

This week...

Year 3 had an extraordinary day stepping back in time to the 1940s, experiencing life as evacuees. At the Railway Centre they learned the art of escaping bomb shelters, navigating trains, and extinguishing burning bomb sites with fire buckets. The day concluded with a train ride and engaging in tasks reminiscent of evacuee children's daily lives in the countryside. The volunteers praised the students for their exemplary behaviour and expressed their enjoyment in working with them.



Assembly

This week has been about online/internet safety. We discussed the 4 Cs- which make it easier to understand the different aspects of online safety: Conduct, Contact, Content and Commerce. There are many benefits to using the internet for these purposes but there are also virtual and real world risks. We did two slightly different assemblies for the younger and older children. We also discussed how the children might break the rules online (either inadvertently or on purpose). We reminded everyone that the school rules were in force for the virtual world, just the same as they are for the real world.

Pupil Responsibility Groups

This week the new House Captains were deployed in Year 6. Well done to Eva and Destiney for **Beech**, Pippa and Kylen for **Oak**, Nova and Zak for **Willow**. As we always say, well done to all the others for bravely going through the process and dealing with the disappointment as best they can. There will be lots of opportunities at Secondary.

Standard fire drills and invacuation

We practise fire evacuation periodically through the year and invacuation (lockdown) once a year. One involves everyone leaving the building sensibly and congregating at the cluster point outside to be checked off the register. The other involves everyone moving to more central parts of the building and closing all outer doors/windows. We will be doing the invacuation during next week and the fire drill in a few weeks. The children are always guided and told what to do.

Celebrating Success



Pippa from Class 15 has been offered a registration without the need to trial at Oxford United Girls Academy for the U12 squad next season! This is a fantastic achievement for Pippa to become part of their Regional Talent Centre and her third year at the club! Congratulations Pippa!

Charlotte from Class 10 competed in the Artistic Gymnastics Preparation 3 grade South Regional Final. She won gold on Bars, Beam and Range & Conditioning. She won silver for 'All Around'. Well done Charlotte!

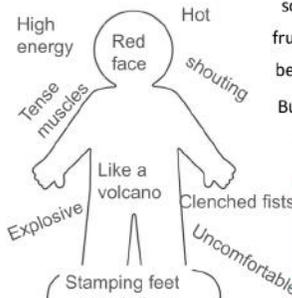


Word of the Week

Please see the end of the newsletter for this week's 'Word of the Week'!



Feeling of the Fortnight



Angry is a yellow or red zone feeling. It is a normal, healthy emotion, which we all feel sometimes. We often feel angry when we're frustrated, we don't like a situation or we have been treated badly. Anger helps drive change.

But we may also feel angry without knowing why, and that's okay – as long as we find a way to express our feelings safely.

When I'm angry I need to do something. Sometimes I feel like I want to hit something, or someone but I know I need to walk away.

Dates for Term 5...

Remember that it is bank holiday next Monday 6th May and school is closed!

Monday 6th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 7th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Cycle Training - remember bikes and helmets! Year 3 Summer Craft Club 3.10 - 4.00pm
Wednesday 8th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 & 2 Drawing Club Lunchtime Year 5 Book Club Lunchtime Year 4 TTRS Club 3.10 - 4.00pm Reception No-Cook Cooking Club 3.00 - 3.45pm Year 6 Librarians Club 3.10 - 4.00pm Year 5 & 6 Rounders Club 3.10 - 4.00pm
Thursday 9th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir Club 3.10 - 4.15pm Year 3 & 4 Drama Club 3.10 - 4.00pm Year 4, 5 & 6 Girls Football Club 3.10 - 4.15pm
Friday 10th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys Football Match LPPS vs Chilton (home match), 3.30pm kickoff
Monday 13th - Friday 17th May - Year 6 SATS Week	
Tuesday 14th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Cycle Training Written Test - remember bikes and helmets! Year 3 Summer Craft Club 3.10 - 4.00pm

