

This week...

Jubilee Celebrations

Class 1 kicked off our Jubilee celebrations this week on Wednesday with their jubilee picnic (inside due to weather), wearing their beautiful crowns and the colours of the Union Jack.

Today, all children across the school enjoyed lunch outside in the beautiful sunshine. Then throughout the afternoon, they played games, decorated crowns and flags, danced to 50's music and watched Andy Pandy!



Celebrations ended with the whole school singing a resounding song called 'The Long Walk', specially composed for the Jubilee by Emily Barden and students from Windsor schools, and kindly shared by James Manwaring, Director of Music Windsor Learning Partnership. The piece began with our choir singing an opening verse, with the rest of the school joining in with three harmonising parts to create an uplifting, jubilant occasion.

We were delighted to receive a donation from the Didcot Library of a book to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, *'There Once is a Queen'* by Michael Morpurgo.

We would also like to say a very big thank you to John Whippy for his generosity in providing all the children with an ice lolly treat for the celebrations today.



This week, **Year 2** finished their Viking topic with a Viking theme day. We wrote our name in runes, baked bread, made shields to battle with and went on an archaeological dig. Thank you so much to parents for the wonderful costumes; everyone looked amazing and the Year 2 team were so impressed with all of those that went above and beyond to make their own shields etc at home too. What a fantastic way to end our topic!



Year 3 VE Celebration Morning

This term, Year 3 has been learning about children in World War Two. Yesterday, we celebrated VE day as a year group. We enjoyed cake and tea in the courtyard and sang wartime songs. Thank you everyone for bringing in cakes to share and for creating such inventive costumes. We all had a brilliant time!

Year 5

This week our Year 5s have been making cyanotype prints during forest school, producing some lovely art work using natural objects and colour changing paper, powered by sunlight. They have also revisited using square lashing to make colourful initials using sticks and wool.



Year 6 - Money Matters

Year 6 have started their 'Young Enterprise' project, which will continue into next term. The children developed their team building skills as they worked together to produce bracelets. They were initially given a £60 loan - which they had to pay back at the end. The loan was used to buy the necessary resources. Once produced, the bracelets could be sold for £40 (if they were of acceptable quality) and the children could then decide whether to make more. The idea was to make the most profit!



Cycling Proficiency

This week, we congratulate our latest cohort of Year 5 cyclists who undertook their Cycling Proficiency written and practical tests. All of them have passed their Cycling Proficiency Level 2. Well done!

Assembly

This week we moved to talking about democracy, the way parliament was formed and how it works now. This was tied into how the monarchy is involved and the current celebrations.

Book sale by Year 5s

Congratulations to the Year 5s Lillian and Rosie for their book sale last Friday. They raised £56.52 for the Hedgehog Sanctuary in Wallingford. Following the sale they continued to sell the books to neighbours and finally raised £150!

Phoenix Taekwondo



On Saturday 14th May, Didcot's premier martial arts club, Phoenix Taekwondo, performed a unique Taekwondo charity stage show at the Amey Theatre Abingdon. The show celebrated 25 years of the club and all the ticket proceeds went to support the local Oxfordshire charity, 'Be Free Young Carers (BFYC)' (supporting the lives and well-being of young carers in Oxfordshire). The hire of the theatre and all other production costs were covered by the club. Amongst the 120 strong martial artists on stage, a half were either current or former students from LPPS with a 50-50 split between girls and boys, many of whom have been with the Phoenix team for 5-10 years (along with many parents performing). On the day there were members as young as 5 years old performing on stage in front of 300 spectators, showing amazing confidence, courage and character building!

The event was completely sold out and attended by the new Mayor of Didcot. Phoenix Taekwondo and their students managed to raise an astonishing £2500 for the BFYC charity. Phoenix Taekwondo provide Taekwondo classes for all ages at the Willowbrook Leisure Centre.

BFYC were quoted as “it was fantastic you must be extremely proud of all your students. We are very grateful to have been invited and even more so for the kind donation from Phoenix Taekwondo.”

Phoenix Taekwondo have classes just across the road at the Willowbrook Leisure Centre. To find out more about Didcot’s Phoenix Taekwondo Club find them at: www.phoenixtaekwondo.net or phoenix.taekwon@gmail.com

Chris Pearson (Instructor at Phoenix Taekwondo)

Coming up this term...

