

Newsletter #35

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A belated thank you to <u>Perform</u> who ran a workshop for Year 5 and 6 last Monday. After warming up with an activity to teach parts of the stage, the children were requested to help out with an adaptation of Jack and The Beanstalk, and work

in groups to create freeze frames which really showed the action at that point in the story. Children ended up being cross mums, beans, beds, let alone cows! After showing great teamwork, the children then worked individually to use their bodies to show an 'alphabet' word. The workshop was entertaining and impactful, with the children eagerly thinking about and improving their performance skills.



This week...

Foundation Stage Beach Afternoon









On Wednesday this week, all of the children in our EYFS setting experienced a 'Beach Afternoon'. As nearly half the children had little to no experience of the beach, the adults were keen to give them a great afternoon. Children used resources to make creative castles with their friends as part of a sandcastle competition judged by Mr Markham.

Police Visit Year 2 and Year 6

This week, Jason and Laura from the police visited KS1 on Wednesday to tell the children all about the work they do. They showed them the story of PC Ben and his day as a police officer and how it was his job to help people and keep people safe. Afterwards, they went to the playground where Jason and Laura had their police van! Jason turned on the lights and the siren to show them what happens when they need to get somewhere quickly. Finally, they locked the children up in groups at the back of the van where they had a cage. Laura helped everyone escape though!

On Tuesday, officers came to Year 6 for their annual talk about social media: the pitfalls, the dangers, how to stay safe but most importantly how to avoid (unintentionally or otherwise) breaking the rules on social media, including the possible consequences.

Year 3 had great fun as scientists this week when they experimented by adding ingredients to cola. We found out what happens when we add water, milk, bicarbonate of soda and mentos. We were amazed at what happened! I think our faces say it all!

Year 6 Production

Year 6 were vibrant, completely engaged and full of character for 'Shakespeare Rocks' which really sums up their time as a year group here at Ladygrove. They had only a couple of weeks to practise and were still excellent in their acting and singing. Thank you and well done to all involved in their achievement- and especially the work of Mrs Coleman and Dr Shorrock.

Next... Kilvrough!



Assembly

We went back to our school motto this week and talked about collaboration. The main focus is that collaboration is vital between children to achieve greater things and this skill is important to success as an adult.

Coming up this term...

Saturday 18th June	Summer Fete 2- 5pm
20th-24th June	Year 6 at Kilvrough
27th-1st July	Get Active Week for whole school (see below) - PE KIT ALL WEEK
Wednesday 29th June	 Sports Day (as part of Get Active Week) Parents are welcome to attend and support. Entrance via Tyne Avenue gate. FS and Y1 9 - 9.45am Y2 & Y2 1 - 2pm Y4, Y5, Y6 2 - 3pm Please ensure children come with water, hat and sunscreen and that they will need to come in their PE kit.
Thursday 30th June	Music Concert 5 - 6pm - for invited pupils
4th-8th July	Year 4 at Hill End
11th-15th July	Reports will be sent home throughout this week
(New date) 11th July	 Year 6 at Willowcroft for a session of PE with the Year 6s from our partner schools in OPEN. Moving On day - children will go to their new class and teacher for next year
Wednesday 13th July	 Celebrating Cultural Diversity Day- children can choose if they would like to come to school wearing clothes that represent their particular background/culture.
Friday 15th July	Year 6 Leavers Party (BBQ and Water Fight included)
Monday 18th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am (further details to follow)
Tuesday 19th July	Last Day of Term - early finish. No ASC.

Notices

During the heatwave this week, we applied our risk assessments to ensure the children were appropriately catered for. The field has some areas of shade for pupils to use if they wish but the staff also continuously make professional judgements on limiting timings and activity types, at times of extreme temperatures. We also spend extra time ensuring the provision is correct: that children are using their water bottles and have further access to water, they have sunscreen and hats (where needed) and are monitored closely while outside. The design of the school is effective, to a large extent, at resisting the heat, but we always continue to monitor and would inform you in advance if ever we felt that we should close any part, or all, of the school.

In short, be assured that we approach heat waves with the same rigour of assessment and the same close monitoring of the children as we did during pandemic, as we did during Storm Eunice and as we do for any snow closure.

Information about walking to Secondary School for Year 6 from the Local Authority

With the summer holidays fast approaching, the thoughts of your Year 6 children and their parents will be turning to their move on to new secondary schools. They will face many changes at this time, including travelling to school on their own perhaps for the first time.

The number of child pedestrians hurt rises significantly around 10-12 years old – the time at which they begin to go out unaccompanied by adults.

The summer holidays will be the perfect time for your Year 6 children and their parents to prepare for this journey to their new school. The Road Safety team have produced an updated version of their Transition Guide for Parents, information which will help parents prepare their child for the new journey to secondary school.

The Transition Guide PDF is attached with this newsletter.

Word of the week!	See this week's 'word of the week' at the end of this newsletter
Library Trip Next Wednesday (22nd June)	Next Wednesday morning, Year 3 will be walking to the library for another chance to borrow a book and spend some time exploring how they are kept and organised. The children do not need a library card. If you still have a library book from our last visit, please ensure your child has this book with them next Wednesday to return. Some of the children have already returned them. All children need a rucksack to carry their books back to school in and a water bottle for the journey. We will be back for lunch.
Get Active Week 27th-1st July	During Get Active Week children will have the opportunities to take part in a range of sports sessions, including golf, aerobics and taekwondo to name a few. They will also take part in a daily mile and learn about ways to keep healthy. Sports Day is held during Get Active Week to celebrate the children's participation and enthusiasm. More information will follow but please be ready to send your child in in their PE kit, with a water bottle and with adequate sun protection, including a hat.





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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

> 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



All Star Football Academy Oxford LTD- Didcot Camp



From Monday 25th July 2022 to Friday 2nd September 2022

Open to all boys and girls of all abilities aged 5-14 years old.

Daily Prices:

10:00-15:00 £15.00 Early Drop Off 08:00-15:00 £17.50 Late Pick Up 10:00-17:30 £17.50 08:00-17:30 £20.00

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All 5 days during a week=£65

Venue: All Saints C Of E Primary School, Tamar Way, Didcot, OX11 7QH

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