



Newsletter #16

Friday 13th January 2023

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[Standard Termly Reminders](#)

This week...

Congratulations to our new House Captains

Oak	Willow	Beech
Lily Rose	Charlotte	Madie
Luca	Alex	James

They will continue to undertake the usual house captain roles such as collecting up the house points. They will also lead the other pupils with responsibilities, including the Peer Mentors and Diversity Ambassadors.

Pupil responsibility groups

The **Diversity Ambassadors** are about to start a new project in which they pose scenarios to the children. 'What would you do...?'

The **Peer Mentors** have yet to meet this term but they already have plans for leaflets and videos about friendship, dealing with worries and more.

The **Eco Development Team** are addressing litter, bins and electricity waste in their action plan.

A new group of Year 5 **Digital Safety Leaders** have been introduced to their role yesterday by the previous DSLs (now in Year 6). They will start work on spreading the word about password protection, fake news and how to keep safe online (as well as not inadvertently causing any problems online).

Times Tables Rockstars!

Ladygrove children have been working very hard on their times-tables with the aim of supporting their class to win the Term 2 class battles. Results are as follows:



Class 8 beat Class 14

Class 13 beat Class 15

Class 12 beat Class 11 (what a battle!!)

Class 9 beat Class 6

Class 10 beat Class 7

New battles have been set up as follows:

Class 9 V Class 7

Class 14 V Class 11

Class 15 V Class 12

Class 8 V Class 6

Class 13 V Class 10

Children have until the end of the February holidays to score points each time they play TTRS to help their class win!

In addition to class battles, we also have individual winners.

For term 2, the highest number of coins earned goes to: 3rd Molly (Class 12) 2nd Amelie (Class 8) 1st Om (Class 6)	For term 2, the most improved in accuracy are: 3rd Masie (Class 7) 2nd Amelia (Class 10) 1st Elsie (Class 10)	For term 2, the most improved in speed are: 3rd Alex (Class 11) 2nd Oneli (Class 12) 1st Aashirya (Class 11)
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Well done to everyone who has taken part! Keep up the good work - times-tables are key to success in maths.

Sharing Cultural Background and Faith

We are looking for some willing volunteers who would like to come and share about their religion or faith to children at Ladygrove. Children learn about different festivals and how religion shapes and guides people in their daily lives. It would be really beneficial for our children to hear first hand about how religion impacts real life.

If you would be prepared to work alongside teachers to help answer children's questions or even give a short talk about a certain festival or aspect of your religion please speak to Cathryn Fernandez (RE link and PPA teacher) or let the office know. It would be helpful to have a contact email and the religion / faith you are able to support with.

Assembly

This week we have focused on Positive Mental Attitudes as a way to start the new year with confidence. PMA is also our Green Rule. We looked at how to build and maintain confidence through a positive attitude. We also tied this in with a renewed drive on mindfulness. The assemblies had an element of meditation in them- simple visualisations and a focus on breathing to help clear space in the mind.

Absence/Attendance

We have completed the standard attendance monitoring for the autumn term. Every term we look back at the absence levels for every child individually.

We highlighted at the start of the academic year that attendance has been further prioritised by the government, giving the agenda of attendance to a higher profile. The average attendance across the school remains good at 96%, with the majority achieving 97-99%. Thank you for making attendance a priority for your child, in the knowledge that this clearly helps with academic success and social development.

The autumn term is often fraught with illnesses and last year was no exception. We appreciate this and have taken it into account when sending letters to a few families to highlight their low attendance. When we undertake the absence monitoring we look closely at the reasons for absence over time and, of course, have the greatest sympathy for those who have ongoing illness or medical needs.

96% is average but the goal is full attendance! Any day missed will mean objectives and learning aims have passed by. The curriculum moves quickly.

Below 96% we have to monitor reasons for absence closely.

Below 90% is a concern- especially if this is due to frequent sporadic illness, illness longer than 3 days that hasn't been addressed by a medical professional or taking holiday (which has to be recorded as unauthorised). Below 90% is termed 'Persistent Absentee' by the DfE.

Again, we really appreciate your attention to attendance, the evidence is clear that it is vital for your child's academic achievement and social development.


Year 3 had a brilliant time on Wednesday afternoon exploring rocks and fossils with Mr Hopper, one of our parents. Mr Hopper explained the types of rocks and how fossils are formed, before giving the children time to investigate lots of materials. Thank you for a great afternoon!


Dates for the term ahead...

Brunch bags replaced hot meals today as we had a problem with our oven but we are pleased to say hot meals will resume on Monday. Thank you for your understanding.

