

LPPS Newsletter

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Year 1 have been really excited to learn about dragons and castles this term after reading 'Marmaduke the Very Different Dragon'. After writing our own stories, we came in on Tuesday dressed as dragons and went to Dragon School where we learnt how to blow fire, roar and fly!

Year 1 Team

On Tuesday Year 2, 3 and 4 took part in some **Badminton** sessions provided by Oxfordshire Community Badminton this week. The children had the opportunity to practice several skills including throwing and catching air-balls, hitting giant shuttle's over the net and using the racket to balance feather-balls. The children will continue with their badminton skills during PE lessons in the future and Oxfordshire Community Badminton offer children's sessions at the Willowbrook Leisure Centre on a Tuesday (see leaflet in book bags).

On Wednesday afternoon, to support their '**Climate Change**' project, Class 14 walked around a small part of the Ladygrove estate litter picking. The children were shocked that they collected 8 bags of litter from such a small space - and they had not collected everything! The children were so inspired by the amount of litter that they collected that they have requested to make this a regular thing. Well done Class 14!

On Wednesday this week a child from each class (selected by their teacher) attended a **tea party** with myself as a treat due to their hard work. This happens at the end of each term. The particular group of children are amongst those who always put great effort into demonstrating the Ladygrove Standard, give support to their class mates on a daily basis and continuously challenge themselves. It was a pleasure to spend time in their company.

Class 2 and 3 had a lovely time looking around an ambulance on Wednesday afternoon with Harry's dad. They heard about how it can help us and the work that paramedics do. The children were bandaged up and had a ride on the tail lift! We also had an opportunity to look at some of the equipment used. We had great fun and were so well behaved! Thank you to Mr Miller for offering the time to come and visit us. *FS Team*

The way that **maths** is taught in China is respected world-wide and thought of as second-to-none. Over the past few years, here at Ladygrove school, we have implemented strategies to enable our children to have a deep and secure understanding of the maths that they learn - this is known as 'Teaching for Mastery' and has its roots in the Chinese style of teaching maths. Excitingly, this year, Ladygrove school are the leading school for a Shanghai teacher exchange (organised by the Department for Education). Between 9 - 22 November, I will be in Shanghai observing teaching and working alongside Chinese teachers to closely study how maths is taught and how the children learn. Then, at the beginning of March, the Chinese teachers will visit us here - more details will follow nearer the time. I have set up a twitter account: LPPS_Shanghai (@LppsShanghai) for anyone interested in following this exchange. *Dr Claire Shorrock*

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 to all of you who have completed and returned our questionnaire - your feedback is appreciated. If you haven't yet completed this questionnaire and would like to, it is on our website under the newsletter tab. Please return this form by Monday 4th November.

Bags2School Collection - thank you to everyone who has supported this. A record number of bags have been collected this time- almost filling our side corridor at the front of school!

Finally, **Class 1** are having their end of term treat this afternoon with everyone coming to nursery in fancy dress. All this term, the children have been really motivated in achieving their gold and purple stars and as a reward, have celebrated by enjoying a party atmosphere, playing lots of fun party games and coming to nursery in fancy dress. Well done Class 1!

COMING UP...

Clubs start the first week back. A new club is starting - SPANISH CLUB for Yrs 3, 4 and 5 children. If your child would like to join Spanish Club please email or send in a letter requesting a place. Deadline for this is Tuesday 5th November. Spanish Club is on Wednesdays starting 13th November (meeting in Class 9). Community Club will not be running due to lack of interest.

School Photographs were taken on Monday (21st October). We receive commission on all orders (10%) and if you order online we receive even more commission - 30%! Deadline dates for orders is on Tuesday 5th November. Any late orders will incur a late payment charge.