Monday 6th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of Term
Thursday 9th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PALS Non-uniform day
Thursday 16th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Production 6.15pm
Friday 17th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Production 1.30pm
Saturday 18th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Fete
20th-24th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 at Kilvrough
27th-1st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get Active Week for whole school
Wednesday 29th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Day (as part of Get Active Week) FS and KS1 in the morning. KS2 in the afternoon.
4th-8th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 at Hill End
Wednesday 13th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrating Cultural Diversity Day- children can choose if they would like to come to school wearing clothes that represent their particular background/culture. More information in the main newsletter nearer the time.
Monday 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am (further details to follow) Year 6 Leavers Party (BBQ and Water Fight included)

Notices

As part of our monitoring of the play equipment and pre-emptive decommissioning we sadly had to remove the well loved parallel bars in KS2. These will be replaced as soon as possible, hopefully with something entirely similar as we know how many of the children love using them.

Word of the week!	See this week’s ‘word of the week’ at the end of this newsletter
Clubs	A reminder that clubs will continue for three weeks into Term 6, ending week commencing 20th June. There are no further sign up forms to complete.

ParentPay & Trip Consent

As it is the end of term, please check your ParentPay account and pay off any outstanding balances.

For trips taking place during school hours, consent can be given through ParentPay for your child. Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

Summer Fete**Saturday 18th June, 2pm-5pm**

We will be having a fancy dress costume stall at the summer fete. If you have any costumes to donate, particularly if they are themed to the class dress up days, there is a box located at the Avon way gates for you to drop them in.

In preparation for the Summer Fete we are holding a non-uniform day across school on **Thursday 9th June**. In return we are asking for donations of any of the below to be given to a PTA committee member on school gates that morning.

- ★ Sweets for the Sweet Tombola stall (sweets preferable to chocolate that can melt!)
- ★ A bottle of wine for our "Wine or Water" tombola
- ★ Suggested donation of £1 that we can put towards buying additional sweets

PTA committee members will be at both the Tyne Avenue and Avon Way entrances to collect items, or to take donations via our card readers. Cash donations can be made at the entrance or given to your teacher on your way into class.

We have lots of stalls and games planned for the summer fete, which means we need helpers on the day to run them. If you are able to help in any way please email PALS at ladygrovepals@gmail.com. We need people for 90 minute or 1 hour time slots, as well as to help set up on the day or clear up afterwards. The fete is Saturday 18th June, 2pm-5pm. We look forward to hearing from you!

Quirks animal roadshow will be visiting our school fete this year. Children can get up close to reptiles and other animals. Tickets will be £3.50 per child and can be pre-booked by clicking [on this link](#).

Raffle tickets for the summer fete have been sent out in book bags. We have some great prizes including a family ticket to the Harry Potter Studios and tickets to Truck festival plus many vouchers for local days out. Please return the stubs and money to school ahead of the fete on 18th June. Tickets are £1 each.

The popular plate smash stall will be back this year. We will be collecting donations of unwanted plates and bowls. Please leave your donations outside the school garage located in the car park.

From our Inclusion Team

We know that finding things we are grateful for helps to boost our happiness levels. This half term, why not have a go at the gratitude treasure hunt below as a family?

Gratitude Treasure Hunt

Explore your surroundings and find things you're grateful for. How do they make you feel?



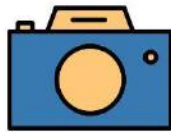
☐ Something that makes you smile



☐ Find someone that makes you happy



☐ Find something beautiful



☐ Find something that reminds you of a good memory



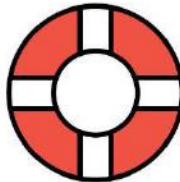
☐ Find something that is unique to you



☐ Find something that makes you feel calm



☐ Find something that represents you



☐ Find something that makes you feel safe



☐ Find something you love in nature



☐ Find something you can share with someone else



☐ Find something you are grateful for



☐ Find something that reminds you of a loved one



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Open Morning School Tours

for current Year 5
students

9am-10:15am

Tuesday 7th June
Wednesday 8th June

Tuesday 14th June
Wednesday 15th June

Tuesday 21st June
Wednesday 22nd June

parking will be available
through the **Main Gates**,
Mereland Avenue

*to book a tour,
please visit:*

[www.st-birinus-school.
org.uk/openevents](http://www.st-birinus-school.org.uk/openevents)

