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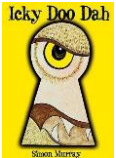
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On Monday, **Year One and Foundation Stage** enjoyed a dance workshop with Hannah from MF **Dance**. We warmed up with some fun games and then learnt a short routine together. It was great fun! On Tuesday FS and Key Stage 1 had an exciting visit from an **illustrator** and author of the "Icky Doo Dah" series of books, Simon Murray. He told us about his influences for illustrating and demonstrated drawing the character from his book. This was followed up by a workshop in year groups where we all had a go at drawing Icky Doo Dah, following detailed instructions. The results were amazing! Have a look at the school blog for a few examples of our work. *FS & KS1 Teams*



On Monday 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 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.



Congratulations to our latest **year 5** children who took their **cycle test** on Tuesday. I would also like to acknowledge and thank our regular team of cycle instructors who voluntarily give up their time each week to give cycle training to our year 5 children. Without them, this would not be able to happen, so thank you Karen, Gemma, Cheryl, Rebecca, Emily and Jo, for your continued support. However, we need more trainers! Could you spare the time to become a trainer to support Karen in her lead role, helping more children to pass? If so, please speak to Sarah in the office.

Thank you for attending the **Parent Meetings** this week. It is always great to see such support from parents. Your contact helps with keeping up to date with the activities your child undertakes at school. Then any discussions you have at home often support your child's understanding of the content at school. You might have spotted an **E Safety survey** on laptops in the creative areas. If you didn't, or if you didn't have chance to complete the survey, there is a link here: <https://forms.gle/RzecMSFRiFgxnDK9>. We will keep this open through half term until next Friday. We will use the results to inform our direction with online safety approaches at school and workshops for parents in the near future. The Digital Safety Leader pupils have been instrumental in launching our revised curriculum with special certificates for each year group, awarded when they have achieved our online safety expectations.

Our **high five** team took part in a tournament at DGS on Tuesday afternoon. The team played brilliantly and came away having won the trophy! We played 4 games to take us through to the final against Chiltern which we managed to win 3-1. Huge congratulations to Ben, Ellis, Lois, Sophie, Marie, Sophie and Imogen. We are now through to the South finals which will be played soon. A big thank you to Luce Carter (School Governor) who accompanied our team walking to DGS. *Coach Manthorpe*



In many matters of school sport and for the majority of sporting events held at the school **Sam Abrey** has always been the 'go to' member of staff. Sam runs her own sports activity company while also working as a member of staff undertaking PE lessons and helping to coach the teachers in new PE approaches. After running so many school events, tournaments and building the quality of the pupils' physical education, Sam has decided to refocus on her company work and sport activities although she will continue to help us organise and support sporting events when needed. She will be succeeded by our budding sports coach and current TA, Mr Seth Humphries, who will be shadowing over the next few weeks before a hand over at Easter. We wish Sam the best of luck in her endeavours and we thank her for the immense work she has put in to sport at the school.

Thank you to everyone who has donated wool, material etc to After School Club. As a result of your generosity we now have sufficient supplies, however, any spare buttons will be welcomed.

COMING UP...

Dates next week:

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 24 th Feb	Scratch Club	Lunchtime	Year 5	
Tues 25 th Feb	Yr 5 Cycling High Five Club	Afternoon 3.10pm-4pm	Ladygrove Courts	Remember bikes and helmets
Weds 26 th Feb	Yr 4 International Day Spanish Club	All Day 3.10pm-4pm	DGS Year 3	Remember to pay for this via ParentPay
Thurs 27 th Feb	C1 and C3 Parent Meetings Stemillions Club Helicopter Stories Choir Club Gardening Club Year FS Cake Crumbly	3pm onwards Lunchtime 3.10pm-4pm 3.10pm-4pm 3.10pm-4.10pm 3.10pm	School Class 5 Class 13 Year 3 Courtyard	Appointment times remain the same Remember gardening kit Please donate cakes to sell
Fri 28 th Feb	PALS Break a Rule Day Sketch Club Full payment for Yr 6 Kilvrough residential trip is due	All Day Lunchtime	School Year 5	See notice in this newsletter for further details

Calling all Grandparents! We would like to invite Grandparents to visit their grandchildren in school on **Friday 13th March from 2.30pm**. Come along and share a book in your grandchild's class! Further information about this will be our next newsletter.



NOTICES ...



PALS BREAK A RULE DAY - Friday 28th February.

A **yellow** form has gone home with your child about **Break the Rules Day**. Please hand this form, with your money, to your teacher on the morning of **Break the Rules Day**, Friday 28th February.

Rules that can be broken on the day are:-

wear nail polish	squash in water bottles	bring in an unhealthy snack	wear a temporary tattoo
crazy fashionable hairstyles	wear trainers	bring in a cuddly toy	wear a hat
change your name for the day		call the teachers by their first name	

Cost: 50p per rule – please hand the money into your classteacher on the day.

There continues to be much coverage in the media about **Covid19**. Naturally, while this coverage will be cause for concern, there is no need for alarm. At these times, it is important to know the facts and not become embroiled in media spin or hearsay. Therefore, we recommend using this link to the government website updated daily:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

On Tuesday I held a low key assembly about how to stay clean, focusing on our hands. I used these two slides, versions of which have been in common use around school for a long time:

Wash Your Hands



You may be aware that there is new guidance from the government about the teaching of **Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)** in schools which will be statutory from September 2020. We are presently reviewing our current policy and scheme of work to ensure that it reflects the new guidance. As part of the process, we will be consulting with parents and carers to gain an understanding of your views. There will be more information about this consultation later in the year but in the meantime, at the end of this newsletter is a useful document for your information.

