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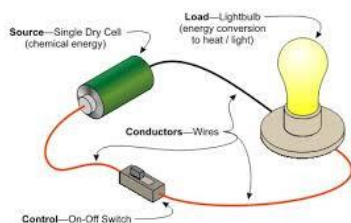
This week **Foundation Stage** have been talking about which job we would like to do when we grow up and learning more about a few different jobs such as firefighters, police officers, postal workers and paramedics. We have explored a huge variety of ambitions including youtuber, rock band musician, Mum, astronaut, ballerina, refuse collector, vet and chef. We are all really looking forward to our Sports Day and have been practising how to throw a (foam!) javelin this week. *Foundation stage Team*

Year 3 celebrated VE day in school this week, as part of their topic on World War II. They dressed up, made bunting and invitations, learnt Morse Code and enjoyed music from the 1940's. In the afternoon, the children played some games from the 1940's and learnt 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary'. They also enjoyed a picnic treat. A wonderful time was had by all! Thank you to the parents for the wonderful costumes! Pictures on the school blog. *Year 3 Team*



This term, **Year 6** have focused on the sculptors Ruth Asawa and Alex Calder, learning about what inspired them as artists and the range of works they created. They planned their own sculpture and practised the techniques they would need in order to make it, before making their final model today. Year 6 showed great resilience and creativity in the designing and making of their pieces and should be proud of their achievements in this medium! Visit our school blog for pictures!

And, this week, Year 6 have been applying their knowledge of electricity circuits and their components to creating a working alarm system, such as a car or burglar alarm. Buzzers buzzed and lights flashed if someone tried to enter! *Year 6 Team*



Year 1 has had an exciting week! The children had a dinosaur themed afternoon on Wednesday, with Chris Jarvis of the Natural History Museum showing them some fascinating fossils and specimens to learn more about dinosaurs. They were praised for their excellent questions, which formed the basis of the Zoom talk. The children even fact-checked when the dinosaurs became extinct, as in their research, they had found reference to 65 and 66 million years ago. Apparently the actual answer is 65.9mya! If you have not yet paid for this virtual visit on ParentPay, there is still time and every contribution helps us balance the budget. The children also got to dissect dinosaur poo in science that afternoon, to find the evidence to prove whether the dinosaur was herbivore or carnivore! The following day, Year 1 were very lucky to have Mr Les Hopper (Zachary's dad) talk to them (over Zoom), about how the fossils were made, with some exhibits to handle in class. Les, thank you so much for your time! Well done Year 1, you are amazing scientists asking so many questions! *Year 1 Team.*

Year 5 sang their hearts out to the song 'Livin' on a Prayer' this week. Mrs Barringer stated that, "The children's singing made my day. You all sang beautifully!" Recordings will be uploaded soon onto Class 12 and Class 13 Google Classrooms. *Year 5 Team*

Congratulations to our year 6 children who took their cycle test on Tuesday (Abi, Paige, Gowri, Kidest, Lily, Charlie, Ben and Kyle from C15). 100% pass rate! Our wonderful cycle trainers wanted to say what a lovely group of Year 6 students they had for this latest cycling course. They were beautifully behaved and courteous and it was a great experience to watch them grow and achieve success on Tuesday. Parents should all be very proud of them. Well done everyone and a big thank you to our wonderful cycle trainers.

We have now placed the lost property box back in the courtyard, on the wall at the back of the offices (the opposite end to the gates). Usually when we have days of mixed weather children leave their outer most layer on the playground or field. Reminders from supervisors and scanning of the field usually picks up the majority each playtime but some do get left. They are often picked up and placed in the lost property and this is the main reason we ask that all clothing is labelled. Confusion begins when items are not labelled and children believe they have picked up the right clothing.

Regarding covid protective measures, if you need to check the lost property box please wash your hands afterwards and wash any clothing as soon as you get it home.

COMING UP.....

Sports Week: Unfortunately this year Sports Days will not be able to go ahead as usual with all you fanatic supporters! This year we have decided to have a dedicated Sports Day P.E session, where children will be competing against other houses in class. Each class will have a House Winner, with an overall House winning across the school from points collected. Teachers will be sharing photos of the children competing on your child's Google Classroom and we are sure that the children will be having lots of fun!

Year 4 and Year 6 Hill End trips: The deadline date to pay the balance for these trips was this Wednesday (26th May). Please pay the balance by the end of today. Medical forms must also be returned by the end of today. If you have lost your forms they are available to download on our website.

Class Photos: Orders have been collected from the office yesterday. If you missed the deadline date and you want to order a class photo, you will need to visit Tempest's website to order online.

