



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning TodayLeading Tomorrow

Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Oscar
Murphy	Connor
Kerr	Stanley
Waddell	Harlie
Donaldson	Joshua
Gravett	Daisy
Dahl	Erin
Freedman	Grace W
Strong	Naomi
Morpurgo	Ethan
Lewis	Darcie Hart
Tolkien	Aseda
Rosen	Baylie
Shakespeare	Hannah
Dickens	Aimee
Kipling	George

New School Logo

We have updated our school logo but please do not worry about replacing the current uniform. The new design will be phased in slowly with the uniform company.

DATES COMING UP!

27.9 to 1.10- Nepal Week
 30.9 Bag2School collection day
 30.9 Year 2 Whipsnade Zoo trip
 1.10 School Photographs Individual/ Siblings
 4.10 to 8.10- Black History Month
 8.10 Nursery Workshop for Parents
 11.10 to 15.10 Harvest collection
 5.10 -PTA Meeting online at 6.30 to 7.15pm
 15.10 -Autumn Disco 5 to 8pm
 19.10 to 20.10- Parent Consultation
 20.10- No PENs day
 21.10 - Non uniform day £1- pupils break up for half term
 22.10- Inset day
 1.11- Pupils Return
 1st to 5th Y6 Manor Adventure
 15th to 19th Anti Bullying Week
 15.11 -Odd Socks Day
 22.11 to 26.11- STEAM week & Bikeability Week
 6.12- Occasional Day- School is closed
 10.12 Enterprise Day
 17.12 Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day
 21.12- Last day of term - 1.30pm finish

Friends of The Leys PTA

Key Dates

Bags2School Collection 30th September 2021
 AGM: 5th October at 6.30pm
 Non uniform day 21st October £1
 Disco: 15th October at 5 to 8pm
 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: 1st July 3.15 to 5.30pm

Class of the week	All Classes for settling in so well.
Friendship Cup	
Headteacher Awards	
Reception	
Year 1	Maaya, Sophie & Isabella
Year 2	
Year 3	Paige B, Devon S
Year 4	Bailey C .
Year 5	Tyler S Jack L
Year 6	

Parent Meetings:

Please enter via the side door near Year 3 Building. One parent to attend with a mask. 9 am to 9.20am

Nursery Workshop- 8/10

Stay & Play 9am to 9.30am

These sessions are aimed for Reception parents only, please drop your child at their classroom door and then make your way to the main sports field- where Mr Byford will meet you. After registration, all reception pupils will join their parent/ carer to complete some fun active activities.

Friday 24th September

Friday 15th October

CLASS OF THE WEEK



Year 2 : Donaldson & Gravett

Well done to both classes for drawing Animals.

This week our pupils became Artists; perfecting their sketching skills, adding colours and accuracy. These are amazing!



Writer of the Week-

Ronnie Fountain - Tolkien

Who is that extraordinary author and what is he all about? Please read on to find out more...

Tolkien is a superior, pleasant author, extremely special too! J.R.R.'s books are unbelievably magnificent! He was also a very hard worker, he was a university professor, a soldier, a codebreaker and, of course, an author. J.R.R.'s memorable books are: The Hobbit and the Lord of the Rings. These fantastic books are read lots and lots of times!

History of Tolkien's Books

In some of Tolkien's books, they included different languages, 2 are spoken by the Elves and one by the almighty dwarves. J.R.R. also thought about the history of something called Middle Earth.



WELLBEING



Yesterday our Mental Health Worker, Leila Touhami, came into school. She has been working with us since the spring, but was excited to be able to get into school and finally interact with us all. She will be regularly visiting for some part of the day, each Thursday from now onwards and we will be continuing to refer some children/families for support from her. She is very keen to discover more about our school and how we all work together to benefit the pupils so she can provide support where needed. She is looking forward to meeting everyone and will be engaging with more staff and children in the coming weeks and will be providing staff training and parent workshops on Mental Health later in the academic year.

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Respect

Aspirations

Determination

Empowerment

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

Celebration Trees

A huge thank you Mrs Banks who has been working very hard behind the scenes to design and create these wonderful displays for pupils to celebrate their achievements both at home and at school! We can't wait to share their achievement with the rest of the school.



University Challenge

Last week, we introduced University Challenge time to pupils from Year 2 to Year 6.

Each Friday afternoon, pupils will have a range of creative tasks to complete and carry out with the rest of their class, to receive a termly graduation certificate. Our pupils had great fun across the school! Pupils practiced tying ties, perfecting their kart wheels on the school field, using their green fingers to dig up our garden areas, tying knots and becoming Artists! Have a look!



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Reading

UPDATE

As a school we are really committed to developing confident, fluent readers who have a love of reading. As well as our Guided reading and phonics sessions we are working hard on reading for pleasure across the school. One of the ways we are doing this is by having 'Reading Suitcases'. These are suitcase full of books for the children to read and share with their friends while outside on the playground during lunchtimes.



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

Pupis return on Tuesday 7th June 2022

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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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