Dates next week:

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 4 th Nov	Scratch Club	Lunchtime		
Tues 5 th Nov	Yr 4 Maths Challenge	Afternoon	Summerfields	Parents to take selected children
	High Five Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	School Court	
	UKLA Club	3.15pm-4pm		Meet in the library
	Yr 5 Cycling Proficiency	Afternoon	Ladygrove	Selected children
Weds 6 th Nov	Yr 1 Mystery Reader	2.40pm	Year 1	
	Girls Football Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	Field	Meet in Class 10
	New Parent Meeting (C1 Jan Intake)	3.15pm	Class 1	New children joining C1 in January 2020
Thurs 7 th Nov	Flu Vaccine	All Day	School	Reception-Year 6 children
	Stemillions Club	Lunchtime		
	Yr 6 Maths Challenge	Afternoon	Headington Prep School	Parents to take selected children
	Yr 3 @ Willowbrook	Afternoon	Willowbrook	Badminton
	Cooking Club	3.15pm-4.15pm		Meet in the library
	Choir Club	3.15pm-4.15pm		Meet in Class 13
	Wildlife Gardening Club	3.15pm-4.15pm		Meet in Class 9
Friday 8 th Nov	Year 5 Cake Crumbly	3.10pm	Courtyard	Please donate cakes to sell
	First Aid Training for Yr 6 children	All Day	Hall/Burrow	
	Yr 5 @ Willowbrook	Afternoon	Willowbrook	PE Lesson
	Sketch Club	Lunchtime		

NOTICES ...

A letter from the School Nursing Team was emailed home last week about the **flu vaccine** that is happening in school on Thursday 7th November. Consent to vaccinate your child is now via an online consent form. They will no longer be sending out paper consent forms, so it is important that you complete the form online so that your child is able to receive their vaccination. To access the online consent form, please click on the following link <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/forms/flu>
A copy of this letter is on our website under the newsletter tab.

Top Tips for Parents- more on reading at home:

Reading is such an important skill -- so important that, without it, children cannot fully access any other subject. At Ladygrove we begin to teach reading using a synthetic phonics scheme called Read, Write, Inc. Children are taught initial single sounds, such as 'k', 'l', 'm'. Children then explore phonemes (sounds) by learning digraphs and trigraphs, such as 'ee', 'ch', 'ng', 'igh'. Throughout all of the phonics teaching children are listening to and sharing books on a regular basis. We firmly believe that children should not just be taught the *skill* but the *will* to read. Regular story time and text-based activities occur on a daily basis in our FS and Year 1 classes. From Year 2 onwards, children are taught reading as a whole class. This is because we feel that setting children according to ability caps their potential. Exposing the children to high quality, vocabulary-rich, engaging texts, usually linked to class topics, ensures that the children are getting the most from their reading.

As well as teaching the skills in reading (decoding and comprehension), we work tirelessly as a school to promote reading for pleasure. We want our children to *be* readers, not just to read because we tell them to. By using online platforms such as Oxford Reading Buddy, by reading outside, by reading with hot chocolate, by taking ownership of our reading areas so that they are places in which children want to read, by engaging in book talk with peers -- by doing all these things we promote reading for pleasure. Above all else, we want our children to *enjoy* reading.

The most common question teachers get asked is: 'How do I make my child read?' The answer: finding something that will hook your child in is key. You often tell us that you want your children to read the books you enjoyed reading as children. But ask yourself: 'Just because I loved this book, does that mean my child will?' Sometimes children feel that older texts, such as the Enid Blyton series, are no longer relevant to their lives. In that case, they (with your help) will need to find something else, something *for them*. Remember, not all children will happily sit down with a long chapter book. Reading online, reading comics/magazines, following computer coding manuals are all forms of reading. In our experience non-readers will often prefer books in which there is a mixture of text, pictures, humour, various font sizes -- this is why *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Dork Diaries* have such huge fanbases. What we need to remember is that any reading is good reading. If you do feel that your child is 'stuck in reading rut', feel free to ask your child's class teacher for advice on how to widen their reading repertoire, or visit websites such as <https://misterbodd.wordpress.com/2019/04/09/reading-for-pleasure-tube-map/> for a tube map of alternatives.