SCHOOL VACANCY

We are looking to appoint full-time Teaching Assistant for the duration of the academic year 2019-20 to start 20th April 2020 for the following post:

Teaching Assistant (5 days) total hours for 26.25hrs + 2.5hrs per week lunch duty.

Mondays to Fridays, term time only. 8.45am-3pm (exact timings to be determined)

This is a fixed term contract ending on 31st August 2020 with a potential to extend into the next academic year.

Grade 4 (£18,426 - £18,795) pro rata

An Extended Schools Supervisor (Breakfast Club or After School Club) position may also be available. Further details will be discussed at interview.

Are you thinking of a career change or are you a teaching assistant looking for a new opportunity? If the answer is yes and if you have some / all of the following qualities, then we would love to hear from you. We are interested in someone who is a team player, enthusiastic, flexible, resourceful, passionate about special needs. You need to be motivated, resilient, pro-active, fun, possess a *can-do approach*, ambitious, supportive, confident, professional, committed, able to use your initiative, reliable, inspiring and looking for immense job satisfaction but not shy of hard work.

The role will include supporting children with SEND (including 1:1 support), a balance of general TA duties, as well as additional lunchtime support. The proportions of support for children with SEND, 1:1 support and general duties may vary.

The range of children's additional needs may include: autistic spectrum condition, cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, global learning delay and speech, language and communication needs.

We welcome your application detailing your relevant skills, experience and qualities. Selection will be by observation and interview carried out by the one of the Deputy Headteachers, Carly Clarkson or Elaine Li-Koo, plus another member of leadership staff. To apply, please complete an application form (available on our website) and email to:- office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk

Deadline Date for Applications: Tuesday 25th February, 12 noon

Interview Date: Friday 28th February

Start Date: Monday 20th April 2020

Due to this post having access to children and/or vulnerable adults, candidates will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service check. The possession of a criminal record will not necessarily prevent an applicant from obtaining this post, as all cases are judged individually according to the nature of the role and information provided.

DBS checks and references are conditional to appointment.

Understanding Relationships and Health Education in your child's primary school: a guide for parents

We want all children to grow up healthy, happy, safe, and able to manage the challenges and opportunities of modern Britain. That is why, from September 2020, all primary age children will be taught Relationships and Health Education.

These subjects are designed to equip your child with knowledge to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships as well as preparing them for a successful adult life. The world for all young people looks very different from the way it did 20 years ago when this curriculum was last updated – these changes bring the content into the 21st century, so that it is relevant for your child.

Your child's school will have flexibility to deliver the content in a way that is age and developmentally appropriate and sensitive to the needs and religious background of its pupils.

Relationships Education

Relationships Education will put in place the building blocks needed for positive and safe relationships, including with family, friends and online.

Your child will be taught what a relationship is, what friendship is, what family means and who can support them. In an age-appropriate way, your child's school will cover how to treat each other with kindness, consideration and respect.

By the end of primary school, pupils will have been taught content on:

- families and people who care for me
- caring friendships
- respectful relationships
- online relationships
- being safe

You can find further detail by searching '**relationships and health education**' on GOV.UK.

Health Education

Health Education aims to give your child the information they need to make good decisions about their own health and wellbeing, to recognise issues in themselves and others, and to seek support as early as possible when issues arise.



By the end of primary school, pupils will have been taught content on:

- mental wellbeing
- internet safety and harms
- physical health and fitness
- healthy eating
- facts and risks associated with drugs, alcohol and tobacco
- health and prevention
- basic first aid
- changing adolescent body

You can find further detail by searching '**relationships and health education**' on GOV.UK.

Your rights as a parent

The important lessons you teach your child about healthy relationships, looking after themselves and staying safe, are respected and valued under this new curriculum. Teaching at school will complement and reinforce the lessons you teach your child as they grow up.

Your child's school is required to consult with you when developing and renewing their policies on Relationships Education. These policies must be published online and be available to anybody free of charge.

You can express your opinion, and this will help your child's school decide how and when to cover the content of the statutory guidance. It may also help them decide whether to teach additional non-statutory content. Schools are required to ensure their teaching reflects the age and religious background of their pupils.

Some schools will start to teach these subjects from September 2019 – if you'd like to know more, please speak to your child's school about what they plan to teach.



Right to withdraw your child

You cannot withdraw your child from Relationships Education because it is important that all children receive this content, covering topics such as friendships and how to stay safe.

Your child's primary school can choose to teach Sex Education. If you'd like to know more about this, we recommend speaking to the school to understand what will be taught and when. If you do not want your child to take part in some or all of the lessons on Sex Education, you can ask that they are withdrawn. At primary level, the head teacher must grant this request.

The science curriculum in all maintained schools also includes content on human development, including reproduction, which there is no right to withdraw from.



If you want to know more about what will be taught as part of the new subjects, the best thing to do is speak to your child's school.

Have a restful break next week and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 24th February.

Andrew Markham and the School Team

Come and join us to make friends, learn new skills and have fun!

Children aged 4 to 13 years can participate in an exciting programme of indoor and outdoor activities, led by qualified and enthusiastic coaches.

Activities include: Zumba, MultiSports, Hockey, Football, Lacrosse, Rounders, Tennis, Tag Rugby, Orienteering, Mindfulness Activities, Bracelet Making, Painting, Arts & Crafts and much more!

Dates: Tuesday 18th February to Thursday 20th February.

Time: 9.30 to 4.30pm (extra time of 8.30am to 5.30pm available -£3 per am or pm session)

Venue: Wallingford School Leisure Centre OX10 8HH

Cost: £32 per day, or all 3 days for £90. Sibling discount £27/£80



We are OFSTED registered and accept Childcare Vouchers.

For more details or to reserve your places -

Email - sam@fullcirclesports.co.uk

Call - 07751 231 090

Details and booking form also available at: www.fullcirclesports.co.uk