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LPPS Newsletter

It is wonderful that we continue to see elements of normality creeping back in to school. Some examples of this: Willowbrook sports centre has now reopened to school use, as we returned from a great PE session with Year 3 yesterday, Year 6 cyclists were just coming back from their weekly sessions down the road. Days are refilling with activity outside classes such as in-person Peer Mentor and House Captains meetings, all the after school clubs like Netball and Football and in-school clubs like Girls STEM and Computing. Plus classes have started using the library again.

Year 6 Last Friday, year 6 participated in a live zoom with RAL all about 'Batteries - salt, lemons and helping the planet' to support their current learning on climate change and in preparation for when they learn about electricity. During the event the children had a virtual trip to the ISIS Neutron and Muon Source, and the Boulby Underground laboratories to learn about how energy can be stored. The children used their new knowledge of 'Tinkercad' (gained from their computing lessons at school) to create their own circuit diagrams. This was an extremely fun session!

Maths Challenge Yesterday, four members of Year 6 attended a maths challenge with children from across the county at St Edwards School in Oxford. Our four mathematicians, Aalaya, Aarish, Eleanor and Rohan took part in three rounds of mathematical problems, competing against other schools, in pairs. Each school had two teams working on different problems. As they raced, they faced problems of increasing difficulty including: finding values, countdown conundrums and problem solving. Congratulations to all four of them for competing in such an exciting and interesting challenge, and felicitations to Aalaya and Rohan, who came second out of all the schools competing in their challenge.

Assemblies this week Through the week we have been talking to the children about the reasons we observe Remembrance Day. On the 11th we held a ceremony on the field with Mrs Fowkes playing the Last Post before and the Reveille after the school fell silent. Mrs Addison and pupils also made a special display of wooden crosses with poppies at the side of the outdoor classroom on the field. Please go to the [blog](#) to see photos of this event.

Covid Update There have been singular cases in a few classes this week but there appears to be no case spread within classes at this point. Inform Letters continue to go out in the event that a case has arisen in a child who had recent previous contact with the class.

COMING UP...

Children in Need is next Friday (19th November). Children can come to school dressed in one colour (matching tops and bottoms) so we have a 'rainbow' theme throughout school. Please donate £1 to Children in Need via ParentPay – click on this link <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=5870> We will announce the total amount raised in next week's newsletter.



NOTICES

Reminder: All children in primary school will be offered a **flu vaccine** next month. This is a school based programme and the immunisation team will be in school on Friday 3rd December. Further information about this will be sent home in November so for now, please pencil the date in your diary.

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>

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

Reception	Years 1, 3 & 5	Year 2, 4 & 6
9am drop off 2.50pm pick up	8.40am drop off 3pm pick up	8.50am drop off 3.10pm pick up

After School Club finishes at 5.30pm

Andrew Markham and the school team

Messages from PALS

Fund-Raisin!

Thank you to everyone who returned their raisin boxes full of coins - this has raised a fantastic £315! This money will contribute towards refreshing the markings in the playground so will be well spent. Thank you again to Tesco who helped with the initial cost of buying the raisins, and of course to all parents, family and friends who contributed.

Santa's Grotto - Saturday 4th December - 2-4pm

Santa is coming to visit! This will be an outdoor event, all tickets need to be pre-booked and cost £4 per child. Price includes meeting Santa, a gift, making reindeer food and a biscuit and a cup of squash. Chocolate tombola, raffle tickets, and hot drinks and mince pies will also be available to buy on the day.



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If anyone is able to offer an hour of their time on the day by helping with our stalls, please contact ladygrovepals@gmail.com.

If you are unable to help on the day but would still like to support the event we are looking for chocolate and sweet donations for our Chocolate Tombola. Boxes will be placed at both entrances to school next week for you to put these items in. Any donations big or small are very much appreciated!