

# The Leys Primary and Nursery

26 June 20



Accelerating progress



Enriching wellbeing



Promoting partnerships



## Inspiration of the week



**Malorie Blackman  
OBE**

*When she was chosen to become the eighth Children's Laureate, she became the first black person to take on the role.*

*Malorie says she wanted to "make reading irresistible" for children, by encouraging them to explore a range of literature, from short stories to graphic novels.*

## Important dates coming up

**Week starting**

**29th July- Black Lives Matter- Equality week  
6th July; Sponsored Sports Week**

THE LEYS LEARNING VALUE SUMMER

**Compassion**

## Manor Adventure 2020

We are still waiting for confirmation that residential school visits will be able to take place in the autumn term. We have informed Manor Adventure that we would still like this trip to go ahead if it is safe enough to do so. However we have stopped asking for payments until we are clear about the situation. When we have more information we will contact parents and carers to ask you if you would still like your child to attend.



## End of year reports

During Lockdown our teachers were busy writing end of year reports, that will review your child's progress and achievement up until March 2020. I will be reading reports next week and you will receive them the week starting 6th July alongside your child's summer learning pack and belongings. You will also be informed of your child's next teacher very soon. Their new teacher will invite their new class to a Google Meet, with their new teacher during the last two weeks



## TERM DATES FOR 2020-2021

- Inset day: 2 September**
- Start of term: 3 September 2020**
- Term: 3 September -23 October**
- Half term holiday: 26 October 2020 - 30 October 2020**
- Inset day: 2 November**
- Term: 3 November -18 December**
- Occasional Day: 7 December**
- Christmas holiday: 21 December 2020 - 3 January 2021**
- Inset day: 4 January**
- Term: 5 January - 12 February**
- Half term holiday: 15 February 2021 - 19 February 2021**
- Term : 22 February-26 March 2021**
- Easter holiday: 29 March 2021 - 9 April 2021**
- Half term holiday: 31 May 2021 - 4 June 2021**
- Inset Day: 7 June**
- Inset day 22 July**
- Summer holiday: 23 July 2021 - 31 August 2021**

## The highlight of the week in Year 2 -Hargreaves



The highlight in Hargreaves is the fantastic painting our pupils have created. Their use of colour was amazing!

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**The highlight of the week in Year 2–Ahlberg**

Highlight in Ahlberg was the fun times we had paint-



**The highlight of the week in the key worker pod in the Junior block**

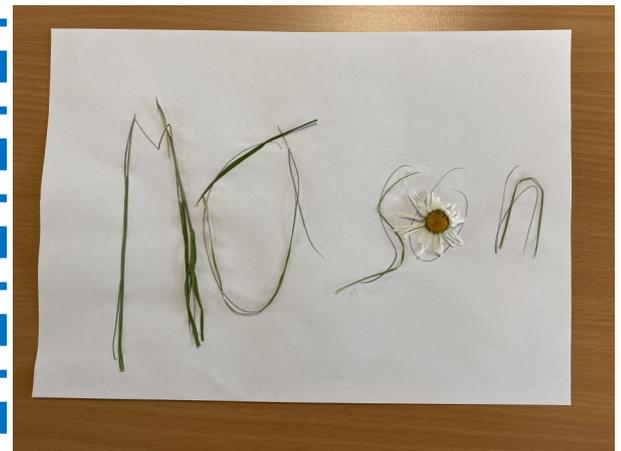
One of the highlights this week in the Key Worker pod 1 (PSB classroom) was when we made structures from spaghetti and marshmallows! It was really tricky and tested our resilience and determination but we got there in the end.



**The highlight of the week in the Key worker pod 3 (in Wilson class**

We have had two highlights this week! It has been fun settling in and meeting new children. Our first highlight is a piece of art! We went out into the meadow and found different leaves, flowers and sticks to make our name.

We also had Mrs Pocket's birthday this week, so created some colourful bunting as an act of kindness and celebration!



**The highlight of the week in Year 5 - Rosen**

This week, Rosen class were asked to find a big stone and paint it as a memory for our time in lockdown. The children posted some great photos onto our Google Classroom!



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### The highlight of the week in Year 4

This week in year 4, we have welcomed back some children. Miss Whittaker and Miss Greve have been blown away by their positive attitudes, smiley faces and great team work! They have been working hard together to create various nests and structures on the field out of natural materials. What a great start to our Year 4 pod!



### The highlight of the week in Year 3—Dahl

Well done to Zachary Laing-Pullen for doing so well in our pictictionary game. What an artist, wow! We also really enjoyed your robot that you programmed. Keep it up smartypants :)

Also a special shout out to all the boys and girls in pod 17 who have been absolute stars since they came back. Brilliant listening and following of instructions.

### The highlight of the week Year 3—Freedman

Our highlight of the week this week was 'Show and Tell' during our google classroom meeting. There was such a variety of things to see! From cool needlework to fantastic story writing - we were simply blown away by the fun activities taking place at home. We also set up a competition to name Mia's sloth that she is stitching from scratch! The name will be selected and announced next week!

