

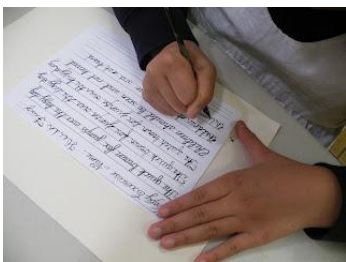
This week...

A very big thank you for your donations to the Poppy Appeal. In our district £31,053.77 was collected, of which a fantastic **£258.90** was collected by Ladygrove Park Primary School.



On Wednesday, **Year 1** went on a very exciting walk to the post box! They have written letters to Santa, telling him how good they have been and letting him know what they would like for Christmas. The children posted their letters, and are very excited to hear back from him. All the children were brilliantly behaved, well done Year 1!

Year 5 have had a fantastic day exploring the Oxfordshire Museum, though most importantly, experiencing how school would have been for a Victorian child. We tried recording work on slates, writing with dip pens in Copper Plate handwriting, Victorian style teaching and of course their punishments! What was most brilliant is that the children all seemed to enjoy different aspects (or all!) of their day, either looking at the treasures of the museum galleries, looking at local discoveries, the tortures of the classroom, or simply the opportunity to have fun with friends, so there was definitely something for everyone. We would like to thank the Oxfordshire Museum for hosting us, as well as encouraging a visit, as we definitely could not experience all the museum had to offer!



Over the last few weeks in **After School Club**, we have been busy making material wands by choosing sticks from the school grounds, cutting scrap material to various sizes which we have then tied to the twigs. We enjoyed the feelings of an autumnal sensory tray where we scooped red, orange and red rice, crunchy fallen leaves and conkers or felt them crunch in our hands. Old bin bags and sticks were made into kites and we raced them across the field.

We have also made a giant gingerbread house as collaborators. We have used our planning skills to decorate, cut and furnish the home using various junk model ingredients.



Assembly

This week we continued to cover the foci of the national anti-bullying week, from last week. This included a deeper understanding of what it means to (a) be rude, to (b) be mean and to (c) bully. This is an important distinction for the children to continue to master, for themselves and others. While understanding that all 3 things break our school rules and lead to consequences, bullying (which involves repeated, targeted and unreturned acts) is the most serious and therefore dealt with through strict consequence.

The Monday assembly also introduced Year 5 to the invitation to become a Peer Mentor. The deadline is Monday 28th and any Year 5 who would like to apply for the role just needs to write a paragraph answering the question: *"What I would do if I became a Peer Mentor"*. Hand applications to your class teacher who will pass them to me for shortlisting.

Pupil Responsibility Groups

The Diversity Ambassadors continued their assemblies from last week, introducing themselves and talking about the work they intend to do this year to raise the importance of celebrating difference.

The Eco Development Team have continued to make posters to highlight environmental mindfulness around school and also finalising their stall for the Christmas Fete tomorrow. They will be selling a range of books and continuing to raise money for the redesign of Forest School B at the start of next year.

Ladygrove Park Primary School Students - National Taekwondo Medallists

On the 13th November, students from LPPS competed in the British National Taekwondo Championships at the University of Worcester as part of the local Didcot Phoenix Taekwondo Club based at Willowbrook Leisure Centre. This is the biggest Taekwondo event in the country, like the FA cup of Taekwondo with almost 600 competitors from clubs across the country taking part. The competition was an all-day event and was intensely competitive. We are delighted to announce that 5 LPPS students are now national silver medallists! Congratulations to Rohan, Sammie, Alex, Rachael and Isaac on their amazing achievements. These are fantastic results for these young athletes and the school, reflecting on the dedication, focus and hard work put in by the children over the months leading up to the event. For more information about Phoenix Taekwondo visit: www.phoenixtaekwondo.net



Dates for the term ahead...

PALS Christmas Market

The weather forecast appears to be holding for us: 'overcast'. We look forward to seeing you at the wide range of stalls around the school and possibly in the library with our special visitor! It's 2-4pm tomorrow Saturday 26th November.

Tickets for the Year 2 Christmas Production, *'Everyone loves a baby'* will go on sale **from next Monday 28th November**. There is a suggested voluntary contribution of £2 per ticket with a maximum of 4 tickets per child. Show times are 9am and 2pm on Thursday 15th December. Please come to the school office to purchase tickets.





