

This week...

DAP Music Festival

After four years with no event, it was fantastic for choir to be able to perform again with other Didcot schools at DGS on Monday afternoon to a hall packed with family and friends. Every school sang two individual songs based on the theme of 'Around the World', and came together for a massed rendition of 'Sing' - with adults then also joining for an encore! Choir behaved impeccably, sang beautifully and were extremely brave when they performed in duets and small groups. Very well done!



British Science Week

This week, all children have been celebrating '[British Science Week](#)'. The week started with an assembly all about this year's theme of 'connections'. The children then made connections with each other as they all partook in a whole-school experiment to answer the enquiry question, '*Does the surface of the ground affect how far a ball will roll?*' - this was a



progressive experiment where each year group had an increasing level of difficulty in relation to how to perform, record and analyse this. In addition to this, we welcomed parent speakers to each of the assemblies to talk about their vocation and to inspire our children in all things related to science. Our thanks go to: Sony, Surjeet, Tamas, Martin & Ruth for giving up

their time for this. Lastly, the children have been exposed to 'big questions' to deepen their understanding of the world. Questions such as, '*What would happen if we did not plant trees?*' and '*Why do some birds migrate?*' have been discussed in class to enhance the children's understanding of the world.

Class 13 - The English Associate Awards

Last week, Class 13 were invited to read and assess a short-listed set of picture books for a prestigious literary award. Their role was to feed-back to one of the judging panel their own thoughts about the books to help with the judging process. This was a job they took extremely seriously. They formed their own teams based on the book they most preferred, collaborating to create a presentation. They worked fantastically well together and really gave Stephanie Hilder, from Inspire Literacy, lots of useful information to take back the panel. They should all be extremely proud of their effort and hard work, and hopefully had a lot of fun reading all the fantastic books! Stephanie wrote a lovely letter to the class to thank them, you can read this on our blog here - <http://ladygrove-park.blogspot.com>








We were delighted to welcome the *Maguire O'Shae Academy of Irish Dance* to school this morning to perform some Irish dancing in celebration of St Patrick's Day. Children from a number of classes came along to watch their amazing performance, which included our own Niamh from Year 3! A big thank you to them all for joining us today.

Dates for the term ahead...

Friday 17th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PALS Spring Disco. Reminder of timings: 3.15pm-4pm for classes 1, 2 and 3 4.15pm-5pm for years 1 and 2 5.15pm-6pm for years 3 and 4 6.15pm-7pm for years 5 and 6
w/c 20th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neurodiversity Week - activities in school
Tuesday 21st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3, 4 and 5 Poetry Workshops with Simon Mole (in school)
Wednesday 22nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 visit Didcot Library
Tuesday 28th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Parent Q&A SATS Meeting 3.20pm. Presentation will have been sent prior to this meeting.
Thursday 30th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Production 2pm - tickets on sale from Reception
Friday 31st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Production 9.15am - tickets on sale from Reception
Friday 31st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 Didcot Fire Station talk in school Last Day of Term - 1.30pm finish
Saturday 1st April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PALS Easter Egg Hunt (see below)

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>
Word of the Week	Please see below for next week's Word of the Week!
Year 4 Production	<p>The Terrible Tudor Times</p> 

