



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

## Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Antonia
Murphy	Amy
Kerr	Erika
Waddell	Lucie
Donaldson	Freddie
Gravett	Austin
Dahl	Poppy-Rose
Freedman	Thomas
Strong	Seamus
Morpurgo	Leo
Lewis	Hollie New
Tolkien	Ahmed
Rosen	Zack
Shakespeare	Orest
Dickens	Lois W
Kipling	Emily K

## Friends of The Leys PTA Key Dates

Non uniform Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st £1

Non uniform 11th February £1

Disco: 25th February 2022 at 5 to 8pm

Non uniform £1 1st April

Non uniform £1 1st 27th May

Summer Fair: 17th June 3.15 to 5.30pm

## Friday 10th December 2021

### DATES COMING UP!

17.12 Junior Church Service  
17.12 Christmas Jumper and Dinner Dinner  
Monday 21st Class Parties  
Non uniform Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st £1

21.12- Last day of term - 1.30pm finish

3 days to go!



*For every ticket purchased, you will have 12 chances to win up to £5,000!\* At the same time, we will raise 50% from every ticket.*

*Your support is greatly appreciated. Simply click on the link below to purchase a ticket. We wish you good luck!*

<https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/the-leys-primary-and-nursery-school-sg1>

Attendance Awards	Dahl and Gravett
Friendship Cup	Year 3 Dahl Class
Headteachers Awards	
Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	Delilah, Muhammad
Year 4	Ellanora Y, Cyprian -
Year 5	Jeremiah Attafuah-Simmons
Year 6	Isabelle and Mayci-Lou Lois, Bella Jeans, Ellen, Kai L

## Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your support- we raised £531.16

## Parent Survey

Please could you take a few minutes to complete our Parent/Carer Survey- see link below.

Thank you for your time and your feedback would be highly appreciated.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-ZVW00Jm0VMfYIZNC3dmVilluVLIUR\\_qeQHoUepkkG3Mb3Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-ZVW00Jm0VMfYIZNC3dmVilluVLIUR_qeQHoUepkkG3Mb3Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Kind regards

The Leys Primary and Nursery School.

## CLASS OF THE WEEK



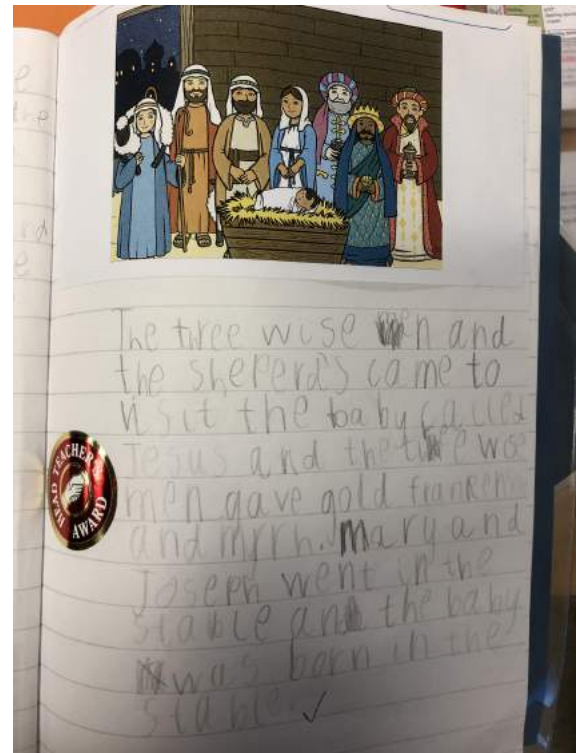
This week in Rosen class, we visited The ExoMars centre with the other year 5 classes. The class thoroughly enjoyed themselves, trying out all the different activities and learning all about the ExoMars rover. They even got to see prototypes. Zack was extremely inquisitive and asked so many questions to further his knowledge which was lovely to see. Keep it up Zack! They also made rockets which they then used pumps to launch them high into the sky. Leo's was so well made that his rocket flew higher than any others. Well done Leo!! Not only were Mrs Storey and I impressed with the class and their behaviour, the staff at the centre were full of praise! Well done Rosen class!!



Class: Year 1 Waddell  
Pupil: Benjamin

Year 1 has been very busy learning about the Christmas Story. We first looked at sequencing the story and then thought about the sentences that we could write based on an image of Mary, Joseph and Jesus in the stable.

This is Benjamin's written work. Benjamin tried hard to focus on remembering capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Benjamin has also really impressed us with how neat his writing is. Great work Benjamin!



## Esafty



Recently you may have received a letter to let you know about online safety and the SMART principles. We ask that you read this letter carefully and consider your child's or children's online safety. We will also soon be sending out a survey that we ask all parents/carers to take the time to complete. Within school, we are setting up an E-Safety committee with representatives from each class to talk with teachers and governors about how they are staying safe online.

Since we began remote learning, and with all the talks in recent years about fake news and other online dangers, it is more important than ever

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that we are all being vigilant about how children access and use the internet and what they are being exposed to as a result.