For the Foundation Stage & Year 1 sing song, tickets are not required, however at the end of the event we will be having a collection box for any donations towards school funds.

Saturday 26th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PALS Christmas Market, 2-4pm
Monday 28th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 2 Christmas Production ticket sales!
Wednesday 30th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 3 & Year 6 Geography Trip (local environment)

Friday 9th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Jumper Day - Children can come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers! Suggested donation of £2 will be shared between PALS and Save the Children. PALS Committee Members will be on each gate to take cash or card payments on your way into school. The Roving Bookshop in school (see below)
Monday 12th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foundation Stage Sing Song to Parents and Carers - 9am FS Christmas Lunch - ALL OTHER YEAR GROUPS REQUIRE PACKED LUNCH
Tuesday 13th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 Christmas Sing Song to Parents and Carers - 9am Years 1 & 2 Christmas Lunch - ALL OTHER YEAR GROUPS REQUIRE PACKED LUNCH
Wednesday 14th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 3 & 4 Christmas Lunch - ALL OTHER YEAR GROUPS REQUIRE PACKED LUNCH
Thursday 15th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 Christmas Production to Parents and Carers - 9am and 2pm. Years 5 & 6 Christmas Lunch - ALL OTHER YEAR GROUPS REQUIRE PACKED LUNCH

Notices

Word of the Week	Please see below for this week's Word of the Week.
Sickness and Absence	<p>A reminder to notify the office every day of your child's absence. Please either email office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk or call to leave a message on 01235 519235 by 9am. Clearly state your child's full name, class and the specific reason for absence (including the symptoms of the illness).</p> <p>Please note that if your child is ill for 3 days or more, ensure to consult your GP and to inform the school of the outcome.</p> <p>For further information, please see our Attendance Policy on our website.</p>
Christmas Lunches	<p>Thank you to all those that completed the form to order a Christmas lunch for your child. <u>The deadline has now passed and no more orders can be taken.</u></p> <p>If you have ordered a Christmas lunch for your child, the item will now appear on ParentPay. Under the Lunchtime meal activity section, click on 'View taken meals and menus' and then find the date of your child's Christmas lunch. You will see a green  for this date.</p> <p>If you have any queries, please contact the school office.</p>
Bank Holiday	Due to King Charles' III coronation, an extra Bank Holiday is scheduled for Monday 8th May 2023. The Term Dates have been updated on the website to reflect this.
The Roving Bookshop 	<p>On Friday 9th December, The Roving Bookshop will arrive at school in the morning and shop assistants will transform The Hall into a bookshop for the day.</p> <p>The shop sells over 3000 high-quality and critically acclaimed books from a whole host of publishers, ensuring we are providing our children with the best titles out there. Each class will have a 15 minute slot at the bookshop to browse and buy a book of their choice. Envelopes for cash and more information will go home soon and, if you wish your child to buy a book at the bookshop, must be returned by</p>

Friday 9th December. Any money that comes in before the 9th December will be kept safe until the bookshop arrives on Friday.

Prices of books range from approximately £3-£10 and familiar adults will be on hand to help your child choose an appropriate book.

The bookshop will be open before (8.30am) and after (until 4pm) school for parents and carers to browse and buy; a perfect chance to buy Christmas presents for loved ones. You can enter via the car park hall doors. Parents/carers are welcome to pay with cash, cheque or card.

As with the previous book fair, the bookshop runs on a commission basis; the more money our families spend, the more money the school has to spend to buy high-calibre resources for our children to use. We appreciate all your support with this!

Admissions to Primary School (Academic Year 23/24): If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 (inclusive), you need to apply for a primary school place for September 2023. You will be able to apply on-line from 1st November 2022. Please visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions for further information. NB The deadline line date for online applications is 15th January 2023.

Please remember the following:-



- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place by the deadline of 15 January 2023
- 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>

Word of the Week

for Key Stage 1





 Meaning	 Challenge
To get upset because you can't sort out a problem.	Act out being frustrated , showing it with your face and body.

Word of the Week

for Key Stage 2



 Meaning	 Challenge
There is mayhem when a situation is chaotic, people are confused and not following the rules.	If there was mayhem in the classroom what would you see?



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Is your child **3** or **4** years old?

Primary school place – you must apply now

If your child was born on or between **1 September 2018** and **31 August 2019**, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Deadline for applications is **15 January 2023**.

Apply online at

**[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/
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