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LPPS Newsletter

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Congratulations to **Alyssa in Year 6** who entered a treasure hunt competition in Harwell. She won **litter pickers** and bin bag hoops for the school. This is really timely as we can now get back to doing some litter picking around the school and beyond to help our environment.

Year Three enjoyed widening their **colour palettes whilst at Forest School** this week. The children eagerly searched for multiple shades and tones (orange, brown and green), learning some interesting colour vocabulary on their travels. Some teams found an impressive 30+ shades and tones, demonstrating excellent colour detecting skills. Well done.



In Year One, we have had a busy week concentrating on our focus book '**Marmaduke the Very Different Dragon.**' We have created story maps, acted out the story using different actions then 'stepped' out the narrative. The children have excelled with their creativity!

Well done Year Ones!

Usborne Sponsored Reading Challenge

We have been so impressed by all the efforts that our children have made towards completing their Reading Challenges. Teachers have been inundated by photos of bookmarks, front covers and interesting reading positions! We hope you have also had fun at home and thank you for supporting this event which ends today. Sponsorship money should be sent in via the class teacher by Friday, 8th October

We focused on diversity this week in assemblies and in class. Applications have been coming in from Year 4 for our new pupil responsibility "**Diversity Ambassadors**". Successful applicants for the role will work with us to highlight the range of cultures in school and raise awareness while celebrating our great diversity.

Covid update

As we continue to unlock the school, here is a summary of what is happening:

- Parents do not have to use masks onsite unless they feel more comfortable doing so
- Play equipment is open to all at playtimes

In school from Monday:

- the wearing of masks for staff will be optional
 - Year groups will be able to mix so group work can be done across the two classes (such as phonics groups in FS and KS1)
 - Year groups will mix at playtime, easing pressure on zone timetabling through the day
 - Extra curricular clubs will be organised in year groups, teachers will offer clubs and organise them to start the first week after half term
 - Staggered timings will continue this term, to anticipate and alleviate any spike in the spread during the winter.
- Remember that this does not affect the amount of time pupils are being taught.

COMING UP.....

#helloyellow Friday 8th October

Next Friday we will be celebrating World Mental Health day with #helloyellow YoungMinds day. We all struggle with how we're feeling sometimes. But the little things you do can make a BIG difference. We are

**I'M WEARING
A LITTLE YELLOW
to school for YoungMinds**
8 October 2021

asking the children to wear something yellow to school on 8 October, donate £2 to YoungMinds, and show young people they're not alone with their mental health.

In school we will talk about how we can try and help others who aren't feeling at their best. We discussed giving advice, and what to say to make people smile. The children will take part in a fun well-being activity and a #helloyellow assembly. Please click here to donate: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/donate/>

Reminder: Parents' Evenings We will be holding the Parent Teacher Interviews by Zoom video conference again. Class teachers will set these calls up securely (using the virtual waiting room system so only one family is admitted at a time). You will have the chance to reserve a 10 minute slot and then get an invitation from your teacher. These meetings will mainly take place after school during the **week beginning Monday 18th October**. More information to follow from your teacher, including what we will do if you do not have access to a device for video conferencing.

Reminder: School Census Day - Thursday 7th October is national school census day when a snapshot of school data is taken and the information used to calculate our future funding. We would like to encourage ALL Children in KS1 and FS to take up a free school meal on this day in order that we can get our maximum funding. Our lovely kitchen team will be offering **Beef Burger/Vegetarian Burger in a bun with chips and beans and jelly for dessert**. Meals just need to be ordered in the usual way. KS2 children can also order this meal, payment made as normal via Parentpay unless they are entitled to Free School Meals.

Oxford Brookes Science Bizarre Saturdays!

Oxford Brookes will be hosting a one hour interactive virtual session on Saturday 2 October at 11am - 12pm. This session is FREE, fun for all the family and most suitable for 5-12 years. In the session we will be exploring things to do with light presented by Bright Sparks Science and Dr Adam Bibbey lecturer in sport psychology at Oxford Brookes University. If this is of interest, could you please advertise to your students. Registration for the event is required (<https://brookes.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtdeGpqzssHNd7x5DTwNcyYqtyXA1ifLiG>)

NOTICES ...

Term dates for this year (2021/22) and next year (2022/23) can be found on our website: <https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/contact/term-dates-1>

Extended Schools: Please remember to email any Extended Schools queries to extendedschools.lpps.org.uk and not the school office email as this service is run independently.