	Tickets are available from Reception from 7.30am and cost £2 each (cash only please). Maximum of 4 tickets per child (2 for 9.15am and 2 for 2pm showings).
Media Consent Forms	A Google Form was emailed last week through ParentPay regarding Media Consent. Please ensure you complete the form as soon as possible to let us know your preferences for your child(ren). If you require a paper copy of this form, please get in touch with the school office. Here is the link to the form - https://forms.gle/484EsjCnSVa57dTS7
Special Diet/Allergy Forms	Special diet/Allergy forms were sent home last week. Please complete this form if your child follows a special diet for medical reasons. For example, if your child is lactose intolerant, follows a gluten free diet or has a food allergy. Please note, you do not have to complete this form if your child is vegetarian. If you require another copy of this form, please contact the school office . Thank you to those that have returned forms already.
Year 6 Phones	Just a reminder that Year 6 are allowed to bring phones to school as long as they are turned off as soon as they come onsite and they are given to the class teacher on arrival. Specifically, they shouldn't be used socially in the playground before school starts.
Simon Mole Poet - Book Sales 	Next Tuesday 21st March, Simon Mole will be in school running some poetry workshops for Years 3, 4 and 5. From 3pm he will be in the courtyard by the Year 5 classrooms selling copies of "I love my bike" and "I love my cat" for £6 (normally £7.99). Find out more about Simon and his books here - www.simonmole.com
Ladygrove Park Primary School Nursery Class 	<p>Our Nursery is a great start to your child's education. In our Early Years setting, we aim to support the children by;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing an enabling environment, so that they will develop and practise their skills, develop their own interests, creativity and independence; • Building positive relationships with peers and adults, so that they will feel safe, develop their confidence and resilience to be able to collaborate with others; • Providing rich experiences to encourage children's curiosity, so that children deepen their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world; • Participating in quality interactions within a language rich environment, so that the children will grow their vocabulary and develop early language skills and communicate effectively; • Sharing aspirational expectations, so that children are challenged to move their thinking and learning on to their next steps and are able to build on their prior knowledge and make links to new learning. <p>Do you know our nursery class is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9.30am-2.30pm? In addition to this, we have a breakfast club from 9am at a charge of £2 per day and After School Club from 2.30pm-3pm also at a charge of £2 per day.</p> <p>If your child turns 4 years old in the next academic year (date of birth range 01.09.19-31.08.20) and you are interested in our nursery, please complete and return a registration form. Places for September will be offered in late June 2023. Please note that a place in our nursery does not guarantee a place in our school.</p>
Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday 1st April	Come along to our Easter Egg hunt on Saturday 1st April. Entrance on the day will be £4 per child - but why not take advantage of our early bird discount! Pre-book your tickets for only £3 per child. Entry gives your child 2 puzzles to complete, an Easter prize and a cup of squash. There are no time slots for this event, just turn



up! Saturday 1st April, 11am - 1pm. Pre-booked tickets will be available to buy up to Wednesday 29th March, using link <http://www.bit.ly/PALS-EasterHunt2023>

Year 6 - DGS and SBS Mandarin Taster Sessions

Calling all Year 6s! FREE online taster sessions in Chinese!

If you are curious about what it would be like to learn Mandarin Chinese at Didcot Girls' School or St Birinus School, please have a look at the following webpage and consider signing up for one or both of these free taster lessons which are taking place on 21st and 30th March -

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/year-6-taster-chinese-lessons-tickets-584633864627>

Lucy Wicks, Head of Chinese, DGS
Phil Mahoney, Teacher of Mandarin, SBS
Mandarin Team

Request by RET for Governors or Trustees

The governing bodies of Didcot Girls' School and St Birinus School are looking to recruit for future parent and trust-appointed governors.

If you are interested in finding out more, please click on the following link-

<https://www.ridgewayeducationtrust.co.uk/4171/become-a-ret-governor-or-trustee>

Messy Church Meeting at the Ladygrove Community Centre

The Ladygrove Church is running another Messy Church on Saturday, 18th March 3.00-5.00pm, this time focusing on Mothering Sunday.

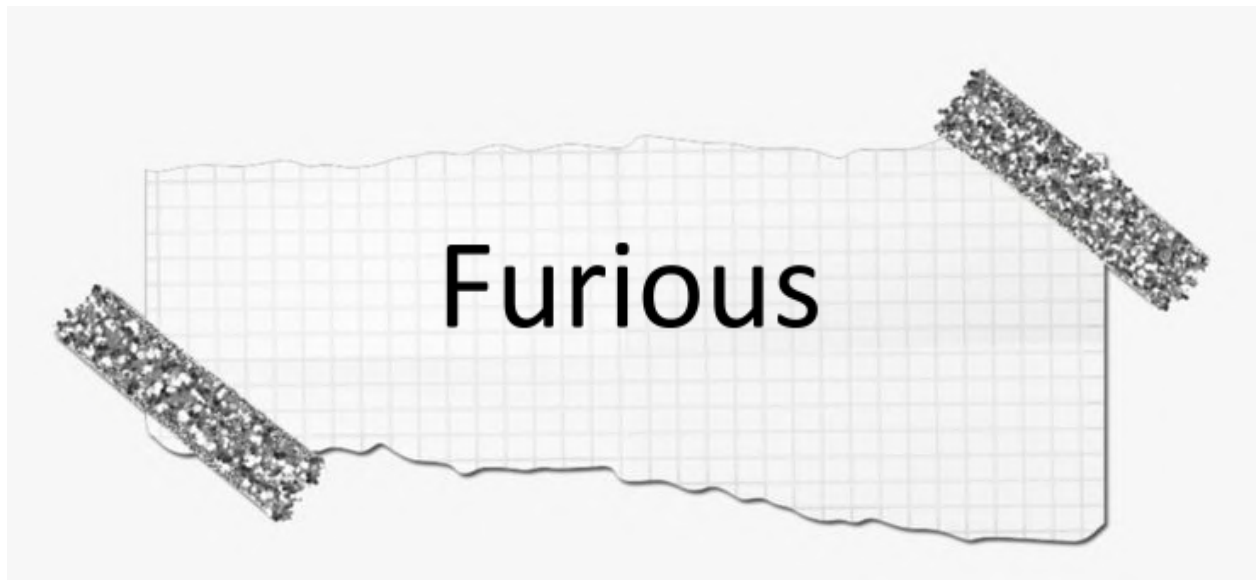
It will have all the usual stuff – craft activities, a song, a story and food. It's free though donations are welcome.

