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LPPS Newsletter

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As an end of year treat we booked a special Oxford Playhouse outdoor tent performance for **Years 1 to 4** (in individual classes obviously). The cast of three, along with their support team, put on a larger than life, fact-filled performance to inform the children about the ongoing plight and importance of bees to the welfare of our world, it's habitats and food chains. Some classes were lucky to have an accompanying workshop making seed bombs. If you would like to make it at home, you need 2 parts seed mix, 4 parts compost and 2 parts horticultural sand, bound together with a little water and a lot of squeezing! We look forward to seeing and hearing about flowers, and pollinators, popping up over the Ladygrove estate over the summer!

Year 1 had another exciting week. On Tuesday, we enjoyed learning about different bees and why they are all so important to the world, and the ongoing success of our own food chains. Did you know that some bees only live for 6 weeks? Ask your child what other interesting facts they learnt and can teach you. To end the week, we finished our term's topic on Detectives with a dressing up day and activity afternoon. Well done Year 1 for finding all the clues and solving the mystery! *Year 1 Team*

Year 6 have been rehearsing their production, 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' all week and filming has commenced. The children have shown how talented they are in their acting abilities and we have seen some incredible performances by all involved. The children have been so resilient over the past few weeks and have helped out with anything that has needed doing - so all children were awarded with a Head Teacher's sticker as our way of saying, 'Well done and thank you!'. We hope to have this production available on the Year 6 google classrooms before the end of the term on Tuesday. *Year 6 Team*

Class 2 have loved being back in school this week and been extra busy! **Class 3** have enjoyed having a little more company over the garden dividers too! We've been talking about endangered animals and role-models this week. All the children have been trying hard to be good role models themselves and are making all the staff feel very proud of them. *Foundation Stage Team*

Year 4 had a fantastic time learning about the importance of bees at the Oxford theatre this week. We also wrote some amazing poems including metaphors and rhyming. *Year 4 Team*

Year 6 are currently really enjoying their special activity day today with Full Circle Sports offering a fun packed day. This is the final part of their 'residential experience'. This morning they have participated in 'I'm Year 6, Get Me Out of Here!' with points awarded for their problem solving. This afternoon they have 'It's the Olympics!' Our biggest thanks to Sam Abrey who has organised such a memorable day for our Year 6 children. They are ending the day with their leavers party. Pictures will be on our school blog.

Our school **Street Tag Team** has won second place in the South Oxfordshire school league! This is despite many hiccups with the Street Tag's app, which has been updated and is now running smoothly. Thank you to all those children and parents who have been out collecting tags and scoring points with their steps!

The season has now reset for summer, so keep stepping and tagging, or if you'd like to join the team, there are more details on the LPPS parent Facebook page. *Cath Deacon, TA*

Covid Update

Almost all classes are back following the peak period of isolation we experienced the last few weeks. There remains a small group of staff who have been contact traced and required to isolate; cover is being managed and monitored within bubbles. With this recent spike in mind, even though July 19th sees the end of almost all national restrictions, as a school we will maintain all our current protective measures and systems until the end of term (next Monday and Tuesday AM). We strongly recommend that everyone continues to wear a mask onsite.

From July 19th schools no longer have to contact trace on behalf of the government. We will continue to follow their advice for contacts of any positive cases and obviously share this with you. For any positive cases in our community after July 19th the contact tracing will be undertaken by 'Test and Trace'. They will still expect isolation to be followed for positive cases or close contacts but we don't know the specific details of this procedure. For the community, isolation procedures remain in place until the government review on August 16th.

We are continuing to work on the big update to our 'Full School Guidance for parents'. We still plan to get this to you by the end of the term so you can plan for next academic year.

COMING UP.....

On Monday, teachers will be introducing themselves to their new classes by zoom during the day. They will then be available to meet with parents of their current class after school to discuss reports. If you'd like to do this please get in touch via the year group email address.

