

This week...

Giraffes and Ladybirds, two **Reception** Key Groups, had a great time at Forest School this week! It was a little chilly but we made some amazing ice decorations to hang on the tree. We talked about how, for water to turn into ice it needs to be frozen. The temperature for freezing is 0°C. We left it outside in the night as it was cold enough but you can easily do this at home by putting it in the freezer. The next morning we added the ice decorations to the tree in our Forest School area.



In **Year One** this term, we are performing experiments in Science. This week we used our observational skills and curiosity questioning to predict what would happen when we added water to Skittles. We recorded our predictions and conclusions through drawings and writing. We were astonished to observe what happened! We will be performing more experiments in the coming weeks! Thank you to Sainsbury's in Didcot for the donations.



Assembly

This week we discussed the benefits of competition and also the vital human skill of cooperation. To illustrate the point we showed videos of sports people being in a position to support others even when in the middle of competitive events. We also talked about the upcoming Chinese New Year- bringing the year of the Rabbit.

Pupil Responsibility Groups

The new House Captains started their jobs today with house point collection. They are:

<p>Beech Maddie and James</p>	<p>Oak Lily-Rose and Luca</p>	<p>Willow Charlotte and Alex</p>
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Last weekend, Pippa from Class 12 played in her first tournament for Oxford United U10's at Aston Villa. She played against Leicester City, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Aston Villa.

The girls played brilliantly against some tough opposition! It was a great experience and what a fantastic achievement for Pippa!




Dates for the term ahead...

Monday 23rd January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Space Workshop (in school) - please make payment on ParentPay
Wednesday 25th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PALS Committee Meeting, 7.30pm (more info below)
Friday 3rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 Lego Builder Workshop (in school) - please make payment on ParentPay
Monday 6th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foundation Stage and Year 6 Weighing & Measuring (AM) - please refer to letter sent home on 18/01 Choir - Young Voices Concert
Wednesday 8th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Meetings (in person)
Thursday 9th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Meetings (in person)
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 the website.</p>
Parent Meetings	<p>Parent Meeting appointments have been allocated and are now being finalised. Slips will go home next week confirming your appointment time. If you have not returned your slip and you would like a parent meeting, you will need to contact the school office who will advise what appointments are free.</p>
PALS Committee Meeting	<p>PALS Committee Meeting, 7.30pm, Wednesday 25th January</p> <p>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!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Break the Rules Day ★ School Disco ★ Easter Hunt ★ Summer Fete <p>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.</p>

<p>Trutex - Coats on sale!</p>	<p>Message from Trutex:</p> <p>Our suppliers of reversible fleece coats have decided to stop manufacturing the design that we currently use so we have decided to sell off what we have at the greatly reduced price of £10.</p> <p>For your school we have the following sizes in the sale.</p> <p>9/10 x 1</p> <p>11/12 x 3</p> <p>13 x 1</p> <p>This is a great opportunity to snap up a bargain.</p> <p>Please call up on 01235 211011 if you want to buy one as once they've gone they've gone!</p>
<p>SEND</p> 	<p>Webinars for Parents and Carers of children with SEND</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council are working in collaboration with OxPCF to set up a series of webinars for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND. These webinars will be led by senior staff from the Children, Education and Families directorate of OCC.</p> <p>The first webinar will take place on 31st January, 10.30am - 12pm and will be led by Kevin Gordon, Oxfordshire's Corporate Director of Children's Services and Hayley Good, Deputy Director for Education. During the webinar we will provide key information for families regarding SEND in Oxfordshire and there will be an opportunity to answer questions that have been submitted in advance.</p> <p>You can sign up to this event here</p>



Who are Young Carers?

Children under 18 who care for someone else at home, who suffers from physical or mental ill health, or disability.

Give First Aid

Care for siblings

Cook for their families



Administer medication

Care for parents

Bath & dress their cared for

If you think yourself or someone you know might be a young carer, speak to your school and get referred to us for respite breaks, trips, 121 support and more!



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Explore Aureus through our Year 5 Masterclasses



*Masterclasses for Yr 5 Students:

8th March: Printing in Art
9th March: Baking in Food Tech (1 hour)
14th March: Science
21st March: Modern Foreign Languages
29th March: Humanities
30th March: Maths

20th April: Drama Workshop
11th May: Learning the Keyboard in Music
17th May: PE (1 hour)
18th May: Dance (1 hour)
23rd May: Science - Mastery
25th May: English

*All sessions will run from 4pm - 4:45pm unless otherwise stated on our website.

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Epiphany



Messy Church this Saturday and we're going to find out why the visit of those three "kings" with their strange gifts was so important to you and me.

We hope you can join us:

3.00pm, Saturday,

21st January 2023

at the Ladygrove Community Centre



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