



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 18th March 2022

DATES COMING UP!

25.3.22 School Disco
1.4.22 Non Uniform Day £1- end of term at 1.30pm

Free Sleep Workshop

Do you struggle to get your children to sleep?

Do you need support with bedtime routines?

Or do you just need a good night's sleep?

Please join us for a Sleep Workshop for parents/carers who have children and young people who struggle with their sleep.

24th March 9-10 am

Delivered in school by the Stevenage Mental Health Support Team.

Please email admin@leys.herts.sch.uk to book a place.



Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Haydn
Murphy	Skyler
Kerr	Esme
Waddell	Amaya
Donaldson	Lewi
Gravett	Kyler-May
Dahl	Darcie
Freedman	Logan
Strong	Charlotte
Morpurgo	Kamau
Tolkien	Jack
Lewis	Jayson
Rosen	Tyler
Shakespeare	Orest
Dickens	Niamh
Kipling	Pierce

Friends of The Leys PTA Key Dates

Non uniform - £1 *1st April*
Non uniform - £1 *26th May*
Summer Fair - *17th June*
3.15 to 5.30pm

HELP!

Urgent help is needed to organise the Summer Fair. Please email if you can support in any way.
admin@leys.herts.sch.uk

Attendance Awards	Donaldson & Rosen
Friendship Cup	Kacey C Y2
Headteachers Awards	
Reception	
Year 1	Barnaby, Uno, Charlie, Riley, Oliver, Benjamin, Lucie, Hannah, Saaya, Ronnie, Ella, Marnie, Lucy, Odin, Amaya, Mia, Olivia and Harlie
Year 2	Lily B, Elsie, Kaira
Year 3	Ethan and Mia
Year 4	Ollie E, Maisy and Hollie
Year 5	
Year 6	Emily K and Layla

Easter Poetry Competition

Chocolate, lambs and a hot cross bun, time for some Easter fun!

Create an Easter poem, in any form that you like. How about an acrostic, rhyming or shape poem? The choice is yours!

Make it as imaginative and creative as you can!

There will be one winner from each year group! **Winners will win an easter surprise!**

Please give your entries to your class teacher.



**Deadline:
Friday
25March.**

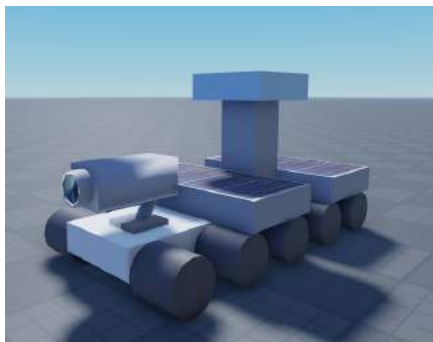


Could Humans one-day live on Mars?

This week we have been taking part in STEAM week across the school, with each class taking part in its own activities to tackle the question “Could humans one day live on Mars?” This week provides each class with the opportunity to tackle science, technology, engineering, art and maths projects, improve their team-work skills and develop their confidence with problem solving.

Year 1 have been using paper mache to create their own Mars replicas; Reception have been busy junk modelling robots to help us build on Mars, Year 3 have been investigating craters and Year 6 have been building their own Martian villages!

Each class has been busy answering this question, and all learning will be celebrated in a STEAM fair at the end of the week!





CLASS OF THE WEEK



Dahl class have enjoyed exploring the question: could humans one day live on Mars? We started the week finding out about preparations that are required for astronauts to visit the red planet. We noticed that there are a lot of craters and decided that we would like to explore these further. We have designed and carried out three experiments. Our first question was do larger objects make bigger craters? We decided that we would try to make the objects the same weight and drop from the same height to make it a fair test. Then some of us wanted to explore whether the weight of the object made a difference to the size of the crater, for this we are using one object but adding weight to it. Our final question

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was does the height an object falls from make a difference to the size of



the crater?



Class: Kipling
Pupil: Jack Ward

Dear Mrs Khangura,

I acknowledge that you are an incredibly busy head-teacher but disturbingly I have some worrying news that our new class member (Steven) has been acting in an unusual way and I suspect that he is a Changeling.

To begin with, his strange appearance caught me off guard; he seems to have dishevelled hair and a hunchback posture. Also, his skin is as grey as the moon's surface and he has a shrivelled face. Worryingly, at lunch he opened his lunch box to reveal raw vegetables and flowers and we watched him (disturbingly) as he ate them like it was a Sunday roast. Furthermore, from time to time he will burst out in hysterical laughter. In class he has been acting strange as well, such as crying when the teacher said extra play and randomly dropping to the ground playing dead. Sadly, I think Steven might be possessed by a Changeling.

This far-fetched idea became more relevant to me after the last straw was pulled. Last night, whilst I was walking home with Steven, he convinced me to walk around the houses near the forest until I saw a bright light through the dense forest. Unexpectedly, he clenched my hand and pulled me towards the light; the closer I got, the louder the sound of the witches' laughter and I lost it completely when a tail appeared behind Steven and I ran for my life.

I hope you take this information to heart and seek out further advice to stop this problem before it gets serious.

Yours Sincerely, Jack W

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Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

For World book day Dahl class learnt about May Day and the tradition of Maypole dancing. This week Dahl class taught Freedman some of the basic steps.



WELLBEING



"WE LEARN FROM
FAILURE, NOT FROM
SUCCESS!"

-Shon Stone

We all like success and to get things right, but what learning do we get from a page of ticks? What we need are children who are able to think hard, confident enough to make mistakes and willing to learn from them. Many children are perfectionists and want to complete tasks without mistakes or if they do make a mistake they want to brush over it. However, neither of these approaches helps them to make the greatest progress in their learning. As adults we need to model that it is OK to make mistakes and that we can bounce back from them. Persistence is also important along with the confidence to deal with getting things wrong and not seeing yourself as a failure. Parents can

help their children by encouraging them to try, letting them make mistakes and helping them to take responsibility, apologise and put things right. [▶ Class Dojo's Growth Mindset Series - Episode 2](#)

The Leys Have Talent



On Tuesday Reece in Year 2 and Gracie in Year 6 represented the school in a special sports day for children with visual impairments. They took part in lots of different activities and both won very impressive medals. We are very proud of both of you!

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Has your child received an award, medal or certificate for a special talent or an extra curricular activity?



Please let us know so that we can celebrate their success together!

Please email: Theleyshavetalent@leys.herts.sch.uk with a summary of what they have achieved and a photograph that we can display on our newsletter and website.

Year 5 / 6 Girls Football Tournament - 14/03/22

On Monday, our Year 5 / 6 Girls football team entered a tournament hosted at Round Diamond School. We entered the tournament with high hopes considering we came 2nd place in the Autumn term tournament. We started the afternoon off well by winning our first match vs Giles 2-1 who we lost to in the Autumn tournament, we finished the tournament with a record of 5 wins, 1 draw and 0 losses ! Conceding 1 goal all tournament ! We were therefore crowned champions of the tournament. The girls played excellent and should be very proud of themselves. Our school has not won silverware in competitions for the last 10 years, at least, so this is a massive milestone for the school.

Well done all !!!

Mr Newlands



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Red Nose Day

The Children have had great fun today celebrating Red Nose Day and looked wonderful dressed in red.

Below are some pictures of year one children using orienteering markers to find red noses around the school, they really enjoyed themselves.

Thank you for all your donations so far, you can still donate today using the following link
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednosetheleys>



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

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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 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	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	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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