Monday 9th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Maths Workshop 6.00 - 6.45pm - click here for the letter
Thursday 19th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School CENSUS Day - special menu (see below)
Wednesday 25th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PALS Committee Meeting, 7.30pm (more info below)
w/c Monday 6th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Meetings (in person) - slips will be sent home after Christmas holidays Foundation Stage and Year 6 Weighing & Measuring - details to follow Choir - Young Voices Concert
Friday 10th February	Last Day of Term - normal finish time

Notices

Sickness and Absence	<p>Please notify the school office every day of your child's sickness or medical 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). 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>
Drop Off/Pick Up 	<p>We would like to remind parents that the school entrance or the entrance to the car park should not be used as a drop off or pick up point. Please find a safe place to drop off, such as the football club car park.</p>
Curriculum Newsletters	<p>Curriculum Newsletters should have been published on Google Classroom. These are also available on our website here - https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/calendar-1/curriculum-letters</p>
Parent Teacher Meetings	<p>Parent teacher meeting slips went home this week. A reminder that the deadline is today, Friday 13th January. Please ensure to hand these so that meetings can be arranged.</p>
Year 5 - Space Workshop	<p>A reminder that a payment is required for the Space Workshop on Monday 23rd January. The cost is £3.83 per child. Please make payment on ParentPay as soon as possible.</p>
Foundation Stage Vision Screening	<p>The Foundation Stage Vision Screening has been moved to Wednesday 22nd February. A letter and information form was emailed home today. Please only complete and return the form if you do NOT wish your child to take part).</p>

Lunch Menu	The lunch menu remains the same as last term and is available on our website here - https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/contact/school-menu
Free School Meals (FSM)	If you are in receipt of <u>benefit support from the Government you may be entitled to Free School Meals</u> . It is important you make 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 the Universal Free School Meals where ALL children in FS and KS1 are entitled to a free meal daily.
School CENSUS Day 	National School CENSUS Day is when a snapshot of school data is taken and the information is used to calculate our future funding. We would like to encourage all children in KS1 and Foundation Stage to take up a universal free school meal on this school day in order for us to get our maximum funding. Our lovely kitchen team, will be offering a special 'All American Diner' menu for this day: Hot Dogs/Veggie Dogs, Chips and Baked Beans with a Flapjack for dessert. Meals need to be ordered in the usual way. KS2 children can also order this meal, payment made as normal via ParentPay, unless you are entitled to Free School Meals.
PALS Committee Meeting	PALS Committee Meeting, 7.30pm, Wednesday 25th January Our next Committee Meeting will be held at school, where we will review fundraising since our last meeting in October, and plan our next set of events. We are looking at the following, so if you have an interest in helping to organise any of these, please get in touch or come along to find out more! ★ Break the Rules Day ★ School Disco ★ Easter Hunt ★ Summer Fete If you are unable to attend in person please look out on our Facebook page or on the school newsletter where Zoom details will be published nearer the time. This meeting will also be a great opportunity to come along to meet the team, or to find out more about the Chair or Treasurer roles if that is of interest to you.
PE Bags	The school office has a supply of brand new logo'd PE bags discounted to £2.50 each or 2 for £4. Please come to the office if you would like to purchase one (CASH ONLY PLEASE!)
Clubs for Term 3	Club spaces were allocated this week and you should have received an email from the school office to say if your child has a confirmed place. All clubs start next week, except for the Running club which starts on 25th January. If your child no longer wishes to attend the club, please do let us know so that we can offer the place to another on the waiting list.

SEND

Autism friendly cinema screenings

On Sunday mornings throughout the month, films suitable for all audiences are screened in a sensory friendly and inclusive environment with adjustments. These autism friendly adjustments aim to reduce overstimulation and create a welcoming environment. They are designed to make the cinema more inclusive and accessible for people with sensory sensitivities, and others who can benefit from this environment. Cineworld have already shown their autism friendly viewing for this month. These are usually shown on the first Sunday of the month at 11.00am in Didcot, High Wycombe, Milton Keynes, Swindon & Witney.

Have you got a CEA card yet? This card enables a disabled cinema go-er (aged 8 yrs +) to receive a complimentary ticket for someone to go with them to participating cinemas. Please go to their website for more info:-

<https://www.ceacard.co.uk/>

Inclusive Family Swim

January 8th, February 5th, March 5th

Didcot Wave are hosting an inclusive family swim on the first Sunday of every month from 5:30-6:30pm.

For any families with a child with SEND needs.

Pay on entry or book on the BETTER App £3.50 per person

For more information, please email - didcot@gll.org



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of a young person
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FREE ONLINE COURSES FOR YOU!

- The virtual sessions will be held in the evenings as an informal space for parents/carers to safely share their experiences/tips.
- It will be facilitated by professionals who will cover the basics of ADHD/Autism and much more!

Scan the QR code to access
the events and resources!



