th June 2-2.15	Tuesday 11th July 3-3.15
Monday 24th April 2.15-2.30	Tuesday 16th May 9.15-9.30	Wednesday 14th June 2.15-2.30	Tuesday 11th July 3.15-3.30
Monday 24th April 2.30-2.45	Tuesday 16th May 9.30-9.45	Wednesday 14th June 2.30-2.45	Tuesday 11th July 3.30-3.45
Monday 24th April 2.45-3	Tuesday 16th May 9.45-10	Wednesday 14th June 2.45-3	Tuesday 11th July 3.45-4

One slot per child  
If you do wish to talk out of these times the door is always open

<https://leys.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

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## Term dates 2022-2023

### SUMMER TERM

Term: 17 April - 20 July

Bank Holiday: 8 May

Half term holiday: 29 May 2023 - 2 June 2023

Term: 5 June-20 July

Inset day: 21 July 2023

Summer holiday: 24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023

Inset Days 2022-2023

21 July 2023

## Term dates 2023-2024

### AUTUMN TERM

**Start of term: 4 September 2023**

Inset day: 1 September 2023

Term: 1 September - 19 October 2023

Inset day: 20 October 2023

Half term holiday: 23 October - 27 October 2023

Occasional day: 8 December 2023

Term: 30 October - 20 December 2023

Christmas holiday: 21 December - 3 January 2024

### SPRING TERM

Inset day: 4 January 2024

Term: 5 January - 16 February 2024

Half term holiday: 19 February - 23 February 2024

Term : 26 February- 28 March 2024  
Easter holiday: 29 March - 12 April 2024

### SUMMER TERM

Term: 15 April - 24 May 2024

Bank Holiday: 6 May 2024

Half term holiday: 27 May - 31 May 2024

Inset day: 3 June 2024

Term: 4 June - 23 July 2024

Inset day: 12 July 2024

Summer holiday: 24 July 2024 - 30 August 2024

Inset Days 2023 - 2024

1 September 2023

20 October 2023

8 December (Occasional day) 2023

4 January 2024

3 June 2024

12 July 2024

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