

# The Leys Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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## Merry Christmas



*From everyone at the Leys Primary and Nursery School*

**SCHOOL CLOSED  
7 DECEMBER  
Occasional Day**

### ENTERPRISE DAY

Thank you for all your support with Enterprise day. Everyone has really enjoyed making crafts for Christmas again this year, and raising money for their classes! Year 3 and Year 5 have their Enterprise day coming up....soon



This is just a small sample of all the crafts that our pupils across the school made for Enterprise Day!

**LAST DAY OF TERM  
School closes early  
1.15 p.m. Year 5 and 6  
1.30 p.m. All other years**

Star of the Week	
Zephaniah	Marnie
Anderson	Esme
Sendak	Zachary
Carle	Lily-Rose
Hargreaves	Gabriella
Ahlberg	Zahid
Dahl	Luca
Freedman	Shikana
Strong	Chloe
Pratchett	Malakai
Morpurgo	Danny
Tolkien	Aiden C
Lewis	Ellen
Rosen	Gracie B
Shakespeare	Joseph P
Dickens	Parvathi
Kipling	Alfie F

Class of the week	Year 5
Best attendance EYFS/KS1	100% HARGREAVES
Best attendance KS2	100% TOLKIEN
Headteacher Awards	YEAR
	RECEPTION
Brianna H Fletcher M Felicity D	ONE
Zahid Q Mia R	TWO
	THREE
Leah M Elizabeth R Alys Chambers Veda K Isabella B Isabella C Abigail C Asad S Kaitlyn F	FOUR
Joseph C Archie-Lee C Muneeb Q Isabella J Jenson N	FIVE

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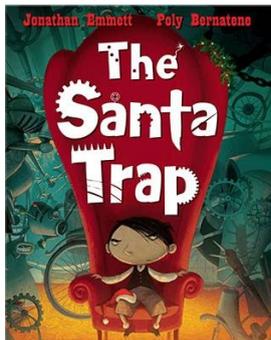
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## CLASS of the WEEK -Strong



This week in Strong class we have enjoyed learning about the adventures of Bradley Bartleby in The Santa Trap. We have acted out some of the scenes, the children were amazing at getting into character, and have been looking at some exciting vocabulary to include in our own work. Judging by the summaries they have produced this week, I think we will have some amazing diaries next week, they are clearly budding authors!

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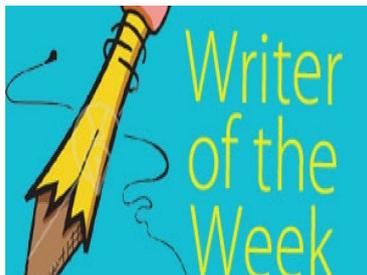
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## Year 6 Virtual Football Competition



On Monday, some of our Year 6 pupils took part in a virtual football competition. Due to Covid 19 we had to host the competition in school, we played many fun football games which included toe taps, agility dribbling and timed 'W' runs. The children were excellent and received lots of praise from Mr Newlands! Well done Year 6!



Writer of the Week-  
Jenson from Ahlberg  
Class



It was a hot day in Savannah, the snake was looking forward to his 4 raw mice but then he said, "Oh My! My 4 raw mice have gone!" He found a bit of lion fur in their place. So he decided to go and see the lion.

Once he got there, he talked to him and lion said, "I've got a juicy human for my dinner." They went to see but it was gone! They were both sad but they found a meerkat paw print as a clue. They went to see meerkat but he didn't steal it and he had lost his four spiders!

They searched everywhere in the trees, under the rocks as far as Antarctica but nothing was to be found.

Suddenly they saw a monster! Meerkat said, "Please don't eat me!" The monster said "I won't eat you, I thought you might want to come for tea."

They followed the monster to his burrow and found 4 raw mice, a juicy human and 4 spiders. They feasted and chatted. The other animals told the monster that he wasn't so bad after all and they played happily together.

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The Christmas season is meant to be a **time of joy**, but for many people it can be a time of **stress, anxiety, disappointment** or **loneliness**. Christmas comes with high expectations of perfect, happy families enjoying luxurious celebrations and gifts, but not all of us are able to live up to these ideals. Here are some top tips for a good break. 1. **Avoid unhelpful social comparisons** - comparing ourselves with other people can have a big impact on how we feel. Social media and consumer adverts at Christmas can make this worse, so avoid them.

2. **Have realistic expectations for family gatherings** - high expectations can place additional pressure on already strained relationships, particularly among people who do not see each other very often.