Andrea Warren (South Oxfordshire District Councillor for Didcot North-East including Ladygrove & Fleet Meadow) and a crew of wonderful helpers managed to tackle and clear a good amount of the **overgrown brambles** on the pavement leading directly to the school car park entrance in just over 2 hours! Her team included fellow councillor Alan, Didcot Vaccination Programme Volunteers Sam, Denise and Olivia, as well as Tom (Andrea's lovely neighbour). What a great effort from the team!

Online support for autistic women and girls

The Right Click for Women and Girls programme was developed to provide support, information and inspiration for autistic women and girls, their parents and carers, and the professionals who may be involved in their diagnosis or ongoing support.

It is an online programme that is free to access and has been supported by the Scottish Government via the Scottish Strategy for Autism funding.

Programme aims The Right Click programme has been built around themes and issues identified through a number of routes, the rationale for which and methods involved are outlined below. Our first goal centred on information: · gathering information · adding to the knowledge-base · highlighting areas of importance where perhaps more research can be done. The other goal, 'Inspiration', was in response to increasing concerns about issues of stigma and negative language around autism and how these things impact on self-esteem, life-choices and individual outcomes (Snow, 2013) (Humphrey & Lewis, 2008). What was core, was that the project should be grounded in experiences of autistic women and that the resource would be: · supportive · positive and life-enhancing.

Website: <https://www.scottishautism.org/services-support/family-support/women-and-girls-online-support>

Free School Meals (FSM): If you are in receipt of benefit support from the government you may be entitled to Free School Meals. It is important you make the school aware of this as we receive funding from the Government for families that

qualify for FSM. If you think this relates to you, please come and speak to one of us in the office (with your National Insurance Number) and we can check your eligibility. Please note this is different to Universal Free School Meals where ALL children in FS and KS1 are entitled to a free meal daily.

Caterlink Vacancy: Catering Assistant - £8.91per hour. 17.5 hours per week, term time only.

Uniform/safety shoes are provided - some catering knowledge is desirable, although full training will be given.

Please contact Liz Wilton for more information on how to apply: **Mobile:** 07471 953373 | **Office Tel:** 01892 824604 **Email:** lizwilton@caterlinkltd.co.uk **Web:** www.caterlinkltd.co.uk

Reminder: Admissions to school (Academic Year 22/23): If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 you must apply for a school place for your child for entry in the academic year September 2022. You will be able to apply on-line from 2nd November 2021. Please visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions for further information. NB The deadline line date for online applications is 15th January 2022.

Please remember the following:-

- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place by the deadline of 15th January 2022
- 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 online for secondary schools and the closing date is 31st October 2021.

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>

Secondary School Open Events:

Families are warmly invited to join us at Aureus School for our autumn open events.

Year 5 and 6 Open Evening – Thursday 7th October, 5-7pm

Join us for a student-led tour of the school, meet some of our wonderful teachers, take part in activities and listen to a talk from our Headteacher, Ms Hunter (there will be two talks taking place at 5.15pm and 6.15pm).

Year 6 Open Mornings – Monday 11th October and Monday 18th October, 9-10am

The morning will consist of a student-led tour of the school and a talk from Ms Hunter.

The open mornings will primarily be for Year 6 families. Year 5 Open Mornings will be held in the Summer Term.

To register your place, please visit <http://www.aureusschool.org/548/open-events>

Didcot Girls' School

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School Tours 2021

Tours will take place on the following mornings

Please note that we can only accept one adult and one child per family

Monday 4th October	Tuesday 5th October	Thursday 7th October
Friday 8th October	Monday 11th October	Tuesday 12th October
Wednesday 13th October	Thursday 14th October	Monday 18th October
	Tuesday 19th October	

All School Tours 9am-11:15am

To book a place please use the links on the Open Events page of our website

Open Evening

Wednesday 29th September

4:30pm-7:30pm

No booking required

Half Term Activities

Full Circle Sports Holiday Sports & Activity Camp

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

We are pleased to be running October Camp at Wallingford Sports Park once again.

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

Dates: 25 October to 29 October

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

Staggered drop off and pick up times

We are currently keeping these timings but will communicate any changes as much in advance as possible.

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
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After School Club finishes at 5.30pm

Andrew Markham and the school team