



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 11th February 2022

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Lola
Murphy	Taha
Kerr	Alaya-Rose
Waddell	Benjamin
Donaldson	Kaira
Gravett	Trystan
Dahl	Kobi
Freedman	Divya
Strong	Lily
Morpurgo	Layla
Lewis	Charles
Tolkien	Marcus
Rosen	Chloe
Shakespeare	Charlie
Dickens	Beatrice
Kipling	Samuel

Friends of The Leys PTA

Key Dates

Disco: 25th February 2022 at 5 to 8pm-**Postponed**
 Non uniform £1 1st April
 Non uniform £1 1st 27th May
 Summer Fair: **17th June 3.15 to 5.30pm**

DATES COMING UP!

14.2.22-18.2.22- Half Term
 24.2.22 Y6 SATs meeting to Parents/Carers
 25.2.22 School Disco-**Postponed**
 1.3.22 Shrove Tuesday
 2.3.22 Author visit pm
 3.3.22 World Book Day
 4.3.22 Word Book day dress up
 STEAM week- Can we live on Mars? From 14th March
 18.3.22 RED nose day- wear Red or non uniform £1
 25.3.22 TBC School Disco date
 1.4.22 Non Uniform Day £1- end of term at 1.30pm

One of our wonderful Dads is completing a trek and camp in Scotland to raise money for the charity **Headway**, which supports people with brain injuries and their families.

See the link below to donate and help him reach his target

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/15night-staywild-challenge>

<https://www.headway.org.uk/>

Attendance Awards	Gravett and Dickens
Friendship Cup	Elizabeth & Kai Y5
Headteachers Awards	
Reception	
Year 1	Dylan, Aiden, Esme-Harper and Lettie
Year 2	Trystan, Gusia and Robert
Year 3	Filips and Glynn
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	Hannah, Tommy, Jack, Jenna, Orest, Sidney, Charlie and Gracie

Thank you to all our Parents/Carers for their support during these difficult times. Our pupils have been wonderful with their positive attitude and efforts!

I would also like to thank all our staff for their hard work and dedication. They have been amazing! Great team !

UPDATE

Science

As a school, we want all children to believe they are scientists. We believe Science is everywhere - it's in the sink when you're doing the washing up, it's in the air when you throw and catch a ball...Science is all around!

So far this term, some fantastic Science activities have taken place across the school. Year 2 has been using magnifying glasses to explore the surroundings and look a little closer at bugs outside. Year 6 had a fantastic day dissecting lamb's hearts (even if the smell was a little overpowering!)



We are now looking ahead to STEAM week in March, where each class across the school will be exploring life in outer space!

CLASS OF THE WEEK



Kerr Class

In class this week we have been learning all about how to be safe when we use the internet. We explored our school S.M.A.R.T principles. The children talked about what information should be kept private and what information is safe to share. We learnt about Smartie the Penguin and helped him make safe choices when playing on the computer.



Class: Rosen
Pupil: Joshua M

After I got the photos developed, I saw pictures of other people with the camera. It appears it has travelled through lots of magical, unusual places around the world. Not only around the world but also under the sea. When the camera was under the sea, it saw octopuses. It saw turtles, fish and aliens. I was confused. Not only did I see these images, I saw people who had the camera before. I thought it would be amazing if I took a picture of myself. Then I threw it in the sea. Hopefully you love it just as much as I do. I loved it 100 percent!

An extract from his letter.

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Inclusivity

Respect

Aspirations

Determination

Empowerment

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values



Last week Reception were doing some lovely work linked to wellbeing.

We created our own worry dolls by collecting a stick and wrapping string around them. The children know to tell their worries to their doll before sharing with an adult they trust.

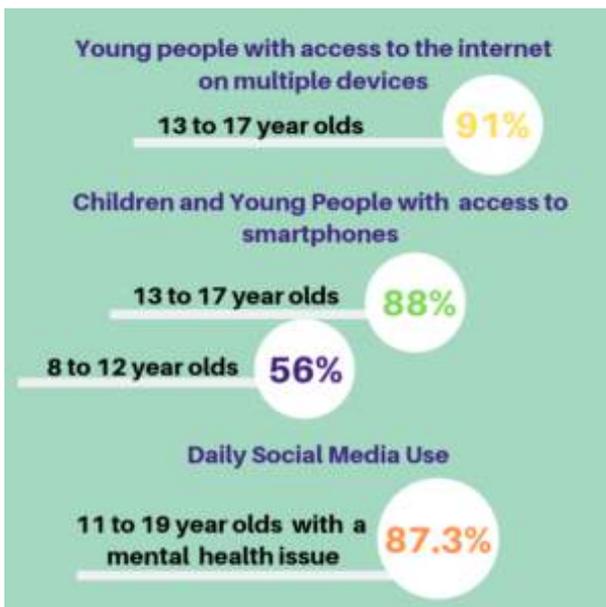


Paper friend

Friendship plays a big part in Reception the children talked about who two of their friends were and drew them holding hands.



WELLBEING



At school internet safety has been the topic of the week and there is lots in the media about the impact both positively and negatively of the internet and social media on all of our mental health and wellbeing. Here are a few top tips;

- Talk to your children about and model a healthy use of IT.
- Limit use to a few hours each day and stop all screens at least an hour before bed.
- Use the internet as a tool to research, learn and share ideas.
- Avoid using electronic devices when spending time with family and especially at meal times, keep social.

For further ideas and advice see the document below.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/sites/default/files/Talking-to-kids-healthy-internet-use.pdf>

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The Leys Have Talent

Alex, in year 2, has been attending Polish School every Saturday since September 2020. He is learning about Polish culture and heritage as well as Polish language, history and geography. Well done Alex. Keep up the good work!



PE / Sport Update

- On Friday 4th February, our year 5 / 6 mixed football team played Woolenwick juniors and beat them 5 - 0! What a performance from our football team not only winning the match but scoring 5 goals and conceding 0!
- On another note, Our Year 5 / 6 mixed football team is undefeated this academic year with 3 wins out of 3 games and top of our league!
- On Thursday 10th February, our year 5 / 6 Girls football team played and beat Pixmore Junior school 4 - 0! They are also top of their league with 2 wins out of 2!

What an effort from the pupils so far this year and a massive thank you to our wonderful parents who are always with us to support and cheer on the students!

Many thanks from Mr Newlands.



PE Kit

In school, we have noticed a decline in children wearing **FULL** PE kits during curriculum lessons. We understand that children may occasionally forget kits or grow out of them but it is a school requirement for them to have one (and to wear it), also for health and safety in PE lessons too.

Here's a link to our PE Kit List - http://www.leys.herts.sch.uk/documents/21_11_24_PE-Kit.pdf

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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**

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

Start of term: 2 September 2021

Inset day: 1 September

Term: 2 September -21 October

Half term holiday: 25 October

2021 - 29 October 2021

Inset day: 22 October

Term: 1 November -21 December

Occasional Day: 6 December

Christmas holiday: 22 December

2021 - 5 January 2022

SPRING TERM

Inset day: 5 January 2022

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

SUMMER TERM

Term: 19 April - 26 May

Half term holiday: 30 May 2022 -

3 June 2022

Inset Day: 6 June

Occasional day: 27 May

Term: 7 June-21 July

Inset day 22 July

Summer holiday: 22 July 2022 - 31

August 2022

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