

# The Leys Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Zephaniah	Mya
Anderson	lyla
Sendak	Robert
Carle	Lily
Hargreaves	Jacob
Ahlberg	Timi
Dahl	Paris
Freedman	Bailey
Strong	Patrick
Pratchett	Lillie
Morpurgo	Jack
Tolkien	Sidney
Lewis	Ellen
Rosen	Lily-Ella
Shakespeare	Aruba
Dickens	Aaron
Kipling	Bobby

## SPORTS DAYS

If Covid restrictions allow, we would like to invite parents and carers to Sports Day. We will send details closer to the time but it will involve wearing masks and social distancing. No picnic this year.

## SPORTS DAYS:

Wed 30th June

EYFS 9.30 - 11 am

KS1 1.30 - 3.00 pm

Thurs 1st July

LKS2 9.30-11.30 am

UKS2 1.00-3.00 pm



**Congratulations to Mrs Khangura!!!!**  
 We are all delighted that our Governors have appointed Mrs Khangura as Headteacher of the Leys from September 2021.  
 Mrs Khangura is an experienced and talented leader who knows our school extremely well, and will lead The Leys to great success and into a very bright future!



Class of the week	
Friendship Cup	Ella in Kipling

We are also delighted to inform you that Mrs Barr has been appointed by Governors as Deputy Headteacher of the Leys from September 2021. Mrs Barr also knows our school very well and is well placed to support Mrs Khangura and the rest of the leadership team to great success! Congratulations!



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SHOUT OUT

Stevenage  
Community Trust



#StevenageHelps

*This week we would like to give a big shout out to Stevenage Community Trust. The trust awards grants to organisations and individuals across Stevenage and the surrounding villages.*

*This year the school has benefited from 2 grants awarded by the trust.*

*In February they awarded us £750 to go towards the cost of a new trim trail/climbing frame in the Early Years Playground. This equipment is helping the children to develop their gross motor skills, including their upper body strength and general physical skills. These are hugely important skills which then have an impact on children's fine motor skills.*

*Then in May they awarded us £1,500 from their Covid-19 recovery fund which they created to help schools support students affected by the pandemic. This funding will be used to purchase reading books throughout the school to provide the best opportunities for our children to catch up in reading.*

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody at Stevenage Community Trust for their continued support to both our school and the local community.*



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## CLASS OF THE WEEK



Ahlberg Class

This week Year 2 had a fantastic Pirate Morning to kick off our Treasure Island unit of work.

The children kicked off the morning by making pirate hats, playing pirate games and creating pirate names for themselves.

Then there was a Maths treasure hunt in the meadow where the children had to solve pirate themed maths problems. They ended their morning by creating pirate treasure maps and staining them with tea bags to make them look old.

Everyone had a fantastic time and they are looking forward to finding out more about pirates and treasure!



Writer of the Week-

Ellie-Mae Lynch

Ellie was adept at identifying main clauses and subordinate clauses within a selection of sentences taken from the book currently being studied in Year 6. She was then able to take different scenes from the book and write a range of sentences, constructed in different ways, and where appropriate, considered the comparable effectiveness of each. Ellie (and other children in Shakespeare class) will then seek to further develop the skill of crafting sentences in a variety of ways through the writing of diary entries in the 1<sup>st</sup> person. Writing up scientific investigations is a very different text type (compared to diary writing) and Ellie showed she was just as capable of constructing a clear, concise piece that was full of technical vocabulary.

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## WELLBEING



With our minds all on football and England's kick off in the Euros on Sunday, the FA have been working hard to promote mental health awareness and reducing the stigma, prejudice and discrimination that can be associated with mental health conditions both in sport and wider society. The FA encourages players, coaches and officials to be confident and comfortable talking about mental health in the same way that people discuss physical injuries.

Football is a great tool in aiding recovery, helps to manage symptoms and can radically improve the quality of people's lives. Whether it is in mainstream, community football clubs, or in specialised sport and mental health projects, football can deliver massive benefits; by improving people's mental health, creating social inclusion and helping physical health.

They have a film, see the link below, to raise awareness of mental well-being issues and encourage people to speak out and ask for help.

<https://youtu.be/Fxfwe4Wl3el>



## Football District Trials

On Wednesday 9th June, 6 pupils from our school were selected by Mr Newlands to go and trial for the Stevenage football district team. I am delighted to say that all 6 boys have been invited back next week for the next round of the trials. This is a big achievement for our school and we are so proud of the boys. We wish them all the best of luck in the next rounds of their trials and we hope to see them representing the district team next year! Well done boys !!!

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

Before half term, Year 1 was learning all about the Jewish celebration, Shabbat in their RE lessons. The children understand that Shabbat happens each week from sunset on Friday to sunset on Saturday. It is a time for family and community, no work is to be done on Shabbat. On the last Friday of term, the children in Year 1 had a class Shabbat style celebration. They chose some food that was special and said a blessing before they sat down to eat. The children talked and spent time with their friends. The children thoroughly enjoyed their food and conversations before the end of term.



## Geography



As part of the school's new Junior DofE Award, Year 5 took their children out to complete a simple orienteering course around the school. Children were provided with a map of the school, which they had to read and match to their physical location so that they could find the clues around the school.



In year 6, we have been looking at climate change on a global scale. The children have been researching how other countries are working to reduce their waste through schemes such as recycling and alternative disposal methods. Hayden and Darci looked at the different rates of recycling in a range of countries, and found that in Mexico their recycling rate is 3.3% while in South Korea their recycling rate is much healthier at 49%.



## 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.



*Thank you to Mr Small, Miss Glenister, Miss Chandraratna and Mr Harlock for repairing and planting our train!*

We have a new outside classroom in school, which will be great to use at this time of year. The teachers also like the idea of a picnic area!!!



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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 2020-2021

Start of term: 3 September 2020

**Inset day: 2 September**

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 - 9th April 2021

Term: 12 April - 28 May

Half term holiday: 31 May 2021 - 4 June 2021

**Inset Day: 7 June**

Term: 8 June-21 July

**Inset day 22 July**

Summer holiday: 23 July 2021 - 31 August 2021

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<p><b><u>AUTUMN TERM</u></b>            Start of term: 2 September 2020  <b>Inset day: 1 September</b>            Term: 2 September -22 October  <u>Half term holiday: 25 October 2021 - 29 October 2021</u>  <b>Inset day: 1 November</b>            Term: 2 November -21 December  <b>Occasional Day: 6 December</b>  <u>Christmas holiday: 22 December 2021 - 4 January 2022</u></p>	<p><b><u>SPRING TERM</u></b>  <b>Inset day: 5 January</b>            Term: 6 January - 11 February  <u>Half term holiday: 14 February 2022 - 18 February 2022</u>            Term : 21 February-1 April  <u>Easter holiday: 4 April 2022 - 18 April 2022</u></p>	<p><b><u>SUMMER TERM</u></b>            Term: 19 April - 27 May  <u>Half term holiday: 30 May 2022 - 3 June 2022</u>  <b>Inset Day: 6 June</b>            Term: 7 June-21 July  <b>Inset day 22 July</b>  <u>Summer holiday: 25 July 2022 - 31 August 2022</u></p>

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