

## This week...

Thank you to everyone who donated to the PALS 'Break the Rules' day last term. The money has been counted and we are delighted to tell you that with your help, we raised a fantastic **£773.96** 🥳 This will go towards our latest renovation projects; resources for the courtyard area to make it a quiet area for reading, drawing etc during playtimes and the refresh of our Chromebooks (the first batch are 7 years old- they still serve us well but are starting to show their age).



On Thursday, children who are members of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts wore their uniforms to school for **World Thinking Day**. It was lovely to see so many in uniform and the pride they hold in wearing it. World Thinking Day remains one of the most important dates in the guiding calendar, and every year the theme of the event encourages members to think about the big issues affecting them and their global community. Previous World Thinking Days have tackled the subjects of poverty, gender inequality, environmental sustainability and access to education. World Thinking Day in 2022, 2023 and 2024 have a focus on the environment.

### Assembly

The theme this week is Reading for Pleasure. This connects well with the work done by Mrs Clarkson and Mrs Cook during half term. They have remodelled the school library to make it even more inviting than before. This is the reason why there is a stall outside Year 5 (on the KS1 playground) offering free books to children and parents. We are replacing these with a whole fresh batch of books.

During assembly we also reminded the children of a growth mindset- the concept of resilience in learning and trying again. Finally, we restarted last year's drive on mindfulness as we continue to share Headspace techniques with the children- methods for better patience and awareness through a basic type of meditation.

### Pupil Responsibility Groups

The Sports Captains started on their action plan this week. They have divided themselves into 3 committees to help the school improve on the types of 'warm ups' we offer at the start of PE lessons. The committees are planning to run a special awareness day to make a little more money to add to school PE funds. They will use this to buy further resources matched to the warm ups they have identified.

Please see the end of the newsletter for this week's 'Word of the Week'!

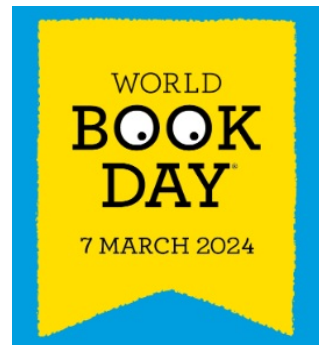
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## Dates for Term 4...

Please keep checking the dates for any new additions/amendments!

### World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

Just a little reminder about World Book Day this term. To mark this day, we are holding an 'Adjective Parade' and are asking all children to come to school dressed as a word that is an adjective. An adjective is a word that describes what something is like, for example, the *shiny* sword. Your chosen word should be clearly displayed within your outfit.



### Usborne Sponsored Reading Challenge, 4th - 10th March

To encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we will be running a Sponsored Reading Challenge in association with Usborne Books between Monday 4th March and Sunday 10th March.

We are inviting your child to take part in this fun reading event. Children are sponsored to complete as many of the reading challenges in the grid as they can for the duration of the event and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school.



This project is being organised in conjunction with our Usborne Books representative, Gemma Cotterell. In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in **EXTRA FREE BOOKS** to the school. So for every £600 raised we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books!

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to raise sponsorship and complete as many of the fun reading challenges as possible.

**\* Children will get a Sponsorship form with a list of challenges next week, so look out for these in bags! \***

Tuesday 27th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class 10 Swimming - remember swimwear and goggles!</li> <li>Class 1 Parent Meetings</li> <li><del>Year 2 Drawing Club 3.10 - 4.00pm</del> <b>CANCELLED - new date added</b></li> </ul>
Wednesday 28th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 5 Games Club - Lunchtime</li> <li>Class 1 Parent Meetings</li> <li>Reception Music Club (Group 2) 3.00 - 3.45pm</li> <li>Year 3 &amp; 4 TTRS Club 3.10 - 4.00pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 29th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 Drawing Club - lunchtime</li> <li>Choir 3.10 - 4.00pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday 5th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class 11 Swimming - remember swimwear and goggles!</li> <li>Year 2 Drawing Club 3.10 - 4.00pm</li> <li>PALS Brush Party 7.30pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 6th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 4 International Day at DGS (<a href="#">letter sent via ParentPay on 20/02</a>)</li> <li>Year 5 Games Club - Lunchtime</li> </ul>