You can find out more about it at

www.theladygrovechurch.org.uk/church-life/messy-church or email hugh@theladygrovechurch.org.uk

Word of the Week

for Key Stage 1



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Meaning

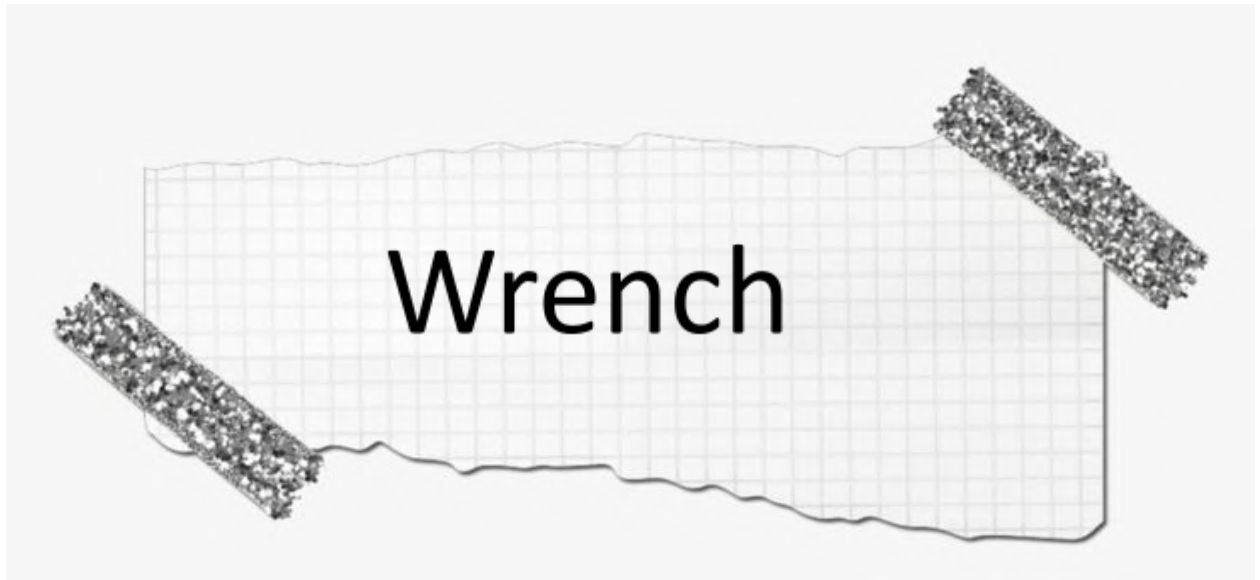
Really angry.



Challenge

Can you think of a time when someone was **furious**? What did they look or sound like? Act out being **furious**.

Word of the Week

for Key Stage 2



 Meaning	 Challenge
To pull or twist something very sharply.	Imagine a time when someone might wrench something from you. What would they wrench and why?



BIRTHDAY BONANZA

Free Event - No Ticket Required

Student & Tutor Performances

Free Guitar Workshops

Free Drum Workshops

Dress Up like a Rockstar

Everyone Welcome



1:30PM - 3:30PM
SATURDAY 25TH MARCH 2023

**Didcot District Community Centre, 1 Gentian
Mews, Great Western Park, Didcot, Oxfordshire,
OX11 6GR**

www.oxfordshiremusicschool.co.uk





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