The Department for Education is introducing compulsory [Relationships Education for primary pupils and Relationships and Sex Education \(RSE\)](#) for secondary pupils from September 2020. Also, from September 2020 it will be compulsory for all schools to teach Health Education. Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships Education and RSE, which will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered. Effective consultation gives the space and time for parents to input, ask questions, share concerns and for the school to decide the way forward. Schools will listen to parent's views, and then make a reasonable decision as to how they wish to proceed. **What is taught, and how, is ultimately a decision for the school and consultation does not provide a parental veto on curriculum content.** For more information go to following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education-faqs>

Reminder: Admissions to school (Academic Year 20/19): If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 you must apply for a school place for your child for entry in the academic year September 2020. You will be able to apply on-line from 1st November 2019. Please visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions for further information. NB The deadline line date for online applications is 15th January 2020.

Please remember the following:-

- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place by the deadline of 15 January 2020
- 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/residents/schools/apply-school-place>

Reminder: Admissions to Secondary School:

Year 6 parents can now apply on line for secondary schools and the closing date is 31st October 2019.

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/residents/schools/apply-school-place/secondary-school>

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

All secondary schools have open mornings and information evenings. Check out their individual websites for further information.

Come along and meet the PALS Team! Our "Meet PALS" night on Thursday 14th November, will now start with our Extraordinary General Meeting to elect our new Chair. Please come along to join the vote, meet our new Chair and chat with the team! We will be meeting in the Generous George Ladygrove pub at 7.30pm. *PALS TEAM*

School and ASC finish at normal time today. We hope you all enjoy the half term break after this long first term and look forward to seeing you all back to school on Monday 4th November.

Andrew Markham and the school team

This is a message from the South and Vale Neighbourhood Teams about Halloween.

We will be carrying out high-visibility patrols over Halloween to deal with any incidents of anti –social behaviour.

Here's some simple advice to help you have a fun and safe Halloween:

- Young children should never go out trick or treating without being accompanied by an adult.
 - Don't knock on the doors of strangers; only go to the houses of people you know.
 - Never go into a stranger's house.
 - Keep to well-lit areas, wear bright colouring and carry a torch.
 - Remember road safety advice.
 - Take care not to frighten elderly or vulnerable people.
 - If a house is displaying a "no trick or treat" sign please don't knock on the door.
 - Children don't be offended if your local shop does not serve you with eggs or flour.
- We have been working with local stores to discourage their sale to young people.

If at any point you do feel nervous or unsafe:

- Don't open your door if you're unsure who is there. Use your spy-hole, look out of a window, and use your door chain if you decide to open your door.
- Have a contact number of a close relative or good neighbour by your telephone, just in case you need to phone them.
- If you are part of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, let your co-ordinator know that you will be on your own at Halloween. If you are a co-ordinator, please identify people in your scheme that may be vulnerable and offer them reassurance.
- Thames Valley Police will not tolerate any anti-social behaviour at any time of the year.

To report anti-social behaviour please call the 24 hour non-emergency number on 101. If it is a crime in progress, call 999 immediately.

If you do not want to be disturbed this Halloween, please visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk and type Halloween in the search which will bring up the poster to download and print.

Play2Give is an award-winning fundraising organisation (P2G was a finalist for the charity award in the Oxfordshire Business Awards 2018) and raises thousands of pounds each year all year round by organising a wide range of events including the annual Didcot Summer Fayre, Didcot's Got Talent Show, fundraising balls, football tournaments and more. You can read more about P2G and Sleigh2Give5 (with some pictures from previous years present deliveries) at www.play2give.org.uk



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For hygiene & infection control, all gifts for poorly children must be brand new

DONATION ZONES 2019 - Full list online:
Tesco Didcot: November 15th - 17th
Sainsbury's Didcot: Sunday December 1st
Partyman World, Oxford
Oxford City Football Club
Sainsbury's Heyford Hill:
 From mid November
AND MANY MANY MORE!

Play2Give's fifth festive gift giving campaign spreads cheer, joy and smiles to those from young patients confined to hospital beds, the poorest of newborn babies, families, to those with disabilities and brain injuries and those less fortunate by raising spirits and spreading the love locally for those more in need at Christmas.

Play2Give is a fundraising organisation set up by Andrew Baker BCAv, who has donated over £178,000 to local good causes since 2003.



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