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LPPS Newsletter

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This week, while completing their activities, the pupils have all been working really well together in their classes with the school focus on good collaboration.

Class 8 produced this amazing work for the theme:



If you are over on Key Stage 2 side you will have noticed that some of the old play equipment has disappeared a piece at a time. This is in preparation for our brand new (PTA funded) large climbing frame which will be installed next week. Fans of the A Frame should not worry, we are planning to reinstall it on the edge of the field. We acknowledge that the timing is not great but it is all we can get in the current circumstances. Parents of Class 10 (and to a lesser extent Class 11) need to be aware that the area will be cordoned off between Tuesday and Thursday next week. All the access points remain the same but for this period there will be less space where you usually stand at drop off and pick up. There remains plenty of space further back in the playground and the teachers will manage the transitions.

A change in the weather will always cause more people to drive to school. Although we have a lot more road space than many schools, we are aware that drop off and pick up are pressure points. We are also lucky to have permission to use the car park near the football club. The walk from this car park to school is the same distance as walking from the bottom of Avon Way or Tyne Avenue. No matter how difficult it is to drop off at school, please regard the safety of the children first. Do not park on pavements or across junctions. PCSOs occasionally visit at these times to ensure safety for all.

Next week is **Dyslexia Awareness Week** - this raises understanding and awareness amongst children about dyslexia; what it means, what it is and what can be done to support people who have dyslexia. On Friday staff will wear red and share a special assembly to support this cause. (Children do not need to wear red.) All our teachers and classrooms support a dyslexic friendly approach and if you would like to find out more about how you can support your child with their literacy needs please contact our SENCO Carol Turner via the office.



COMING UP.....

Parents' Evenings: We have been exploring all the possibilities around Parents' Evening in the last week of half term. There can be no visits to site and our phone lines will not support a large number of calls from numerous classes at the same time. Therefore we are planning to hold your Parent Teacher Interview by video conference. Class teachers will set these calls up securely (using the virtual waiting room system so only one family is admitted at a time). You will have the chance to reserve a 10 minute slot and then get an invitation. These meetings will mainly take place after school during the week beginning Monday 19th October. More information to follow, including what we will do if you do not have access to a device for video conferencing.

Parent Governor Elections: We have one parent governor vacancy and four nominations. We therefore will be running a Governor Election. Ballot papers have gone home with the eldest child in school today and please read the accompany letter explaining the voting process. Ballot boxes will be situated inside the school gates off Tyne Avenue and the gates entering the KS2 playground. The boxes will be supervised by members of staff from 8.30am-9.15am and 2.45pm-3.20pm next Monday –Wednesday. Thursday from 8.30am-9.30am. The vote closes at 9.30am on Thursday 8th October.

For separated families: If you require a ballot paper please email the school office.

NOTICES ...

Reminder: Admissions to school (Academic Year 21/22): If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 you must apply for a school place for your child for entry in the academic year September 2021. You will be able to apply on-line from 3rd November 2020. Please visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions for further information. NB The deadline line date for online applications is 15th January 2021.

Please remember the following:-

- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place by the deadline of 15 January 2021
- 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 2021.

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

Please visit secondary schools websites for information about 'virtual' tours/parent meetings. 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>

See further details at the end of this newsletter about Didcot Secondary Schools.

Please remember that each Friday we finish early at:-

Reception 1pm	Years 5, 3, & 1 1.10pm	Year 6, 4 & 2 1.20pm
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Andrew Markham and the school team

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP

Full Circle Sports is pleased to be running Holiday Camp at Ladygrove Park School for October Half Term. We have all necessary measures in place to ensure we are a COVID Secure Camp so your children can learn new skills and have fun!

Tuesday 27 October to Thursday 29 October (3 days)

9.00am to 4.00pm

£34 per day (£96 for all 3 days)

Sibling discount £29 per day (£86 for all 3 days)

We also have a camp running at Wallingford Sports Park for the full 5 days of half term.

We accept Childcare Vouchers. Payment required to secure place. Once booked, places are non-refundable or transferable. Should Camp not run full refunds will be offered.

For more information or to book either camp please email - sam@fullcirclesports.co.uk



Here at Perform, we are delighted to be back after a 6 month absence. We have put a lot of work into establishing a covid-secure environment for our after-school and weekend classes and are following government guidelines for *Out of School Services*.

We are offering all children an introductory free class which can be booked at this link - <https://www.perform.org.uk/free-drama-class>. Parents can also watch a video about our safety measures at [perform.org.uk/covidsafety](https://www.perform.org.uk/covidsafety)

We'd also be delighted to offer any of LPPS children a £40 discount should they decide to sign up.

Perform - watch your child shine!

A photograph of four young men in school uniforms and one man in a suit sitting around a wooden table outdoors. The man in the suit is looking towards the students. In the top left corner, there is a logo for 'Ofsted Good School 2020'. At the bottom, there is a green banner with white text.

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Inspiring excellence through Care, Courtesy and Commitment

Remote Open Evening
Tuesday 29th September 2020 6-7pm or 7.30 - 8.30pm
To book your place on one of the Remote Open Evening presentations or to book a conversation with the Headteacher to discuss admissions, please contact
admissions@st-birinus.oxon.sch.uk

A poster with a light yellow background and a large, faint circular logo in the center. The text is in a clean, sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'Explore Aureus' which features a stylized sun or starburst.

**You are warmly invited to join us for our
Virtual Year 6 Open Events:**

Open Evening: Thursday 1st October
Open Mornings: Mon 12th, Tues 13th, Wed 14th,
Thurs 15th, Fri 16th October

Visit www.aureusschool.org/548/open-events
to register to attend one of these events
Please note that the Open Mornings will be the same as the Open
Evening so you will not need to book onto both.

#creatingfutures #schoolofchoice #achievegreatness #workhard

Explore
Aureus

A photograph of three young women in school uniforms standing at a podium, speaking into microphones. The background is dark. In the top left corner, there is a logo for 'Didcot Girls' School' with the tagline 'Committed to Excellence'. In the top right corner, there is a crest. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'Ofsted Outstanding Provider'.

Didcot Girls' School
Committed to Excellence

**Virtual
Open Evening**
Wednesday 30th September
4:30pm and 6pm

To book a place visit: <http://www.didcotgirls.oxon.sch.uk/327/open-events-and-admissions>
Information about our interactive open events can also be found here

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DGS are now offering zoom meetings for year 6 parents which are detailed on their website at the link:
<http://www.didcotgirls.oxon.sch.uk/3282/primary-zoom-meetings>