NOTICES

Our **Nursery Class** is part of our Foundation Stage unit (which is shared with our Reception classes). It provides an environment where children have fun, whilst learning through play, learning through experiences, gaining confidence and independence, in preparation for when they start full-time education in Reception in the Parents' choice of school. We are excited to announce that, from 1st November 2021 (Term 2), we will be offering Nursery places (15 funded hours) in a slightly different way. Nursery funded hours will be offered over **3 whole days** (timings to be finalised but approximate timings could be 9-3), **Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays (term time only)**. Inquiries point towards parents preferring nursery hours to fit around our main school day. If you are (or you know of any parents) interested in our Nursery, please complete our Nursery registration form. This is available to download from our website under 'Key Info', tab, 'Policies/Forms' (Nursery Registration Form), and either email to office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk or post to LPPS, Avon Way, Didcot, Oxon OX11 7GB. **Please do also support the school by promoting this adapted Nursery offer, by sharing within our local community!**



TA vacancies: Are you thinking of a career change or are you a Teaching Assistant looking for a new opportunity? We have vacancies for teaching assistants (starting in September 2021). 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 and passionate about special needs. You need to be motivated, resilient, proactive, 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 roles we are recruiting for are either in Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2 and will include a balance of: supporting children with SEND (including 1:1 support), learning support for the children, in and out of class, and general duties, as well as additional pastoral support (e.g. during break- or lunch-times). 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 on-line interview (e.g. Zoom video call) carried out by Elaine Li-Koo (Deputy Headteacher) and Carrie Barringer (Assistant Headteacher and Inclusion Manager). Further details are on our website under, 'Welcome' tab, 'school vacancies'.

Half Term, COVID Track and Trace: Where pupils, students or staff test positive for COVID-19 during half-term, having developed symptoms more than 2 days since being in school or college, no action is needed. Staff, young people, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. However, where pupils, students or staff test positive having developed symptoms within 2 days of being in school or college, you are asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school or college. Staff responsible for contact tracing are not asked to be on-call at all times and may designate a limited period in the day to receive notification of positive cases and advise close contacts to self-isolate (this can be done by text or email).

Click on this link for community larder locations [Community Larder Locations | SOFEA](#)

Reception 9am drop off 2.50pm pick up	Years 1, 3 & 5 8.40am drop off 3pm pick up	Year 2, 4 & 6 8.50am drop off 3.10pm pick up
After School Club finishes at 5.15pm		

Have a lovely half term break and we all look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 7th June. Staggered start and pick up times remain as above.

Andrew Markham and the school team

Even with the lockdown easing, it is still really important to take the time to care for yourselves. TalkingSpace Plus is a free, confidential NHS service for adults in Oxfordshire, to help people when they're feeling stressed, anxious or low and we offer our treatments online for your safety and convenience. If you feel you would benefit from support please contact our service directly on 01865 901222 or visit www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/talkingspaceplus.

Oxfordshire IAPT Service



REQUEST FROM OXFORDSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE ROAD SAFETY TEAM

We want to continue to improve the safety of child pedestrians and so we are reviewing the advice and guidance we provide.

If you are a parent / carer of primary school aged children, please provide us with your feedback by answering the questions in this survey. We would be grateful if you would encourage other parents / carers you know to complete the online questionnaire. The survey should take around 10 minutes to complete and the feedback we receive will guide our future Road Safety work.

To take part in the survey please visit

<https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/Footsteps/consultationHome>

The survey will remain open until 30th July 2021.

Thank you from the Road Safety Team.



Full Circle Sports will be running their Sports & Activity Camp at Wallingford Sports Park (OX10 9RB) during May Half Term and for 5 weeks in the Summer Holidays.

Children age 4 to 13 years will take part in a variety of sports, activities, forest school and crafts to keep them busy and active in the holidays!

The Camps are Ofsted Registered and all Coaches are qualified and insured. There are multiday and sibling discounts and Childcare Vouchers are accepted. All Camps are fully COVID Secure.

Early booking recommended as places have sold out for the last few camps. For more information and to book email sam@fullcirclesports.co.uk

Ultimate Activity Camps provide outstanding Ofsted-registered (and Covid-Safe!) activity day camps for children aged 4-14 during the school holidays, where the children's welfare and fun are at the heart of all they do! Children will enjoy a fantastic range of sports, games and art activities every week led by engaging staff at amazing locations. Running this Summer at **Cranford House School** from Monday 19th July - Friday 27th August.

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W: <http://www.ultimateactivity.co.uk/FSF>

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The advertisement features a blue sky background with white clouds. In the foreground, there are two smiling children, a boy with glasses and a girl. Above them, several circular icons depict various activities: a child climbing a tree, a child on a swing, a child on a horse, and a child on a bicycle. The text is arranged in a clear, easy-to-read layout with a mix of bold and regular fonts.

GIRLS RUGBY CAMP
TUESDAY 1ST JUNE

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[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/QJALZFCCJDBC9WDL6](https://forms.gle/QJALZFCCJDBC9WDL6)

at Didcot RFC - Boundary Park, Didcot OX11 7AR

The advertisement shows a large group of young girls in various sports uniforms (red, blue, yellow, and black) posing on a grassy field. They are all smiling and have their arms raised in the air. The background is a clear blue sky. The text is written in a bold, red, hand-drawn style font. At the bottom right, there is a small red shield logo with a white cross and a crown.