



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 25th March 2022

DATES COMING UP!

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

**Super link for
FREE days out in
Hertfordshire**



<https://www.hertfordshiremercury.co.uk/news/hertfordshire-news/49-best-free-days-out-3205109>

Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Jeffers	DJ
Murphy	Dylan
Kerr	Lexi
Waddell	Lucy
Donaldson	Lily B
Gravett	Richard
Dahl	Anthony
Freedman	Glynn
Strong	Luke
Morpurgo	Emily
Tolkien	Ronnie
Lewis	Laiba
Rosen	Christina
Shakespeare	Archie
Dickens	Joseph
Kipling	Ethan

Friends of The Leys PTA

Key Dates

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

Attendance Awards	Kipling and Jeffers
Friendship Cup	
Headteachers Awards	
Reception	Lexi
Year 1	
Year 2	Elsie and Freddy
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	Zack and Oscar
Year 6	

Summer Fair
Friday 17th June
3.15pm to 5.30pm

Meeting At School
Tuesday 19th April from
3.30 to 4.30pm

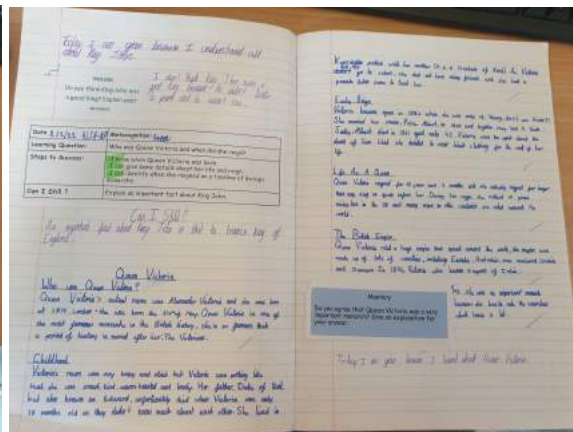
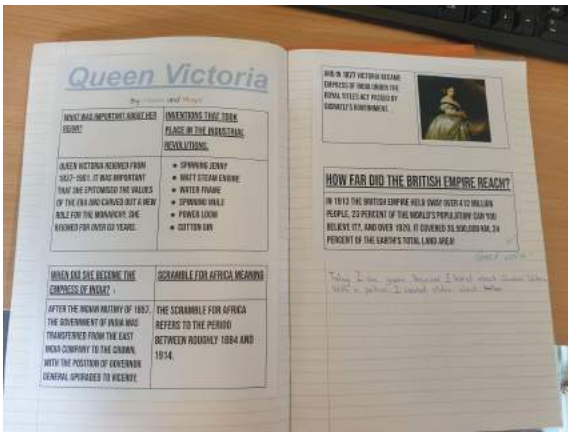


Children across the school love finding out about the past.

This week Year 3 have been researching Stevenage in the past, present and what it will look like in the future. <https://stevenage-even-better.com/history-of-stevenage/>



Year 5 have been looking at Powerful Monarchs this term including King John, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth. They have been looking at important details of their reign and how they have helped develop and change humanity. They are now comparing the monarchs- investigating who was/is a stronger monarch.



In Year 6 this term, we have been learning about how the Maya created an incredible civilization in the rainforest many centuries ago. Very advanced for their time, they were the only civilization in the whole of the Americas to develop a complete writing system like ours. Not only that, the Maya people were extremely advanced in painting and making sculptures and they played what is reckoned to be the earliest team sport in the world, Pok-ta-Pok, which we had fun trying to recreate.

CLASS OF THE WEEK



This week, Strong class have been enjoying the sunshine and have been taking this opportunity to finish some of our project, while getting some fresh air. We have finished our Mars habitat projects, where we have been researching, designing and creating the most stable and practical Mars habitat for the next generation of explorers. We have also taken this chance to finish writing out our newspaper reports that we have spent the last week writing. We have been really excited and have enjoyed learning about and starting to use Century and we are looking forward to using this for our homework.



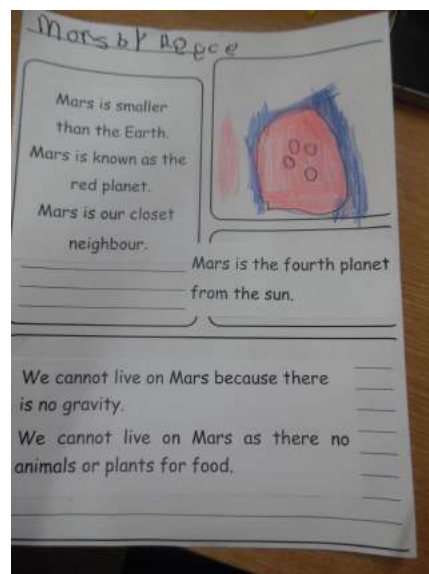
Class: Gravett
Pupil: Reece

Year 2 have been writing fact files about Mars as part of STEAM week.

Reece wrote the following on his laptop:

Mars is smaller than the Earth.
Mars is known as the red planet
Mars is our closest neighbour.
Mars is the fourth planet from the sun.

We cannot live on Mars because there is no gravity.
We cannot live on Mars as there are no animals or food.



Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Value

Year 2 have been learning about how Easter is celebrated around the World. They have really enjoyed sharing traditions they know about from home as well as finding the countries they have learned about on the globe.





This week we have been completing training for both staff and parents. Some of our newer staff, including lunchtime supervisors, have completed their Level 1 Mental Health awareness training. This covers definitions of mental health, myth busting, brain structure, potential causes of mental health difficulties and strategies to support children. Yesterday the Stevenage Mental Health Support team ran training for parents about supporting children with Sleep Problems. If you would like copies of the information shared or have an idea for another training next term please email the admin team.

The Leys Have Talent

Chloe, in year 5, takes part in gymnastics classes at the Marriots Gymnastic Club.

She has just received her Gold, Level 3, Gymnastics award and her Bronze, Level 4, Gymnastic Award.

Well Done Chloe! Keep up the good work!



Football Update

This week our Year 3/4 football team and Year 5/6 football team had matches against Martins Wood School.

On Monday 21st March, our Year 3/4 football team played only their 3rd ever game. Our luck has not been the best recently but on Tuesday our luck turned for the better. We started the match off very strong scoring after 5 minutes ! The boys kept their heads high and went onto win 4 - 0.

On Tuesday 22nd March, our Year 5/6 football team won 3-1 against MW. We started off the match fairly slowly conceding a scrappy goal. We then dug deep and went onto win the match 3-1 with the team showing unbelievable grit and determination to get the result we needed.

I just want to say how happy and proud I am of all the children who represent the school in football matches. We have dug deep at times I didn't think we would be able to and we are showing why the mixed and girls team are strongly challenging for the league title and both cup titles too.

Mr Newlands

The Food Rescue Hub - Updated Venue

The Food Rescue Hub is an eco-community who save food from supermarkets that would otherwise end up in the bin. It is not a food bank, **everyone is welcome**. They always have a huge amount of fruit, veg, bread and tinned foods. People are allowed to fill two bags and pay £5 (or what they can afford).
It is run from the Old Red Lion, Hydean Way, SG2 9XR, on Saturday mornings 9:30 - 11:00am.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/917416198459976/?ref=share>

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

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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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