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LPPS Newsletter

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Congratulations to all the children for their achievements in this unusual term. Well done especially to our new children and parents in Foundation Stage who have coped very well with the temporary arrangements. Thank you to everyone in the school community for your support and mindfulness at this time, it has helped us to address the reintegration of the children really well. This term we have focused on 'recovery' from last year, including emotional and relationship awareness while continuing to address any gaps and apply appropriate challenge for all, going in to next term.

Puddles! Even though we undertook a large scale resurfacing in FS/KS1 a few years ago the external drains on the public road still back up when we have significantly heavy rain. It only lasts during times of rain and drains quite quickly afterwards. We will continue to be on the gate to personally redirect you if necessary.

We are currently planning ahead and have recognised that outdoor sanitiser dispensers might freeze on cold days next term. It is not a problem if you cannot use these, there are ample sources for the children to use as soon as they enter the building. As ever we will communicate any adjustments to our Covid plans as soon as we make them, but we do not expect to make any adjustments that will affect you at this time. For your information, there are currently no new cases that we know of in the community and only a few children off school with cold-like symptoms.

My thanks to all our staff who have worked tirelessly this term to make things as normal and exciting as possible for the children while maintaining the best possible level of safety for health.

On Wednesday, Chris from Oxford University's Museum of Natural History, 'Zoomed' into **Year 6** to help consolidate their learning of 'Inheritance and Evolution' from their science lessons this term. He was full of interesting facts and the children were thrilled to hear more about Evolutionist, Charles Darwin and about The Great Debate between Creationists and Evolutionists. Molly (Class 14) said, 'It was fantastic! I learnt that birds are just dinosaurs in disguise.' Chloe (Class 15) said that she loved how Chris showed lots of fossils and models, including specimens of insects that had been collected by Darwin. It was a fantastic experience, which was interactive and full of facts. Many thanks to Chris and the Museum of Natural History for this invaluable experience!

Year 6 Team

This week, **Year 3** have enjoyed writing their own fairy tales! They have had some wonderful ideas, and everyone has worked very hard. We have also planted our bulbs ready for spring time, and practised our addition and subtraction skills in maths!

Year 3 Team

Today **Year 1** celebrated the end of term with a dragon themed dress-up day. All the children came as dragons, knights or princesses and attended Dragon School for the morning, learning to roar, fly and protect a princess (alongside phonics, of course!). A huge thanks to all our parents' support in providing such amazing outfits and throughout this term. Your children have been amazing. Also, a special thanks to our mystery readers (via Zoom): Mrs Sellwood, Mrs Pearce, Mrs Li-Koo and Mr Markham - you all made the day a little bit more special! Thank you.

Year 1 Team

Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic Tudor day yesterday. Activities included making and tasting pottage, using quill and ink, creating their own family shields and finally some Tudor dancing. Big thank you to all the support staff for their hard work and parents for the costume efforts!

Year 4 Team



This week **class 2 and 3** have cut open a big pumpkin, scooped out the seeds and flesh, made a spooky face, and enjoyed a Halloween story with our candle-lit pumpkin in the (near!) dark.

F. Stage Team

Home learning: **Class 13** have completed some excellent work the past week and a half, across the curriculum. There have been lots of persuasive writing pieces about animals in peril, whose homes are being destroyed due to destructive humans cutting down trees within their home, the rainforest. In addition to fantastic writing, many children have completed some beautiful rainforest artwork, showcasing their recently learnt watercolour techniques, demonstrating excellent artistic abilities. Within geography sessions, children have researched and thought carefully about their viewpoint on deforestation, many children deciding this is a bad thing and should be stopped! The children have amazed and impressed the school staff (Class 13 staff members and the headteachers) with their impressive work pieces, more notably, their positive attitudes. Well done, Class 13! *Mrs Parsons-Boler*

Reminder: 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

Parents' Evenings: Thanks to everyone for attending the virtual parent meetings this week. There were very minimal technical hitches so we hope it was a helpful experience for you to discuss your child's development with their teacher.

