

# The Leys Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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## Who is our Inspirational person this week - ?

This person has raised more than £30 million (\$37.4 million) for the UK's National Health Service (NHS) by walking laps of his garden, celebrated his 100th birthday this year

**"We have had problems before - we have overcome them - and we shall all overcome the same thing again."**

### Star of the Week

Classes of the week  
Dickens class for their brilliant performance poetry  
Dahl class for really welcoming their new student

Zephaniah	Lucie L	Friendship Cup	
Anderson	Sophie	Best attendance EYFS/KS1 KS2	Zephaniah Tolkien
Sendak	Robert F		
Carle	Freddie	100% Punctuality	
Hargreaves	Mia		
Ahlberg	Lennon	Headteacher Awards	
Dahl	Layla	Tiara O	3
Freedman	Bayley	Tieri B	R
Strong	Apostolos	Aymen EB	3
Pratchett	Jake		
Morpurgo	Kai		
Tolkien	Aiden		
Lewis	Lois		
Rosen	Stefan		
Shakespeare	Muhammad N.		
Dickens	Divine		
Kipling	Charlie		

### Dear parents and carers

We have been very happy to welcome all our children back to school this September. The school is a calm and happy environment and our pupils have settled in very well to their learning. Thank you for your support. However we are constantly reviewing the health and safety of our school community. In response to the rise of numbers infected by the Covid-19 virus across the country, from Monday we expect **ALL PARENTS, CARERS, CHILDMINDERS, GRANDPARENTS and FAMILY MEMBERS:**

- to wear a mask or face covering at all times when you are on school site.
- To social distance by 2 metres at all times in the playground
- Not to gather in groups
- Only one parent on site

Please remember we are trying to protect all our families, and our staff, and in particular those who are medically vulnerable and therefore more at risk. We still have a small number of parents and carers who don't read or ignore our guidance, continue to be rude to staff, and this isn't good enough. We are all in this together trying to ensure we are all safe and your children get the best education they deserve. If your children can keep to the new arrangements and be polite, surely our families can!

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**ONLINE SAFETY** - We have been very concerned at school about the number of online bullying incidents we are hearing about that happen outside of school. We do not tolerate any level of online bullying and we will use our Behaviour Policy and Anti-bullying policy to put a stop to it. Teachers regularly teach children how to stay safe online. Please check that your children are using games that are age appropriate, and you are monitoring them online. You would never allow children to walk out on a busy road by themselves, the internet is more dangerous - it's silent! Please check out the advice we offer parents on our website: <https://www.leys.herts.sch.uk/parents-e-safety-parents.html> for advice and guidance!

**Writer of the Week - Kipling** **Karam R**



The strife  
Where blood was shed  
Keep faith for who had died  
The battlefield; barren and flush  
Fallen

By Karam, Kipling class

## Class Profile this week : Tolkien

This week, Tolkien class has been taking our learning to the other side of the world! We have begun our learning about the continent of Asia by looking at the countries of that continent and where major features like deserts and mountain ranges are. We have also been writing pen pal letters for our Global Goals partner school in Nepal. Lastly, we had great fun in the school's Global Healthy Living week with Mr Byford and the PE teachers. It was great fun in the sun!



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

Well done to all of the children at The Leys for participating in our School global healthy living event this week. The children have had a fantastic week taking part in many different physical activities with their year group, their teachers and the great PE team! The global healthy living event consisted of everyone taking part in different sporting events and working as a team competitively and non competitively outside in the lovely September sunshine. This event gave all of our children the opportunity to make a positive contribution to physical activity this week. It was great to see so many happy smiley faces this week, I am sure the teachers will agree. Well



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done again to the children for co-operating and to Mr Byford, Mr Newlands and Mr Angove for setting up this event!



## Break time snacks!

Please remember that only **HEALTHY SNACKS** are allowed in school for morning break time. Fruit and vegetables are encouraged to ensure all our pupils eat 5 portions of fruit and vegetables a day - we know a healthy diet also helps with their concentration and learning. We are aware that some children have their individual eating habits, however biscuits and chocolates will not be allowed at this time

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Year 5 have been busy thinking about pupils across the world who are also having to cope with the effects of the coronavirus in their country. Eliza has written to pupils in our partnership school in Nepal. Nepal has just gone into lockdown, and maybe in lockdown for six months so how wonderful that our pupils are reaching out to make a connection with them and share their life story!

Dear Friend,

I am writing to you today to ask if you would like to be penpals. It would be fun to learn about you and Nepal.

My name is Eliza and I am 9 years old. I am from Stevenage which has a lot of fields and space to play. The biggest and most popular field is outside my school. In Stevenage we have restaurants, cinemas, bowling alleys and more! I think that you would like it here because it is so much fun! What's it like in your town?

I live in a little house in Stevenage with my Mum, my dad, and my older brother. He can be very annoying from time to time but sometimes he can be nice. I also have two pets. I have a Shih Tzu dog called Millie and a

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hamster called Cookie, whenever I hold him it makes me hungry because he looks like a cookie too! Do you have any pets?

As I mentioned earlier, I go to school. It's called The Leys Primary and Nursery School. When I go there I have to wear red, white and black. My teacher is called Miss Greve. She is very nice and kind. At school I like to learn English the most because I get to write stories and letters. What is your favourite subject?

Some of the hobbies that I like the most are scooting and dancing. I think I am quite good at drawing but some people don't. I also go very fast on my scooter, and sometimes I accidentally crash and fall. I also go to a club called Brownies. There are lots of kind girls there. Some more things I like to do are singing and dancing. My favourite band is Little Mix'. They mostly do pop songs. What are your hobbies?

Hopefully I will hear back from you and learn all about you and Nepal.

Yours sincerely,  
Eliza



**What a fabulous example of a Roman sword. In assembly we have been talking about trying something new, and making good use of our time. I was delighted to see that Bobby had made this sword by himself using recycled cardboard and tape at home. Year 4 are loving their Romans topic which is great to see!**

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