We kindly request
one adult per family
for the tours



OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 5th October 2022

5:30pm-8:00pm



Headteacher talks to take place at 6pm and 7pm

NO BOOKING NECESSARY

Word of the Week

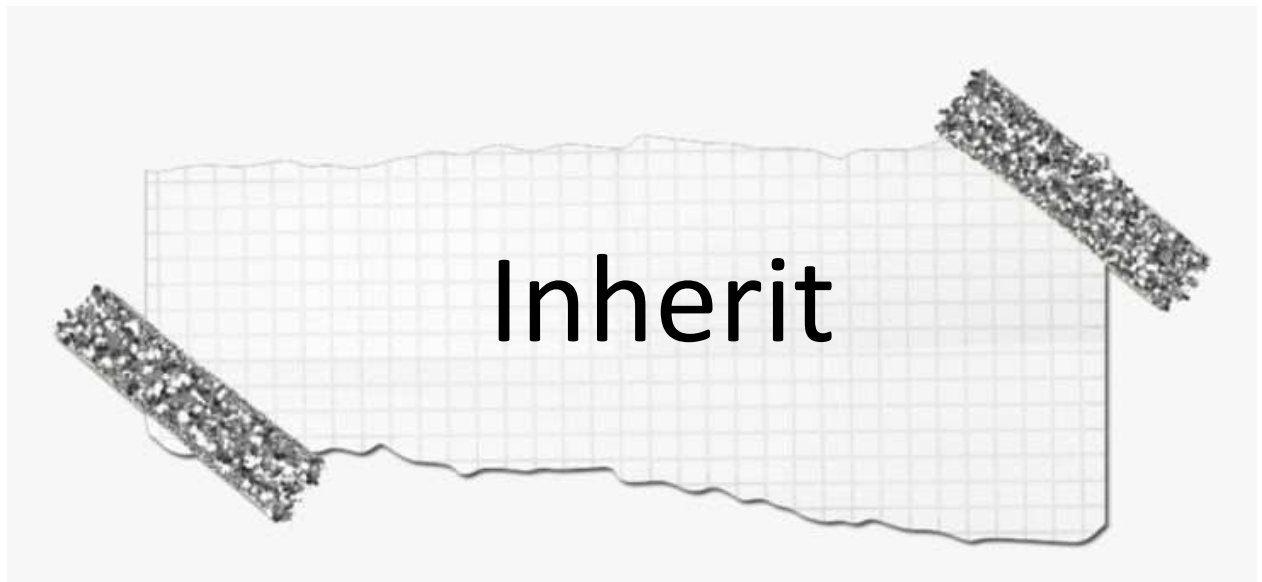
for Key Stage 1





 Meaning	 Challenge
Strange and frightening.	What places might be eerie ?

Word of the Week

for Key Stage 2



 Meaning	 Challenge
Money or a house that a person gives to others after they die.	Ask family members of they have ever inherited anything.



Family Fun Day & BBQ

Dear Friends at Ladygrove Park Primary School,

We would love for you to join us
for a great afternoon of fun at our

Family Fun Day & BBQ

to celebrate the

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Didcot Baptist Church (Wantage Road)

Friday 3rd June - 2.30pm

Includes **FREE**

**Bouncy Castle, Stalls, Craft,
Games, Quiz and Cream Tea!**



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ALL ARE WELCOME!



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The event is planned to run from 2.30-5.30pm, with the Cream Tea due to start at 4.45pm.



Join Us




Didcot Community Kitchen

**12 - 3pm every Friday
From 20 May
Free lunch & coffee**

King Alfred Drive Community Centre
2 King Alfred Drive, Didcot OX11 7NU





A team of locals, including Cllr Mocky Khan, made a decision to cater for the needs of the diverse Didcot community.

Didcot Community Kitchen is open to all and is a judgement free space.

Join us for lunch, a hot drink, and a natter, as we come together and support one another.

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**Any questions? Contact us on
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