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# LPPS Newsletter

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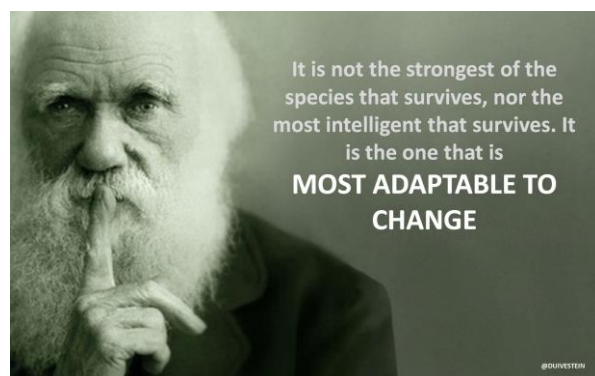
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**Ladygrove Park Primary School Photography Competition:** We are delighted to invite all children to enter a Ladygrove Park Primary Photography Competition. The theme for the competition is "Nature from your window" and entries can be emailed into the office. Get inspired and have fun! Send us your snaps of the nature you can see from your window to enter the competition. There will be fun prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and the chance to have your photo displayed in school. Have a go, take a photo - Good luck! **Deadline: Tuesday 3rd November.**

*Carrie Barringer, KS2 DHT*

**Class 14** have been learning about evolution during their science lesson this week. They were amazed to find out that Charles Darwin, one of the most prominent scientists ever, was English - born in Shropshire. Even more incredible was the 'The Great Debate' between Creationists and Evolutionists was held here, in Oxford's Natural History Museum in 1860! But Darwin did not like public speaking, so he did not attend - another scientist had to attend in his place to defend his 'dangerous' idea. A member of staff from the Natural History Museum is 'Zooming' into Year 6 next week to answer all the questions we have about evolution and The Great Debate - we can't wait!!

*Year 6 Team*



**Year 4** will be holding a Tudor activity day on Thursday 22nd October. Traditional Tudor dress is encouraged but optional. Forest school will continue as usual so please ensure that your children have a spare set of shoes and waterproof clothing.

*Year 4 Team*

This week, **year 3** have really enjoyed trying to blow down the pig's houses which they designed and made last week. With no wolf to huff and puff, we tested the house strength with a hair dryer! We have also enjoyed forest school and had a letter from the Didcot fairies!

*Year 3 Team*

**Class 12** have been very busy with their Hot Writes this week. We have been writing an extra page for "The Great Kapok Tree" and worked so incredibly hard on Wednesday morning to put all of the hard work from this term together. We have created some wonderful pieces of work and each and every one of them should be so proud of themselves!

*Miss Shepherd, Mrs Andrew and Mrs Brack*



Class 4's forest school artwork this week.

Class 10 worked as a team to make a huge maze just outside forest school this week.



## Covid update

As you will have seen from the general letter on Tuesday, this week it was necessary to close a bubble /class in Year 5. The children in the class, the teacher and TAs are now isolating. Due to our protective measures and staffing arrangements there was no wider school impact. Across the school numbers of those with symptoms currently remains low, according to our absence monitoring, but as the national cases rise it is prudent for everyone to remain prepared for any possible disruption. Our best wishes go to Class 13 while at home and undertaking remote learning again. On the note of remote learning, there is more media attention and building speculation about the 'circuit breaker' concept of a short lockdown around half term. Just as in our messages in March it is important to be clear that schools have no more insight or information than the public on these matters. Currently there is no indication that this will happen but recent history now clearly shows that things change quickly.

During this week we have conducted the final discussion covering the benefits and disadvantages of the **Friday early finish**, in terms of health, whole school closure impact and especially parent inconvenience. We continue to try to make the most accurate and timely decisions by tracking progress locally and nationally. We are always considering the balance between better decisions being made with most up to date knowledge and timely communication for you to have enough time to make arrangements. After assessing the risks and the impact, it is necessary to continue the early closing on Friday afternoons during next term and until Christmas. We are aware that this early closure can have high impact on parents' arrangements but it is an emergency measure for safety. Looking to the future, if we believe that it is necessary to continue this measure from January 2021 we will only do so following a full parent consultation- if this is necessary it will happen by November 20th and a decision made by November 27th. If we don't consult it is because we will cease closing early on Friday in January, if we do consult we will take all parent views in to account when making the next decision.

Thank you to everyone for your support as we go on this difficult journey together, at a time of close attention to health with the many disruptions this brings.

**A gentle reminder.....** we are seeing an increase in parents coming to reception to drop off items such as; water bottles, wellies, spare clothes, revision guides, reading books etc. Please do not worry about dropping off items if you realise it has been forgotten as we can provide items in school if necessary. Children will be offered water in a cup if they have forgotten their water bottle. If you do need to come to reception, we would like to remind parents to remember to wear a face mask. Our office staff (along with children and staff in their classrooms) are in protected bubbles and your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

## COMING UP.....

**Parents' Evenings:** Parents will have received an email from your child's classteacher, inviting you to a virtual parent meeting before the end of term. If you have not received an email, please contact 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020. Please visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) for further information. NB The deadline line date for online applications is 15<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

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>

Please visit websites for any secondary schools you are interested in for virtual tours and information evenings.

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***

### **Halloween Disco!**

We might not be able to get together in person, but why not online - we have organised a Virtual Halloween Disco!

28/10/2020 (WED) 17:30 - 18:15

Tickets cost £3 per household, and to ensure we are completely contactless you can purchase tickets online via [www.pta-events.com/ladygrovepals](http://www.pta-events.com/ladygrovepals)

There are only 70 tickets available for this event so grab yours before they sell out!

**PALS**



### **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](mailto:sam@fullcirclesports.co.uk)



**For other holiday camps, please visit our website and navigate to *Extended Services* tab, *Local Activities*.**