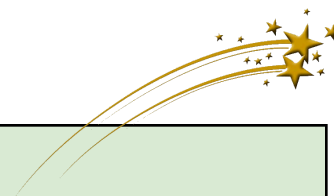
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Monday 11th - Friday 15th March - British Science Week	
Monday 11th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Reception Little City Workshop</a> (in school)</li> </ul>
Tuesday 12th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 &amp; 3 PC Ben Talk</li> <li>Class 11 Swimming - remember swimwear and goggles!</li> <li>Year 2 Drawing Club 3.10 - 4.00pm</li> </ul>
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Thursday 14th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 Drawing Club - Lunchtime</li> <li>Year 2 Open Classroom, 2.30pm</li> <li>Choir 3.10 - 4.00pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday 19th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class 11 Swimming - remember swimwear and goggles!</li> <li>Year 5 Open Classroom, 2.30pm</li> <li>Year 2 Drawing Club 3.10 - 4.00pm - <b>rescheduled date</b></li> </ul>
Wednesday 20th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choir Pupils - DAP Music Festival</li> <li>Y5 &amp; Y6 Author Visit at All Saints Primary School - more info to follow</li> </ul>
Thursday 21st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 SATS Q&amp;A 3.30pm - more details to follow</li> <li>Year 5 Open Classroom, 2.30pm</li> <li>Year 4 Production, 6pm - see below</li> </ul>
Friday 22nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Didcot Fire Station for Year 2 Great Fire of London topic (in school)</li> <li>Year 4 Production, 1.30pm - see below</li> </ul>
Sunday 24th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PALS Easter Egg Hunt - see below</li> </ul>
Monday 25th - Thursday 28th March - Aspirations Week (see below)	
Tuesday 26th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class 11 Swimming - remember swimwear and goggles!</li> </ul>
Thursday 28th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 3 Hill End Trip (<a href="#">letter sent via ParentPay on 18/01</a>)</li> <li><b>Last Day of Term - normal finish time</b></li> </ul>

## Notices

### Aspirations Week - Monday 25th - Thursday 28th March

#### *Can you spare an hour to inspire our children?*

We are delighted to be holding an 'Aspirations Week' at the end of next term and are looking for adults to come and talk to the children (either in person or via Zoom) about their job/career. We would welcome speakers from any field of work: nursing, policing, STEM, law, literature, beauty, fashion, sports, voluntary, finance, art/design, leisure etc. If you can spare at least an hour of your time to talk to the children during the week of 25th to 28th March, we would love to hear from you!



Please complete the following Google Form to indicate your availability by Friday 15th March:  
<https://forms.gle/spQ7DWdvawzrH6Fr8>

<b>Sickness and Absence</b>	Please notify the school office every day of your child's sickness or medical absence. Please either email <a href="mailto:office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk">office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk</a> 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). Please refer to this useful <a href="#">NHS guide - Is my child too ill for school?</a> <b>If your child is ill for 3 days or more, ensure to consult your GP and to inform the school of the outcome.</b>
<b>Term 4 Curriculum Newsletters and Learning Organisers</b>	The Term 4 Curriculum Newsletter and Learning Organisers have been shared on Google Classroom this week and are also available on our website in the relevant year group under the Our Curriculum tab.
<b>Year 4 Hill End</b>	Just a reminder to complete your Hill End forms and return to the school office. If you have misplaced your forms, these are available on our website here - <a href="https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/calendar-1/timetable">https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/calendar-1/timetable</a>
<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Kilvrough Residentials</b>	Another little payment reminder - help yourself by spreading the cost and paying a bit off each month!
<b>Year 4 Production</b> <b>Thursday 21st March at 6pm</b> <b>Friday 22nd March at 1.30pm</b>	This year we are trialling a new system for our productions and will not be issuing tickets. Instead we will be asking for a suggested donation of £2 per adult to pay upon arrival. This covers our licensing costs. For each performance we ask for a maximum of 2 adults per child. If you have to bring younger children along, if they do get unsettled, we ask that you leave the hall to ensure the children are not distracted. Thank you for your support.
<b>PALS: Easter Hunt</b> <b>Sunday 24th March 11am - 1pm</b>	Come along to our Easter Egg hunt on Sunday 24th March. 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 and a prize. There are no time slots for this event, just turn up! Sunday 24th March, 11am - 1pm. Pre-booked tickets will be available to buy up to Tuesday 19th March, using the following link: <a href="https://forms.gle/FzhqfYX7CywyAeog9">https://forms.gle/FzhqfYX7CywyAeog9</a>
<b>Brush Party</b>	There are just 3 spaces left at our brush party on Tuesday 5th March. Email <a href="mailto:ladygrovepals@gmail.com">ladygrovepals@gmail.com</a> to find out more and book on.

#### **Upcoming: Free - Autism and Social Care Webinar**

We are pleased to announce that OxPCF are hosting a webinar with Charlotte Davey (Interim Assistant Director – Provider Services) and Delia Mann (Early Intervention Services Manager, Social Care) from Oxfordshire County Council.

The webinar will focus on the support that is currently on offer to children who are autistic and their families, how this can be accessed, the referral methods into Social Care and the Local Offer and future plans to look to increase this offer.

The webinar will take place on Thursday 7th March at 12pm – 1:30pm and will be recorded. This recording will then be shared with OxPCF mailing list following the webinar.

There is also the opportunity to submit questions to be answered during the webinar.

Please click the link below to book your space on the webinar.

Any queries, please do email [info@oxpcf.org.uk](mailto:info@oxpcf.org.uk)

[Click here to book](#)





Are you concerned about the cost of energy bills and looking for ways to make your home cheaper to heat and more comfortable to live in?

A grant is available from Oxfordshire County Council to improve residents' homes. This government-backed scheme targets inefficient homes not heated by gas. With the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG2), eligible homes can receive tailored energy solutions, from insulation to solar panels, resulting in a

warmer home, lower bills and reduced carbon emissions - all delivered by the Welcome the Warmth team.

Check your eligibility and apply through the website at [welcomethewarmth.org.uk](https://welcomethewarmth.org.uk).  
Get your home winter-ready today!