Wednesday 15th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 & 2 Drawing Club Lunchtime Year 5 Book Club Lunchtime Year 4 TTRS Club 3.10 - 4.00pm Reception No-Cook Cooking Club 3.00 - 3.45pm Year 6 Librarians Club 3.10 - 4.00pm Year 5 & 6 Rounders Club 3.10 - 4.00pm
Thursday 16th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir Club 3.10 - 4.15pm Year 3 & 4 Drama Club 3.10 - 4.00pm Year 4, 5 & 6 Girls Football Club 3.10 - 4.15pm
Monday 20th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foundation Stage Farms2Ewe Visit (in school) - letter sent 20/02 Class photos - Class 1, Reception and Year 6 Big Summer Sing - Choir Pupils - letter sent 23/04
Tuesday 21st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DGS & SBS Transition Visit at LPPS, 9am - letter sent home 17/04 Year 5 Cycle Training Practical Test - remember bikes and helmets! Girls Football Match Wantage vs LPPS (away match)
Wednesday 22nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Book Club Lunchtime NEW DATE! Year 5 Cycle Training Practical Test - remember bikes and helmets! Year 3 VE Day Celebrations - parents invited to join 2.00 - 3.00pm
Thursday 23rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class photos - Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
Friday 24th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of term - normal finish time

Notices

Sickness and Absence	<p>Please notify the school office every day of your child's absence. Please either email office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk or call to leave a message on 01235 519235 by 9am. Clearly state your child's full name, class and the specific reason for absence (including the symptoms of the illness).</p> <p>Please refer to this useful NHS guide - Is my child too ill for school?</p> <p>If your child is ill for 3 days or more, ensure to consult your GP and to inform the school of the outcome.</p>
Extended Schools Pricing from September 2024	<p>This is an advance notice that our pricing for extended schools will be increasing from September 2024.</p> <p>Breakfast Club: £5.70</p> <p>After School Club: £12.50</p>
Inclusion	<p><i>CAMHS supporting children and young people's Mental Health</i></p> <p>We'd like to remind you that we now have a series of parent webinars on a range of mental health topics to support their young people. Nearly 800 parents have attended our webinars so far and we've received some really positive feedback and ideas for future sessions. The full range of webinars can be accessed on https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/oxon/sir/webinars/ where parents can register for any sessions they would like to attend. These are open to any parent or carer in Oxfordshire, regardless of what school their child attends.</p> <p>Attention and movement differences in children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date: Thursday 23 May 2024 Time: 6.00 – 7.30pm

This session will focus on understanding typical attention and movement in children and young people, then identifying and understanding attentional and movement differences, and how parents can support their children with these challenges.

[Register for attention and movement webinar](#)

Understanding childhood anxiety

- Date: Thursday 27 June 2024
- Time: 6.00 – 7.30pm

This session is aimed at managing anxiety in children under 12. It highlights when anxiety might be a problem (as opposed to a 'normal' developmental phase), describes different anxiety disorders and how these can be recognised and discussed. It explores why treatment is important and gives a detailed overview of a Cognitive Behaviour Therapy approach aimed at parents.

[Register for childhood anxiety webinar](#)

OASIS is a friendly charity run by parents for parents/carers who are bringing up children/young adults with Autistic Spectrum Disorder or related conditions such as Global Developmental Delay or Sensory Processing Disorder in Oxfordshire.

We welcome families who have an ASD diagnosis for their child and also those going through the assessment process. OASIS aims to create a supportive community through family events, informal coffee and chat groups, evening speaker meetings and subsidised play days which run all over the county.

[Family Information Service | Oxfordshire Autistic Society for Information and Support \(OASIS\) - parent support.](#)
<http://oasisonline.org.uk/>

Do you have a child aged 3-4 years?

Are you interested in helping to develop your child's maths skills through play at home?

Maths@Home is a new app designed to encourage maths play and interactions between you and your child using resources readily available in and around your home.