WELLBEING



Christmas can be an immensely painful time when someone important has died. With potential 'trigger points' everywhere – from TV advertising to poignant pieces of music and personalised cards – you and your child may find it difficult to cope with your grief at Christmas.

While grief never fully goes away, there will be times when emotions are much more heightened than others, and when the sense of loss can feel greater. Christmas – the season which celebrates love and family time – is most certainly one of these times. It doesn't matter whether your special person died a few weeks, months or years ago, you may struggle to cope with your grief at Christmas.

#### Ways to cope with grief at Christmas

Try and be sensitive to everyone's needs as everyone in the family will have different ways of grieving.

Give children (and yourself) permission to look forward to and enjoy Christmas, to smile and have fun.

Also give yourself permission to not be ok.

Make space to remember that someone is missing and it's natural to miss them.

Talk as a family about how you are all feeling about Christmas.

Decide together what you would like to do to remember your important person (see the website below for ideas).

Make plans but also give yourself permission to change your mind.

Be kind to yourself and if things become too much, find a way to take time out.

<https://www.winstonswish.org/coping-with-grief-at-christmas/>

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=7254b29d-4bfa-4280-b58d-d2319ca37d22>

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## Year 5 Exomars Trip

The year 5 Exomars Trip was a real success. The children were excited to explore the centre and the different STEM activities they had on offer. Throughout the day there were three main challenges, the exploration room, Exomars rover room with rocket making/launching and finally making climbing men using forces.



The exploration room was filled with various space inspired activities which tested their scientific knowledge and skills needed to solve puzzles and challenges set by the staff. One challenge was to give a teacher an electric shock, which the children enjoyed immensely. Many also succeeded at this challenge!

It was fascinating for the children to learn lots of new information about Mars and even more exciting to see a room which was designed to replicate Mars itself. They also got to see previous prototypes for the rover being sent to Mars in 2023. They even had names! Brian, Bridgette and Bruno were the rovers that we got to see! After learning about rovers and rockets being launched to Mars, the children got to make their own rockets to launch. They learned that the rockets had to be cylinders with a pointed top in order for them to launch as high as they could. They had great fun launching them outside, despite the rain! Finally, they got to make climbing people which they learned used friction to climb up the wool attached to their people. Overall they had the most wonderful day exploring all things space and scientific!



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

### Enterprise Day!

All around the school, the children have been really busy creating a variety of wonderful items. Some of the activities have included making Christmas decorations, icing biscuits, sewing stockings and baking a range of yummy treats!



## The Leys Have Talent



**Hollie-Anne, in year 4, and Gracie-May, in year 2, both received gymnastics certificates last week- they have passed their level 10 in gymnastics! Well Done Girls- Very talented!**



## HOLIDAYS



Please be aware that the government continues to regard holidays during term time as unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances to consider. Parents who decide to take pupils on holiday during term time may incur a fine.

Please note that the May half term break has been extended on both sides to allow more time for travelling for planned holidays.

Friday 27th May 2022 Occasional Day due to Queen's Platinum Jubilee- school is closed

May half term Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Monday 6th June Inset Day- School is closed

Pupils return on Tuesday 7th June 2022

Don't forget to book on

☀️ **The Leys Fun and Games Club! Breakfast & After-School Club**

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### BREAKFAST CLUB

- Breakfast Club runs from 7.30am to 8:45 am and includes breakfast.
- Breakfast club costs £3.50 per child per day.
- Children must be signed into the club by whoever is bringing them to school.
- Children should not be dropped at the gate and sent into the club on their own. Breakfast on offer includes such choices as: cereal, toast, croissants, fruit, and fruit juices.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

- After School Club runs from 3.15 to 6.00 pm in two sessions:
- 3.15 - 5:00pm Session A £7.00 per day per child
- 3.15 - 6.00 pm Session B £8.50 per day per child
- A snack such as sandwiches, wraps, cheese, biscuits, and fruits are served to all children attending the after-school club.

Planned activities available may include:

- Creative art and crafts activities - painting, drawing, cutting, sticking and model making.
- Free play - activities chosen by your child.
- Imaginative play - dressing up and role play.
- Messy play - sand water clay and dough
- Outside play - depending on weather.
- Sports activities - organised by our PE staff.
- Various special events - disco, face painting, cooking, movie & popcorn

## Term dates 2021-2022

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
Start of term: 2 September 2021 <b>Inset day: 1 September</b> Term: 2 September -21 October Half term holiday: 25 October 2021 - 29 October 2021 <b>Inset day: 22 October</b> Term: 1 November -21 December <b>Occasional Day: 6 December</b> Christmas holiday: 22 December 2021 - 5 January 2022	<b>Inset day: 5 January 2022</b> Term: 6 January - 11 February Half term holiday: 14 February 2022 - 18 February 2022 Term : 21 February-1 April Easter holiday: 4 April 2022 - 18 April 2022	Term: 19 April - 26 May Half term holiday: 30 May 2022 - 3 June 2022 <b>Inset Day: 6 June</b> <b>Occasional day: 27 May</b> Term: 7 June-21 July <b>Inset day 22 July</b> Summer holiday: 22 July 2022 - 31 August 2022

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