



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Haydn
Murphy	Harry
Kerr	Maaya
Waddell	Jayden
Donaldson	Jasper
Gravett	Gusia
Dahl	Joel
Freedman	Octavian
Strong	Bailey C
Morpurgo	Emmy
Lewis	Jessica Cook
Tolkien	Alys
Rosen	Christina
Shakespeare	Ronnie Thompson
Dickens	Isabella Jeans
Kipling	Layla Booker

## Friday 26th November 2021

DATES COMING UP!
2.12 Aladdin Theatre in Y3-6 AM
6.12 - Occasional Day- School is closed
7.12 Year 5 Trip Exo Mars discovery centre
9.12 Puss in Boots Pantomime YR-Y2 PM
10.12 Enterprise Day
17.12 Junior Church Service
17.12 Christmas Jumper and Dinner D
Non uniform Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st £1
21.12- Last day of term - 1.30pm finish

Attendance Awards	Shakespeare Donaldson
Friendship Cup	Siji Y4 Morpurgo
Headteacher Awards	
Reception	
Year 1	Riley W
Year 2	Joshua W, Poppy F
Year 3	Poppy
Year 4	
Year 5	Mia, Mason, Lola
Year 6	



*For every ticket purchased, you will have 12 chances to win up to £5,000!\* At the same time, we will raise 50% from every ticket.*

*Your support is greatly appreciated. Simply click on the link below to purchase a ticket.  
We wish you good luck!*



Every year Santa visits the children at The Leys and brings them each a present.

This is fully funded by the PTA.

This year we need your help to come in and help build the grotto.

This is your opportunity to support the school and make this as magical as possible for all the children.

If you can help us in any way, please let your child's teacher know or email [admin@leys.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@leys.herts.sch.uk)

### Friends of The Leys PTA Key Dates

- Non uniform Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st £1
- 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: 17th June 3.15 to 5.30pm

<https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/the-leys-primary-and-nursery-school-sg1>

### Our School Uniform



### School Uniform Donations

As a school we have always supplied our families with free- donated uniform items.

Please contact the school - if you wish to be supplied with any items of school uniform.

Most importantly- please do not hesitate to drop off any unwanted uniform.

Thank you for your needed support!

*Always- label your child's uniform items*

### Year 4

#### CLASS OF THE WEEK



This week, Year 4 has been doing a variety of activities. We have been doing our English and Maths lessons, but with a twist, we have been doing them on our chromebooks. Year 4 have enjoyed doing their work on chromebooks, because they have been learning about perimeter in maths while also working on their ICT skills.

We have been spending some of our time this week exploring and looking after our school grounds. We have been looking after our school grounds by tidying up some of the rubbish with litter pickers. After we tidied up the meadow we did some orienteering in the school grounds using the newly placed orienteering markers that have been put up around the school.

Year 4 have taken the opportunity of playing in the meadow to learn about the different habitats that we have in the school grounds.

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Class: Gravett  
Pupil: Richard



As part of our STEAM week about Plastic in the Ocean, Year 2 have read the book 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' by Sarah Roberts

This is Richard's diary entry, written as if he was Stanley the plastic bag.

Dear Diary,

Today was a terrifying day! It started when I was relaxing in the cool water and a group of jellyfish surrounded me and thought I was one too. Next, I sank to the bottom of the sea but a giant, blue whale swallowed me!

It was dark and scary in the whale and I felt lonely. Suddenly there was a rumble and whoosh! I was high in the sky!

I landed back in the sea with a splash.

Then I floated to sea but something terrible happened, a small white seagull pecked at me from above. Then more seagulls came, they all pecked at me but they let me go.

I was scruffed up and I was torn. I sank to the bottom of the sea where a pretty turtle swallowed me...

## STEAM



## UPDATE

STEAM is an approach to teaching and learning that integrates science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math as pathways to guide student inquiry, discussions, and critical thinking.

This week we have been focusing on our oceans and how we can look after them. We have been finding out about the things that are affecting the ocean such as plastic and oil spills. Classes have been coming up with ideas on how to reduce the plastic that ends up in the ocean and find innovative ways to remove oil spills.

In Year 3 we have been up-cycling old cd's to make some coasters. The children are really excited to give these as gifts when they are completed. We are all pleased that we have saved the cd's from landfill.



### WELLBEING



Who do I talk to if I can't sleep? **The National Sleep Helpline** can help with your sleep problems.

If you'd like to talk about your sleep, you can call between **7pm and 9pm, Sunday to Thursday** on **03303 530 541**

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Do you struggle to fall asleep? Do you feel tired? Do you have a child who won't sleep or stay in their own bed?

Having a sleep issue is surprisingly common. At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

This helpline is run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors. Although they cannot give medical advice, they can talk through your issues, offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help.

Sleep education is empowering – you can understand why you might not be sleeping well and how that can change. They promise to listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you.