We are looking for **parents/caregivers of children aged 3-4 years** to take part in a study evaluating the Maths@Home app.

If you think this is something that you would be interested in, please contact Natalie at natalie.fischer.21@ucl.ac.uk to find out more information.



Project team:
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Ethics approval code: REC 1778



If you can help us or know someone who can, please send them this email and sign up below!

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Word of the Week

for Key Stage 1



Meaning

Your body is wobbly because you are scared or ill.



Challenge

Can you pretend to be so scared that you are shaky?

Word of the Week

for Key Stage 2



Meaning

On your own.

Challenge

When is it nice to be **solitary**? When isn't it?

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEK ONE

15th April
6th May
3rd June
24th June
15th July

Option One

NEW Vegetable Stack
with Rice 

Penne
Bolognaise 

Sausages, Roast Potatoes
& Gravy



Fishfingers with Chips &
Tomato Sauce

Option Two

Cheese & Tomato Pizza
with Pasta Salad 

Vegan Penne
Bolognaise 

Vegan Sausages,
Roast Potatoes & Gravy 

Greek Chicken Pitta with
Rice, Tzatziki & Salad
or
Greek Quorn Pitta with Rice,
Tzatziki & Salad

Omelette & Chips with
tomato sauce

Vegetables

Vegetables of the Day

Dessert

Freshly Chopped
Fruit Salad 

Apple Crumble with
Ice Cream 

NEW Berry Mousse

Iced Vanilla Sponge

Vanilla Shortbread 

WEEK TWO

22nd April
13th May
10th June
1st July
22nd July

Option One

Macaroni Cheese

Burger
with Potato Wedges

Roast Chicken, Stuffing,
Roast Potatoes, & Gravy

Beef Lasagne
with Garlic Bread 

Fish fingers
with Chips

Option Two



Tomato Pasta 

Vegan Burger
with Potato Wedges 

Quorn Roast, Roast
Potatoes & Gravy 

Vegetable Curry
with Rice 

NEW Vegan Sausage Roll
with Chips 

Vegetables

Vegetables of the Day

Dessert

NEW Chocolate Brownie

NEW Iced Biscuit

Fruit Medley 

Jelly with Mandarins 

Oaty Cookie 

WEEK THREE

29th April
20th May
17th June
8th July

Option One

Tomato Pasta



Roast **Chicken**, New
Potatoes & Gravy

NEW Chicken Fajitas
with Rice 

Fishfingers
with Chips

Option Two

Vegan Chilli with Rice 

Chicken Paella with
Patatas Bravas
or
Veggie Meatballs with
Patatas Bravas 

Roast Quorn with New
Potatoes & Gravy 

Macaroni Cheese

Cheese & Bean Pasty
with Chips

Vegetables

Vegetables of the Day

Dessert

Fruit with Ice Cream

Syrup Snap Biscuit 

Fruit Platter 

Chocolate Shortbread 

Summer Lemon Cake

MENU KEY



Added Plant Power



Wholemeal



Vegan



Chef's Special

ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.



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Open Mornings 2024

Monday 17th June: 9:15am

Tuesday 18th June: 9:15am & 10:15am

Wednesday 19th June: 9:15am

Duration: approximately 1 hour

To book a place please use the links on the [Open Events](#) page of our website.

We look forward to seeing you.

We are a vibrant school community which empowers girls to become resilient and to fulfil their potential as future leaders.



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**Menstrual Health and
Period Education Advocates**

April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

All Yours Period Boxes

We can't believe that we are already in the summer term of the school year! We are pleased that we are still here and able to continue our support of the school community with period products for both young people and parents to use at home.

You can visit our website to request the period products you need. We have a range of disposable products as well as reusable period pads and menstrual cups to choose from. If you would like to request products for multiple people in your household, just use the comments box to tell us how many people and the kind of products you would like.

