# LPPS Newsletter

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For vital notices and dates of open classes, assemblies, clubs



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# Current Ladygrove Standard Life Skill focus is Positivity

Year 1 met real life superheroes this week as part of their Superhero theme. The children loved being shown around a real fire engine. Their favourite part was being drenched by the hose! They learnt about fire safety including what to do, when they hear a fire alarm, and when to 'Stop, Drop and Roll'. Thanks to the fire crew who gave up their time and especially for rescuing all our hoops that had been decorating our playground trees. Don't forget on Monday it's 'Come to school dressed as a Superhero' day in Year 1.

School Eye Tests for Reception children on Wednesday were carried out by NHS School Vision Screening team. Any children needing referrals will receive a letter from the Vision Screening team.

M&M Productions performed 'Robin Hood' on Wednesday afternoon this week to children in Years 1-6. This fun, colourful and dynamic production actively encourage audience participation, expertly combining the tradition of theatre pantomime with up to date and age appropriate humour, music and themes. Wonderful costumes, superb scenery and magical special effects all combined to deliver an electric atmosphere and guarantee a truly imaginative, enthralling journey into the enchanting world that is Pantomime. It was lovely to see such happy, smiling faces, waving their arms, booing and laughing along. However, 32% have not voluntarily paid for this (£2.75 per child). If you have not paid for this via Parentpay, please can you do so, as soon as possible, so that we can go ahead and book this again for next year. Thank you.

## **COMING UP...**

### Dates next week:

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Yr 1 Superhero Dress Up Day	All Day	Year 1	Come to school dressed as a Superhero!
	'Billy Goats Gruff'	2.45pm	F.Stage	Parents invite to watch
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Cycle Training	afternoon	Ladygrove	Selected Year 5 children
	Sonning Common v LPPS Football	KO 3.30pm	S.Common	Team depart school at 2.45pm
	Space Day	All Day	Hall	Year 5
	Football Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	School Field	Meet in Class 9
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Relax Kids Club	3.15pm-4pm	Year 2	Meet in Class 7
	Science Club	3.15pm-4pm	Year 1	Meet in Class 5
	Yr 4 @ Willowbrook	afternoon	Willowbrook	Remember PE kit
	Yr 4 Cake Crumbly	3.10pm	Courtyard	Remember to donate cakes to sell
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Netball Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	School Court	Meet in Class 15
	Choir Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	Year 3	Meet in Class 8
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Yr 6 @ Willowbrook	afternoon	Willowbrook	Remember PE kit

We are holding our 3<sup>rd</sup> Mental Health and Well Being Workshop on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January (5pm-6pm) and have been lucky enough to secure Sophia Cleverly, a Relax Kids coach. The **Relax Kids** programme uses movement, games, stretching, breathing, peer massage, positive affirmations and visualisations, to help develop your child's concentration, self-esteem and confidence, as well as improving their peer relationships and social skills, all whilst having lots of fun! During the workshop, Sophia will demonstrate some of these techniques so that parents can use them at home to support their children. We are limiting places to 25, so that an informal atmosphere is upheld in which everyone feels comfortable saying what they want to say. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis as we anticipate this to be a popular workshop. If you would like to attend please email us at office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk and you will then be notified whether you are successful in securing a place on the workshop.

### NOTICES ...

Parent-Teacher Meeting letters went home this week via the eldest child in the family. Teachers are available to meet parents on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February, apart from Mrs Lai and Mrs Adlam – they are available on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Letters are on our website under the *Letters* tab. Children in our Nursery class need to arrange a meeting directly with Mrs Cook. Please return slips to the school office by the end of today.

Last term saw the successful return of Maths Matters to Ladygrove Park School. The sessions were structured carefully (by experienced Ladygrove staff) to build on the children's confidence and deepen their understanding of maths operations, stretching those students who were already confident and supporting others. This term, we will continue to tailor the sessions to the needs of the children. Our focus for Term 3 will be Multiplication/Division (19 Jan), Shape (2 Feb) and Graphs and Charts (16 Feb). As always, there are two sessions: years 2, 3 and 4 at 10 am and years 5 and 6 at 11:15 am. For more information, or to book your child onto the sessions, priced reasonably at £15 each, please email: didcotmathsmatters@gmail.com New students are always welcome.

School has had to make the strategic decision to not renew the subscription to **MyMaths**, as it is no longer value for money nor the most effective approach for Maths homework. Instead, teachers will focus on setting weekly activities to reinforce the children's fluency (number knowledge, skills and understanding), which is key to the Maths Mastery approach.

Year 5 require old newsletters for art work next week, so rather than throw away, please can school have them. Thank you.

## Andrew Markham and the School Team



MJMusicServices Progressive Professional, fun, positive tuition. This year is our 20th year of Piano tuition. To celebrate this we are offering a Month's tuition for free to any new starter. Yes completely FREE!!!! All tuition books and diaries are also supplied free of charge by the service. To obtain a form simply e mail the service on MJmusicservices@aol.com complete it and send it to the address given.

Messy Church Event at the Ladygrove Community Centre The Ladygrove Church is running another Messy Church event on Saturday, 19th January 3.00-5.00pm. It will have all the usual stuff – craft activities, games, songs and story, all followed by a cold buffet. It's free though donations are welcome. You can find out more about it at <a href="http://theladygrovechurch.org.uk/church-life/messy-church">http://theladygrovechurch.org.uk/church-life/messy-church</a> or follow us on Facebook. We hope to see you there!

**PE Technician** Didcot Girls' School is seeking to appoint a PE Technician to provide a high standard of professional support to all elements within the Physical Education Department. For the right candidate, opportunities to teach and coach students are available. Key aspects of the role include the arranging and facilitating of fixtures, supporting teachers with lesson preparation/set-up, department administration and supporting extra-curricular clubs. The willingness/ability to cover lessons would be an advantage. Full details are available at <a href="http://www.didcotgirls.oxon.sch.uk/2021/petechnician">http://www.didcotgirls.oxon.sch.uk/2021/petechnician</a>

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