3. **Participate in local activities** - many organisations offer support at Christmas and finding out what is available in your local area may provide a lifeline.

4. **Take a break** - Allow yourself to take 'time out' if you find your stress levels rising. This could be a walk, going out for a coffee or listening to music - whatever will help you to relax or unwind. Of course this can be hard to do, so it can help to pre-plan some 'me time'.

5. **Everything in Moderation** - It can be tempting to overindulge at Christmas, both due to the availability of food and drink and as a way of covering up difficult feelings. However there are likely to be negative side-effects. Try to avoid overindulgence and to do some exercise, outdoors if possible, as evidence increasingly suggests that outdoor activity can provide additional benefits to health and wellbeing, especially in the darker months.

We hope you have a positive break.

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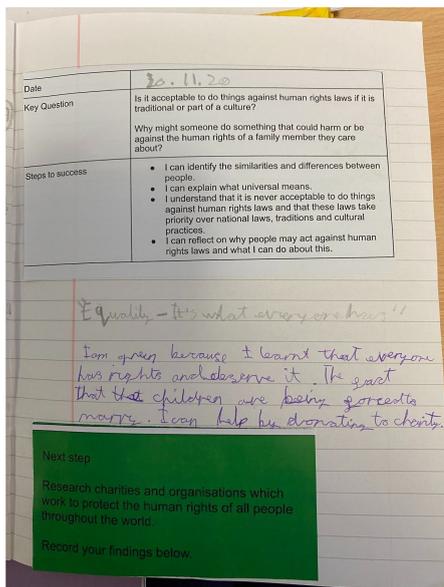
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## Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

The children in Yr 6 have been learning about human rights and the crossover between universal human rights and children's rights. The children have been looking at how we can ensure we are supporting human rights, and understanding that some countries and situations around the world go against these rights. The children and teachers had a debate about if it is ever ok to ignore human rights - This was a fascinating discussion with some great points being raised by the children.

The Year 6 children will be researching human rights activists this week to inspire us to support changes around the world.

Keep up the great work Year 6!



## Free Verse Poem by Kaitlyn F



One Christmas I was laying in my bed  
Then...THUMP!  
I heard him...  
"Santa. I know that's you!" I shouted  
Santa exclaimed "Come, come and explore with me"  
I gasped "Where are you taking me?"  
He mumbled "To the North Pole!"  
I screamed with joy.  
Santa asked "This is what you wished for, wasn't it"  
I shouted "Yes"  
I asked politely "Can I have lots of presents, please?"  
Santa replied, You have been really good, so I suppose so!

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Then he took me back home.  
But...It was all a dream  
Luckily, I still got some presents!!!!

## DATES COMING UP!

Monday 7th Dec	SCHOOL CLOSED- Occasional Day
Friday 11 Dec	Year3 Enterprise Day
Monday 14th Dec	Year5 Enterprise Day Year 4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15th Dec	Reception Christmas party Year 6 Christmas party
Wednesday 16th Dec	Wear a Christmas Jumper Day and bring a Santa Hat! Xmas dinner Santa dash (wear Santa hat!)
Thursday 17th Dec	Year 1 Christmas party Year3 party Year 5 Christmas party Nursery Christmas party
Friday 18th Dec	Own clothes day (no donation required) School closes early: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.15 p.m. Year 5 and 6</li> <li>• 1.30 p.m. ALL year groups</li> </ul>
5 January 2021	Pupils return to school

## Term dates

<p>Start of term: 3 September 2020  <b>Inset day: 2 September</b>  <b>Term: 3 September -23 October</b>  <u>Half term holiday: 26 October 2020 - 30 October 2020</u>  <b>Inset day: 2 November</b>  <b>Term: 3 November -18 December</b>  <b>Occasional Day: 7 December</b>  <u>Christmas holiday: 21 December 2020 - 3 January 2021</u></p>	<p><b>Inset day: 4 January</b>  <b>Term: 5 January - 12 February</b>  <u>Half term holiday: 15 February 2021 - 19 February 2021</u>  <b>Term : 22 February-26 March 2021</b>  <u>Easter holiday: 29 March 2021 - 9 April 2021</u></p>	<p><b>Term: 12 April - 28 May</b>  <u>Half term holiday: 31 May 2021 - 4 June 2021</u>  <b>Inset Day: 7 June</b>  <b>Term: 8 June-21 July</b>  <b>Inset day 22 July</b>  <u>Summer holiday: 23 July 2021 - 31 August 2021</u></p>
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