Another 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 (using a personal cup) if they have forgotten their water bottle. If you do need to come to reception, for example if you are late dropping off, 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.....

Flu Vaccinations: Letters have been emailed to parents a couple of weeks ago. This is also on our website under the 'letters' tab.

ACTION IS REQUIRED as this letter contains the link to the consent form and further information about the flu vaccine. Please ensure you do this as a matter of urgency. Failure to do so will mean your child/ren will not receive this immunisation.



New Menu for Term 2 We have a new menu starting next term. This is a 2 week rota menu and details are on our website <https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/curriculum/school-menu> First week back (w/b 2nd Nov) is week 1.

NOTICES ...

A BOOK PLEA! Please could I ask that children and parents/carers of children that have been taught by Mrs Parsons have a rummage through your books to check whether you have any of Mrs Parsons personal books. There are lots of my personal collection missing ranging from books more appropriate to FS/KS1 through to Year 6, KS2. Each book has a Miss Parsons or Mrs Parsons sticker on the front, the back cover or within the first page of the book. If you find any, please inform your child's teacher and they can pass these books over to Mrs Parsons. Many thanks!

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 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

PALS CHRISTMAS CARDS: Your child's artwork which can be made into Christmas cards and other personalised gifts and keepsakes for Christmas. See it online at www.mychildsart.co.uk/order A leaflet has gone home today with your child and you can order online using the username and password. View and order now as the drawing will expire in December. Login code: LadyGrovePark Password: L288Z7qZ

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

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



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

SEND Newsletter - October 2020 from Oxfordshire County Council

The latest edition of our digital SEND newsletter is here!

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the SEND Newsletter. It features some of the latest news and opportunities to access support and information. Subscribe today!

- [Autumn SEND Newsletter](#)

How do you tell a child that they are autistic?

Sharing news of a diagnosis is a big thing and how and when you do that can have a real effect on how a young person sees themselves in the future. Getting it right and supporting them to make it a positive thing can unlock their particular set of skills and abilities and free them up to be the best version of themselves which is essential for long-term mental health.

The new **LIVE** Dream Team webinar on **Wednesday 18th November 2020 from 6.30-9.30pm** with Dean Beadle, Dawn Brown, Sally Glossop and Lynn McCann.

We bring a host of different expertise including:

- Autistic perspectives
- What it's like as a parent
- Working with young people struggling with their diagnosis
- Celebrating autistic identity

Don't forget that we have an opportunity for you to ask your burning questions of the Panel in the Q&A session at the end AND a survey on the registration page so that we can answer YOUR concerns.

How to tell your child they are autistic

Wednesday 18th November 6.30pm – 9.30pm
A webinar from 5 amazing autism specialists

Dean Beadle
Dean will discuss "Finding out you're autistic: how I made sense of who I am."

Sarah-Jane Critchley
Sarah-Jane will talk about "Step by step: the process you need to make it a positive experience."

Lynn McCann
Lynn will show resources and articles to help you have those conversations with your child.

Dawn Brown
Sally Glossop
Dawn and Sally will talk about "I am me and that's ok."

ONLY £15 per person

To find out more and book **CLICK HERE:**
<https://www.differentjoy.com/DT3HowToTellYourChild>

Can't make the LIVE WEBINAR? No Problem! There's even a replay for 7 days in case you can't make that time, or get dragged away and miss a bit. We are doing everything we can to make it accessible for as many people as possible, so please share widely!

To book go HERE <https://www.differentjoy.com/DT3HowToTellYourChild>



GUIDE
DOGS



Guide Dogs are having a ZOOM Tea Party

Wednesday 28th October 2:00 – 4:00

We can't meet up this year, so we're getting together on Zoom and including pictures, videos and chats with some of our dogs and puppies. There's also another Blind Challenge, but you'll be making a sandwich this time rather than a cream tea!

Look at our Facebook page to find the timetable, links and instructions:

<https://www.facebook.com/GuideDogsSouthOxfordshire>

Guide Dogs need your support more than ever this year, so please donate what you can at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/guidedogssouthoxfordshire>



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