### The highlight of the week in the Key worker pod (in the Y2 building!)



On Monday we started to make wool monsters. We first watched a tutorial on how to make them so we understood what to do. We got all our equipment: 5 straws, 2 different coloured wool pieces, and tape. First we cut the straw at the tips and started to thread the wool through the 5 straws which was a struggle. We constantly kept getting it stuck! Once all the struggle was over, we taped the wool to the straws. As soon as we did that, we got a different colour of wool. We then tied a knot to keep it in place then we went in and out of the straws to make it look like we were weaving it. Soon we will have to braid the other colour that we used to thread the wool through the straws as hair and arms (which we are going to sew on) and the legs we will use the excess wool for too. Finally we will finish by putting on googly eyes of all shapes and sizes. Then our woolly friends will be made!!!

### The highlight of the week in Year 4—Morpurgo

Morpurgo's highlight this week has been our reflections on lockdown and thinking about who our hero has been throughout this strange time. Ellen decided her hero was the postman, who has kept her connected to family and friends who live far away.



### The highlight of the week in Reception—Anderson

"This week we have been looking at Summer Clothes. The children have looked at patterns and then had great fun designing their own t-shirt using fabric pens. They loved looking at different designs and coming up with ideas for what they would like on their t-shirts. The designs looked amazing."



### The highlight of the week in Year 5— Lewis

The highlight of the week in Year 5 was our insect scavenger hunt in the meadow. We also enjoyed learning some Greek history and represented this knowledge by painting a picture of an ancient greek vase.



### The highlight of the week in Year 3 -Wilson

We have been playing some fun games on our Google class meet, this week we played the Yes/No game. It was really interesting to see what sort of questions caught us out. Oliver and Chloe even came onto the classroom after to say what fun they had. Meanwhile in school we have been making salt dough, look at Simra's amazing work, we will paint them later.



### The highlight of the week in Year 5 –Tolkien

It has been great to see children back in school this week. We have eased our way back into learning with a wide variety of activities this week, from music listening exercises to art to simple science to yoga! We have also spent a lot of time in circle time discussing our experiences at home.



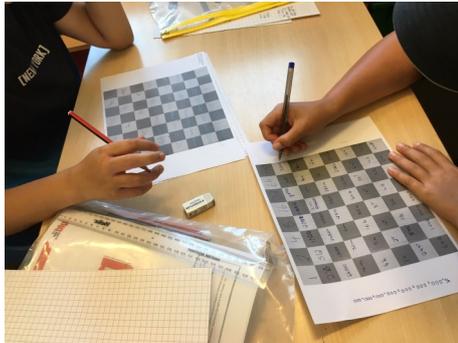
### The highlight of the week in Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been discussing what we need to do to stay healthy. We have talked about different forms of exercise and personal hygiene. We have discussed our favourite healthy foods and we also made healthy pizza faces.



## The highlight of the week in Year 6—Shakespeare

This week, Shakespeare pods have been delving further into pandemics. We learnt that one of the ways in which the spread of a disease is measured is by its reproduction number, known as 'R'. For example, Ebola virus has an R number of two, this means that every infected person is likely to infect two more, who will each infect two more and so on. This is sometimes called exponential growth. We carried on this doubling of numbers on a chess board grid. Assuming that each infected person takes a week to become infectious, we calculated that after seven weeks 128 people would have the virus. What really blew our minds was when we looked at the spread of measles, which has an R number of 16. We calculated that after the same time span (seven weeks), 268 million people would have become infected. All we can say is thank goodness there is a vaccine for measles!!!



## The highlight of the week in Reception—Zephaniah

This week in Zephaniah class we have been looking at patterns, after talking about different patterns they can see on their clothes and in the classroom the children used fabric pens to create their own t shirt's. The children loved creating their own t shirt and really took their time with the designs.



## The highlight of the week in Year 1—Carle

Carle class have been making happy rainbow clouds from the website krokotak and identifying the most common wildflowers in our meadow. One pods thought it was daisies and the other thought it was the buttercups.



## The highlight of the week in Year 1—Sendak

In Sendak class this week we have been learning to tell the time. We looked at o'clock and half past times. The children use the clocks to show different times and also enjoyed several games of time bingo.



## The highlight of the week in Year 6— Dickens

In Year 6, our highlight of the week has not only been completing our English writing pieces on the 'Uprooted House', but spending time in Art, creating images using simple art techniques, as well as drawing our very own pandas for the Sustainable Development Goals board in the Year 6 class!



Wild Plant Hunt		
Look carefully for these wild plants. Each time you see one, mark a line on the tally chart.		
Wild Plant	Tally	Number
Dandelion		
Daisy		5
Buttercup		5
Clover		5
Nettle		
Bramble		3
Dog Rose		
Ivy		