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This morning, Year 6 have been cha-cha-ing, jiving and waltzing around the ballroom in their glittery outfits showing off their new skills to parents! They have worked hard this term to learn a group dance and many of the children have also been brave and undertaken a partner dance. Year 6 would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Manthorpe and Mr Pointer for teaching them to be Strictly superstars!

On Monday all the children had their individual **school photograph** taken along with family photographs. Proofs have gone home and the deadline date for orders is Tuesday 30th October. Unfortunately, any late orders will incur a late payment charge. Thank you to Gemma and Kerry for their help in organising everyone!

Parent Meetings happened this week and they were very well attended (close to 100%). It is also great that many parents chose to bring their child/ren with them to the meetings as it reinforces the importance of us all 'working together' for success. Thank you for all of have completed and returned our reading questionnaire – your feedback is appreciated.

Last Friday, Lucas' dad (who is French) visited Class 11. The aim of his visit was to add to the learning that the children had been doing on the French language. He taught the children about differences in pronunciation of key letters of the alphabet, about the use of gender for objects as well as people and about what the French people call colours. It was a proud moment for Lucas to see his dad standing in front of his class!

Year 4 performed their assembly Tuesday afternoon based on this term's Tudor topic. Parents and siblings enjoyed learning about facts the children have gathered, and seeing photos from the trip to Sulgrave Manor. The assembly was finished off with a very rousing song, The Truth About the Tudors.

Thank you for supporting us by coming to our performances of "an alternative Dear Zoo". The children really enjoyed teaching you the words and actions and you were great at joining in! It would be wonderful if you could help the children work on their individual versions over half-time. We have had a go in class this week too. Next term we will be inviting you to attend more performances of a new story. Also, a big thank you to our many 'mystery readers' who have been coming in to foundation stage this term to read to the children. If you have time and would like to do this there is a 'sign up' sheet in foundation stage. *The Foundation Stage Team*

Our first group of cyclists completed their cycling training yesterday. Thank you to our marvellous cycle trainers who voluntarily give up their time to teach this valuable life skill to our year 5 students. Cycle training continues in term 2 for the next group of year 5 children.

Finally, please remember that all upcoming events are on our website if you wish to see in what is planned for next term. If you haven't already, take the time over the holiday to [download our mobile app](#). Instructions on how to do this is on our website under 'letters' tab, 'newsletters'.

Have a restful half term; term 2 starts Monday 29th October.

COMING UP...

Would you like to give your child a boost in maths? 'Maths Matters' is returning in term 2, offering hour long tuition to enhance your child's learning. 'Maths Matters' will be held at Ladygrove School on Saturday 10 & 24 Nov & Saturday 8 Dec. Children in Years 2, 3 & 4 [at 10 - 11 am](#) and children in years 5 & 6 [at 11:15 - 12:15 pm](#). Cost is £15 per session. Sign up for as many sessions as required. 'Maths Matters' is run by Dr Shorrock and Mrs Manthorpe, two experienced Ladygrove staff. Sessions will focus on the four mathematical operations and times tables. Email didcotmathsmatters@gmail.com for further information and to book your child onto a session.

We are running a Physical Development workshop on Wednesday 7th November in foundation stage from 3.10-4pm.
"Come along with your child and find out a little more about what we do to help develop the children's motor skills!"

Dates next week:

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Tues 30 th Oct	Boys Football Club Girls Football Club Knit & Natter Club	3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4pm	Meet in C9 Meet in C9 Library	No Clubs due to staff training No Clubs due to staff training No Clubs due to staff training
Weds 31 st Oct	Year 6 parents - Deadline for secondary school applications (see below for further details) Year 2 Lego Workshop Recorder Club FS Mystery Readers PALS meeting	All Day 3.15pm-4pm 2.40pm 3.30pm	Year 2 Class 7 F Stage The Library	
Thurs 1 st Nov	Choir Club Netball Club Yr 4 Cake Crumbly	3.15pm-4pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.10pm	Class 8 Class 15 Courtyard	Remember to bring cakes to sell!
Friday 2 nd Nov	Yr 5 Open Classrooms	2.40pm	Year 5	Parents are invited

NOTICES ...

WE NEED YOU! We are currently looking for some volunteers to help run our school library. We would be grateful for as much or as little time you could offer. Some volunteers may wish to help tidy and replenish shelves, help to create eye catching displays and make the library a welcoming place to be, whilst others may feel confident enough to share a story with a class, make book recommendations or hold a book club.

If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity then we welcome you to contact the office (office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk) or drop a note in at reception. Volunteers will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS) along with providing two references. The possession of a criminal record will not necessarily prevent you from volunteering as all cases are judged individually according to the nature of the role and information provided.



FINAL REMINDER.....Letters went home to parents a few weeks ago about **flu vaccinations**. This is for children in Reception through to Year 5. This vaccination programme is taking place in school on Tuesday 13th November. Forms should have been returned no later than Wednesday 17th October. About 20% of parents have not returned their form and if forms are not returned your child will not be able to have this vaccine. If you have lost your form please ask for another one at the office.



The Travelling Book Fair returns to Ladygrove! During the week commencing Monday 26th November, the Travelling Books Book Fair will be open every morning and afternoon. We hope to have it in the courtyard again this year, unless it is terrible weather in which case we will relocate to the library. Don't miss out on the chance to get some of your Christmas shopping done early! Remember, any money raised from the book fair helps towards new books for our book corners and school library.



Reminder: Admissions to school (Academic Year 19/20): If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 you must apply for a school place for your child for entry in the academic year September 2018. You will be able to apply on-line from 25th October. Please visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions for further information. The deadline line date is 15th January 2019.

Please remember the following:-

- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place by the deadline of 15 January 2019
- If your child is attending nursery classes within a primary school, you must still apply for a place in the main school
- You can list three different schools in order of preference. We strongly advise you to use all three preferences
- We advise you to enter your catchment (or designated) school as one of your preferences
- Attending your catchment school does not entitle you to free home to school transport if it is not your closest school and / under 2 miles away
- If your application is late, you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.

Click on this link for easy access to OCC website <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/online-school-applications>

Reminder: Admissions to Secondary School: Year 6 parents can now apply on line for secondary schools and the closing date is 31st October 2018.

Remember, to ensure your child transfers to the school that you consider most appropriate, you must apply before the closing date.

Click on this link for easy access to OCC website. <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/secondary-school-applications>

For transport information click on this link <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/starting-school/secondary-school>

Andrew Markham and the school team