If you would like support with period products, please let us know what you need using the form on our website. All requests are free and confidential. You can request your All Yours box here:

<https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/request>

All our boxes are prepared by volunteers and most boxes are delivered by volunteers. Where we are not able to hand deliver a box, we use 2nd class Royal Mail to send our boxes. We ask that you allow at least 21 days for delivery, but we do aim to drop off boxes far quicker than this.

Stress & Menstrual Health

April has been Stress Awareness Month and we posted information on how stress can impact your periods and menstrual health on our socials. You can find out more by visiting us on @allyoursmonthly on both Facebook and Instagram.

You can find out more about period products or about All Yours in general by visiting <https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/>. If you would like to message us directly, our email is allyours@allyoursbox.co.uk

With best wishes,

All Yours

Space Activity Days

May Half-Term 2024

Give children the perfect fun-filled space-themed activity day! Exciting and adventure-packed activities, games and sports to keep children engaged during school holidays - promoting creativity, learning, imagination & social skills!

Tues 28th - Fri 31st May 2024

9:00am - 4:00pm each day

Ladygrove Community Centre,
Tamar Way, Didcot, OX11 7UQ



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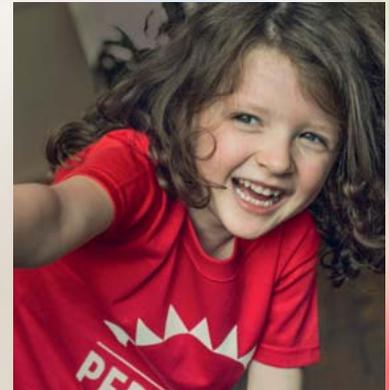
Perform's drama, dance and singing classes use the performing arts to

- ▶ Build confidence
- ▶ Boost concentration
- ▶ Enhance coordination
- ▶ Develop communication skills



Why try Perform?

- ▶ Unique performing arts-based games and exercises
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- ▶ Covid safe – full details at perform.org.uk/covid
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- ▶ Specially created scripts, videos and apps to support your child's learning
- ▶ End of term presentation for family and friends



— I'm very impressed by the thoughtful way each session is run. It is great to know that Ethan is not just being 'entertained' for the hour but proactively being taught new life skills. Kate Whyley



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Your child can come and try a class for FREE and there's no obligation to join afterwards. With almost 500 Perform schools, find your nearest and book online at

perform.org.uk/free



FAIRGROUND SCIENCE



**FUN SCIENCE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

May Holiday Camps 2024: 8 Venues over 4 Dates

Tuesday 28th May

Barton Park Primary School, Barton Fields Rd, Headington, OX3 9WN

Stockham Primary School, Stockham Way, Wantage, OX12 9HL

Wednesday 29th May

Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot, OX11 7JN

Begbroke Village Hall, Begbroke Lane, Woodstock, OX5 1RN

Thursday 30th May

West Oxford Primary School, Ferry Hinksey Road, Oxford, OX2 0BY

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Curbridge Rd, Witney, OX28 5JZ

Friday 31st May

Caldecott Primary School, Caldecott Rd, Abingdon, OX14 5HB

Long Lane Primary School, Long Lane, Reading, RG31 6YG

Daily - 9am to 3.30pm. £35 per child per day. Sibling discount available.

FAIRGROUND SCIENCE

Join us on a roller-coaster adventure of fun fair physics! During the day, children will discover the different forces involved in fairground rides and why we don't fall off; from friction to gravity and centripetal force!

We will also look at the science behind the adrenaline rush you get when you experience the biggest and scariest of rides. After all these twists and turns, we will cool off with a look at how the funfair's most iconic treat, candyfloss, is made - with a yummy sample to taste!

Call a member of our team or visit our website for more details

To book, please go to the 'Science Holiday Camps' tab on our website, and click the 'Register Now' button. All bookings are processed through Active Network.

Suitable for children aged 5 to 11 years. Spaces are subject to availability.



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