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LPPS Newsletter

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Year 1 were amazing in their Sports Day this week. They cheered on their friends and showed great sportsmanship throughout. My Humphries was surprised by their speed in the running and hurdles races, and the accuracy of their javelin throwing! Well done Year 1! We are very proud of the positive spirit you showed. In science this week, the children have finished their animal classification, with fish, amphibians and insects. They showed their knowledge of the body parts of an insect by linking with our craft-based Art & Design theme this term, to make our own insect models, complete with three body parts and six legs. Photos will be shared with our weekly update on the google Classroom. *Year 1 Team*

Class 14 had a fantastic Sports Day afternoon on Tuesday. They put their hearts and souls into each race (running, hurdles and javelin) and were encouraging to all their peers. It was lovely to see the class enjoying themselves this much. A selection of photos are on the school blog and all the photos are on our google classroom.



This week, **Year 6** have been working hard on their mini-businesses as part of the 'Money Matters' Young Enterprise scheme. The children have identified their key personal skills and applied for a business manager role based on these skills. Each mini-business has chosen a business name and has conducted online market research to enable them to make a decision regarding which of their product ideas to take forward to production. Children have also designed business logos and promotional material to advertise their product. Products made from each business will be available to be bought by parents and children at the end of week 3 - further details to follow. *Year 6 Team*

Congratulations to our new House Captains who are the last group for this year 6.

OAK: Kamila and William **WILLOW:** Abi and Ben **BEECH:** Kamdi and Cian

For those who were disappointed not to be a House Captain this year, look forward to the ample opportunities at secondary school and stay resilient.

We are enjoying the opportunities which the warm weather brings, it is great to be able to spend more time outside. Please remember that your child needs a sun hat and water bottle, plus sun cream should be applied for the sunny days.

The classes have been running their own Sports Days this week (see reports from some of the year groups above). The atmosphere has been very different without the fanatical parent fans, working hard to gain further house points for their support. Nevertheless, the children made the most of the events and it was great to see the reds, yellows and greens cheering their own house groups. The house points are being collated and a winner will be announced soon.

Staffing Updates This week saw the return of Carly Clarkson following maternity leave. Fern is coping well at home and we are glad to have the full team back together. We congratulate her for her resilience as a brand new mum throughout the pandemic.

Carrie Barringer was an ever invaluable member of SLT as Acting Deputy Head, helping us navigate the period, and now continues her SLT role as Assistant Headteacher, as previously planned.

Covid updates As you will have heard, the Delta variant has caused set backs to national recovery during half term. Oxfordshire R is now between 1 and 1.2. The South and Vale again have the highest number of cases. Ladygrove estate itself sits at similar levels to areas of Oxford city, currently high in Oxfordshire, based on cases per 100k people. During half term there were 9 cases on the estate, 6 of which were households with children at the school. With all this in mind, protective measures and close attention to symptoms continue to help us avoid any closures at school. Please keep informing us of any tests taken, with either negative or positive results.

Year 6 Music Concert will soon be available as a video on our website. With thanks to Mrs Fowkes and the Year 6 team for putting this virtual event together.

We have received praise from the **SCITT** provider (school centred initial teacher training) for the work we do with student teachers and new teachers.

COMING UP.....

Year 6 Hill End trip: Monday-Wednesday – Class 14 Wednesday-Friday – Class 15

As a reminder, children **MUST** hand in a completed COVID assessment form to their teacher on the first day of their trip as they will not be allowed to travel on the coach without it. A paper copy has been sent home again today in case you mislaid the original. It has also been emailed via ParentPay yesterday. The coach company require children and staff to wear a face mask on the coach – disposable face masks will be provided by school. The weather is looking like it's going to be warm and sunny so remember sun hats and sun cream. Finally, if your child suffers from asthma please ensure they bring their inhaler from home and hand over to their teacher. All medications are to be handed over to their classteacher.

Class Photos: Orders have arrived today and they have been handed out to children. If you were expecting an order and have not received it please let us know by emailing the school office.

NOTICES

Our **nursery** is part of our foundation stage unit (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 our reception classes. We are excited to announce, 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), Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays (term time only). Inquiries point towards parents preferring nursery hours to fit around our school day and 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 information', 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 help in promoting this change by sharing within our local community!**



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		

Andrew Markham and the school team