If you are looking for advice and support and the helpline isn't open, please visit our [Information and Support](#) pages or the list of [helpful organisations](#).

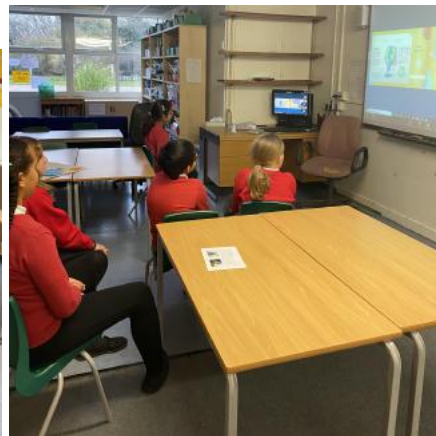
## [Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values](#)

### **Nepal Live Celebration Event:**

This week, a group of children from around the school have had the exciting opportunity to be involved in the Connecting Classrooms Nepal Celebration Event. The event involved a lively discussion about climate change around the world, and allowed for a chance for our pupils to share some of the wonderful work they have been creating with our partner school in Nepa, to link to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The children engaged during a live zoom call, and were able to see each other's work and give responses to questions about their work.

To showcase the impact of professional partnerships on student learning outcomes of UK and Nepal.

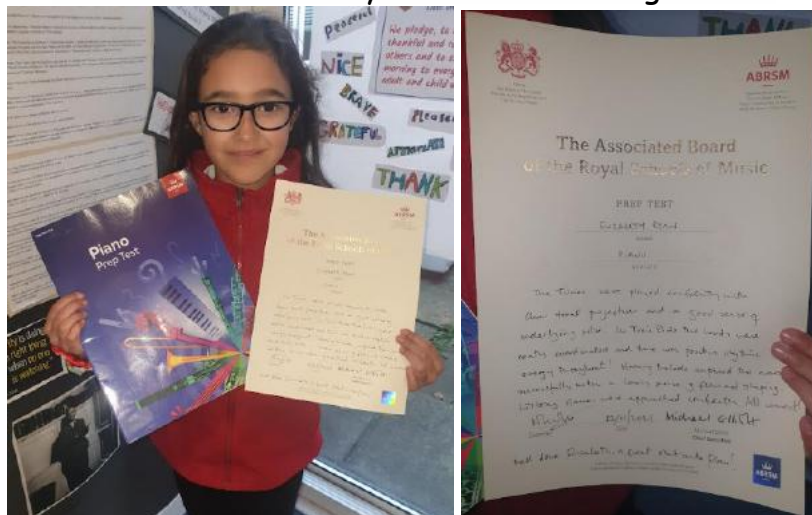


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## The Leys Have Talent

Elizabeth Ryan, in Year 5, has been playing piano for two years. Her piano teacher comes into school every Tuesday to teach Elizabeth new skills!

She is also very lucky to have a piano at home where she practises most days after school. Due to her hard work and dedication, Elizabeth passed her Piano Prep Test this week with flying colours! According to her examiner: "The Tunes were played confidently with clear tonal projection..there was positive rhythmic energy throughout."  
Well Done Elizabeth you have an amazing Talent!



## Bikeability

This week some of our Year 5 & 6 children have been completing their Level 1 & 2 cycle training. The children practiced skills exercises on the playground before heading out onto the local road. The on-road sessions include starting, stopping, overtaking, making U turns and turning left and right into and out of side roads.



On Tuesday, Ali & Nicky from Herts Police came into school to promote Considerate Cycling with a view to ensure children ride safely. They had an informal chat about considering others while cycling and the children had the chance to have their bikes

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### **Christmas Production events**



Unfortunately we have had to make a decision to not invite parents/ carers into school due to rising cases in our school community- these performances will be recorded for parents to view on google classroom.

17.12 Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

17.12 Junior Church Service- **pupils only**

### ***Parent Partnership***

**Stay & Play 9am to 9.30am -postponed**

These sessions are aimed for EYFS 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 pupils will join their parent/ carer to complete some fun activities.

**Friday 5th Nov- Nursery - postponed**

**Stay & Share KS1 & KS2 -8.50 to 9.10 am**

These sessions will take place in the infant hall, with only one parent per child- all visitors will need to wear a mask and only stay with their child. I am afraid there will be no entry without a mask and adults will be asked to hand sanitise on entry.

**Friday 12th November- Year 1- postponed**

**Friday 19th November- Year 2-postponed**

**Friday 26th November- Year 3-postponed**

**Friday 3rd December - Year 4-postponed**

**Friday 14th January - Year 5-postponed**

**Friday 21st January - Year 6 -postponed**

### **2022-23 EYFS Tours**

*Please come along and join us on our full tours of the school on;*

*1.30pm 2nd December 2021*

*Contact the school office to book a place.*

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# 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 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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