Transition Letters: Teachers will be uploading transition videos on to google classrooms. Your child's new teacher will introduce themselves and their new classroom. At the beginning of Term 1 in September, year group curriculum letters will be emailed home (via ParentPay) that will go in to further details about routines, topic work and PE days.

As usual, there will be a teacher parent meeting during Term 1 for you to meet your child's new teacher, possibly face to face!

NOTICES

Further staffing arrangements for next year. Thanks to Cathryn Fernandez (our highly experienced KS2 teacher) who has agreed to support and cover Year 6 teachers and our new SCITT student through the year.

School Meals will increase to £2.45 per meal from September 2021. Children in Reception and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) are entitled to a free school meal under the Universal Free School Meal (UFSM). However, your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please email the school office at office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk for further assistance if you think you may be eligible.

Didcot Library: Please can all books belonging to Didcot Library and also school be returned and handed in to your child's teacher before the end of this term. Thank you.

Reminders:

Year 5 Kilvrough trip next summer – please continue with regular payments for this trip so it is not such a large amount to find by the deadline date. As a reminder below is a suggested payment plan:-

Amount to pay	Minimum to have been paid	Due Date
£45 Deposit	£45	31 st January 2021 (non refundable)
£30		29 th March 2021
£30		31 st May 2021
£30	£130	31 st July 2021
£45		31 st September 2021
£45		31 st October 2021
£40		30 th November 2021
£80	£345	31st January 2022 – Balance Due

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!**



It's the summer we've been waiting for and we want to continue supporting you during the holidays so that you can enjoy the best time possible!

Register for our Summer Camp '21 to receive bitesize webinars, resources and podcasts which will offer advice for you and your family and help you have even more fun along the way too!

Resources will be sent out each week and cover different topics such as:

- Circuits with sensei
- Supporting your child's mental health during the holidays
- Sleep support
- Positively planning the week ahead
- Creating fun and engaging environments for your child (without the price tag)
- Top tips for supporting your neurodiverse child this summer
- Fun activities for stimulating the brain
- Helping a child in crisis
- Top tips for going on holiday
- Managing sibling relationships
- Mindfulness
- Top tips for returning to school

And much more...

From Monday 19th July 2021 everyone who signs up will be emailed links to the resources throughout the holidays.

We hope you can join us for what's sure to be a great summer!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Last day for our nursery children is Monday 19th July.

School finishes Tuesday (20th July) after lunchtime (see timings below). School meal choices will be different on this day.
Choices are: Fish Fingers and Chips/Veggie Roll and Chips all served with salad or baked beans.

Reception 1pm	Years 1, 3 & 5 1.10pm	Year 2, 4 & 6 1.20pm
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After School Club finishes at 4.30pm

We wish you the very best summer holidays and look forward to seeing you all next year.

Andrew Markham and the school team

Full Circle Sports Summer Holiday Sports & Activity Camp

Come and join us to make friends, learn new skills and have fun!

Due to popular demand we are pleased to have opened more places for Summer Camp!
Children age 4 to 13 years can participate in an exciting programme of indoor and outdoor activities, led by experienced, qualified and insured coaches.

We are a COVID Secure camp with sole use of the building.

Activities include: MultiSports, Forest School, Lacrosse, Hockey, Football, Dodgeball, Athletics, Volleyball, Cricket, Rounders, Tennis, Archery, Tag Rugby, Arts & Crafts and much more!

Dates: 26 July to 27 August

Time: 9.30 to 4.30pm (extra time of 8.30am to 5.30pm available - charges apply)

Venue: Wallingford Sports Park (OX10 9RB)

Cost: £34 per day (sibling and multiday discounts available)

We are OFSTED registered and accept Childcare Vouchers and the Government Tax Free payments.

For more details or to reserve your places -

Email - sam@fullcirclesports.co.uk

Call - 07976 658810

Details also available at: www.fullcirclesports.co.uk

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