If you have any questions, please email us on
youngpeoplesupport@autismoxford.org.uk

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This service is open to families involved with CAMHS/NDS. Any questions
please email - youngpeoplesupport@autismoxford.org.uk

South Oxfordshire District Council - Active Communities Team

We are running a FREE Family Xplorer Orienteering Event on **Monday 13 February 10am – 12pm** at Edmonds Park in Didcot.

Xplorer is a family friendly fun navigation challenge that is suitable for all ages. As well as being educational, it also gives children a sense of adventure as they explore the park to find the markers.

It involves a healthy mix of physical activity and decision making that the whole family can enjoy together. At each marker, children need to identify what is pictured and enjoy learning a fun fact to tell their friends.

Admissions to Primary School (Academic Year 23/24): A final reminder! 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>

Ladygrove Spring 2023 Menu



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One 02/01/23 23/01/23 20/02/23 13/03/23	Option 1	Cheesy Swirl with New Potatoes	Chicken Curry with Rice 	Beef or vegetable burger served with Jacket wedges	Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	Tomato Pasta 	Veggie Curry with Rice	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes	Cheese Omelette with Chips
	Vegetables	Cauliflower Green Beans	Peas Sweetcorn	Carrot & Swede Mash Cabbage	Baked Beans
	Dessert	Pear and Chocolate Crumble with Custard 	Yoghurt & Raisin Cake	Fresh Fruit	Seasonal Root Cake
					Vanilla Shortbread 

Week Two 09/01/23 30/01/23 27/02/23 20/03/23	Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potato 	Sausage, Onions and Gravy with Roast Potatoes 	Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2		Veggie Shepherd's Pie with Gravy 	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese with Roast Potatoes	Vegetable bolognaise With Garlic Bread
	Vegetables	Peas Carrots	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Carrots Brussel Sprouts	Green Beans Roasted Butternut Squash
	Dessert	Mandarins 	Chocolate Drizzle Cake	Fresh Fruit	Apple & Blackberry Roll with Custard
					Oaty Cookie 

Week Three 16/01/23 06/02/23 06/03/23 27/03/23	Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 	Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Chicken or vegan Quorn, With Potato Wedges and Salads	Sticky Chicken Noodles 	Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	Veggie Chilli with Rice 	Mexican Roll with Potato Wedges 		Vegetable Noodles 	Cheese Quiche with Chips
	Vegetables	Green Beans Carrots	Baked Beans n	Cauliflower Peas	Broccoli Carrots	Baked Beans
	Dessert	Marble Cake	Chocolate Cookie 	Fresh Fruit	Banana Sponge with Custard	Apple, Cheese and Crackers

ALLERGY INFORMATION:
If your child has an allergy or intolerance please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.



Census Day
19th January

Join us at

Our All American Diner

Special Lunch Menu

Hot Dogs

Vegetarian option available

*** Skinny Fries**

*** Sweetcorn**

*** Homemade Coleslaw * Ketchup**

Chocolate Cookie





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Happy New Year!!

New year, new resolutions?

Focus on oral health!

*Oral health can massively effect someone's
general health and well being.*

- Brush teeth twice a day, once before bed and at one other time during the day.
- Keep sugary snacks to a minimum and with a main meal or immediately after as a pudding.
- Visit the dentist regularly.



Hulla Balloony Moon Time

**Saturday 28 January
11am & 2pm**

Long Nose Puppets are back with a marvellous moonlit show full of riotous rhyme, zany puppets and spiffy special cake, iced with music and songs. Little children will feel stuffed to the brim with magic.

Recommended for ages 2-7

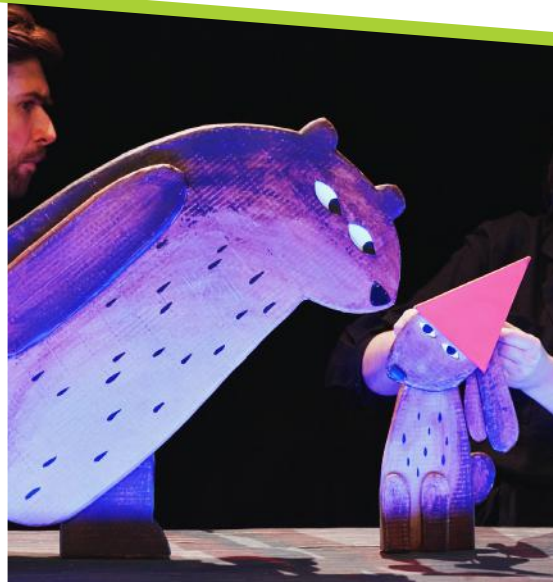
I Want My Hat Back Trilogy

**Saturday 11 February
11am & 2pm**

A bear has lost his hat. What if he never sees it again? WAIT! He has seen his hat.

Following a hit Youtube series, and a sold out run at Little Angel Theatre, Jon Klassen's beloved books come to life on stage.

Recommended for ages 3-6



Tickets: £8 adult, £6 child, under 2s go free

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