

This week...

The **PALS Brush Party** took place on Tuesday evening and it was a great night! Thank you to all those that attended and supported this new event. We hope that you had a good time and that you have found a place to hang your new masterpiece! Our next event will be the Easter Hunt on Sunday 24th March (further details below).



Year 4 had the fantastic opportunity to spend international day at Didcot Girls School. Each child had their own passport and visited 4 different countries. Each country taught them interesting facts, culture and allowed them the opportunity to try an activity relating to each country. Some of these included writing in French, creating Lego Danish houses and learning how to use chopsticks!! The children had a great day and came back full of fun facts and lots of new skills!



We were delighted to see all the fantastic costumes on Thursday for **World Book Day**! Staff and children were invited to come dressed as an adjective. Some of our favourites included; shiny, sparkly, athletic, padded, delicious, heroic, fragile, magical, brave, flowery, absorbent, traditional, grand, vivid and bibliomaniac. The children enjoyed showing their costumes to each other in our 'Vocabulary Parades'.

There were a range of activities on offer for the children to develop a love of books. Some year groups did paired reading with others, some classes visited the school library and everyone enjoyed listening to books including non-fiction, poetry and fiction. A small selection of photos below!

The children will have come home with their book vouchers to purchase an available range of books in Tesco, Waterstones, Sainsburys and some other shops. These books will be free with your voucher. Also, just a reminder for any further book purchases, please consider using the website www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk as the school receives a 25% donation (just enter our school name at the checkout!)

We would like to say a big thank you to Emma and the team at [Lexica](#) on Milton Park, who have donated a range of books including non-fiction books to our school library.

Happy reading!



Assembly

We started to explore democracy again this week. It's a complex topic so two assemblies covered different themes. KS1 looked at the concept of voting while KS2 looked at the basics of the parliamentary structure in the UK.

Pupil Responsibility Groups

The Diversity Ambassadors worked with Mrs Li-Koo this week to prepare an assembly to educate everyone about neurodiversity- especially for the special day on 11th March.

The Eco Warriors worked with Mrs Richards-Turner on the new bug hotel in Forest School today. A few of them brought in materials to add to the hotel; it will be finished soon! Kevin has also completed the grounds for the Woodland Workshop where the saw horses will be placed.



Word
of the
Week

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

Dates for Term 4...

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 still 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>

Monday 11th - Friday 15th March - British Science Week	
Monday 11th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reception Little City Workshop (in school)
Tuesday 12th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 1 & 3 PC Ben Talk• Class 11 Swimming - remember swimwear and goggles!• Year 2 Drawing Club 3.10 - 4.00pm
Wednesday 13th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 5 Games Club - Lunchtime• Year 1 Open Classroom, 2.40pm. Letter sent 29/02.• Reception Music Club (Group 2) 3.00 - 3.45pm• Year 3 & 4 TTRS Club 3.10 - 4.00pm
Thursday 14th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 1 Drawing Club - Lunchtime• Year 2 Open Classroom, 2.30pm• Choir 3.10 - 4.00pm
Friday 15th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 1 Open Classroom, 2.40pm - sign up required. Letter sent 29/02.
Tuesday 19th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class 11 Swimming - remember swimwear and goggles!• Year 5 Open Classroom, 2.30pm• Year 2 Drawing Club 3.10 - 4.00pm - rescheduled date
Wednesday 20th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choir Pupils - DAP Music Festival (letter sent via ParentPay 28/02)• Y5 & Y6 Author Visit at All Saints (letter sent via ParentPay 08/03)
Thursday 21st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 6 SATS Q&A 3.30pm - more details to follow• Year 5 Open Classroom, 2.30pm• Year 4 Production, 6pm - see below
Friday 22nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Didcot Fire Station for Year 2 Great Fire of London topic (in school)• Year 4 Production, 1.30pm - see below
Sunday 24th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PALS Easter Egg Hunt - see below
Monday 25th - Thursday 28th March - Aspirations Week (see below)	
Tuesday 26th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class 11 Swimming - remember swimwear and goggles!
Wednesday 27th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 2 Didcot library visit (Class 7: am, Class 6: pm)
Thursday 28th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 3 Hill End Trip (letter sent via ParentPay on 18/01)• Last Day of Term - normal finish time

Notices



Advanced Notice: Due to a technical fault with the oven in our kitchen, school meals will only be available to children entitled to FSMs and UFSMs (FS, Yr1 and Yr2) on Monday 11th March. Children in KS2 will need to bring a packed lunch on Monday.

Can you help during the Easter holidays?

We are looking for some extra pairs of hands to help our site supervisor, Kevin, with some jobs over the Easter holidays. Jobs include: building a large pergola for Foundation Stage and Year 1, painting picnic tables, painting a picket fence in the sensory garden, general weeding and tidying up. If you could spare a few hours, a morning, a day, we would be most grateful! Please complete this Google Form indicating which days you would be available and we can get in touch with some further details: <https://forms.gle/4A1SYpxXrXFemBs19>

Sickness and Absence

Please notify the school 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). Please refer to this useful [NHS guide - Is my child too ill for school?](#)
If your child is ill for 3 days or more, ensure to consult your GP and to inform the school of the outcome.

Year 4 Production Thursday 21st March at 6pm Friday 22nd March at 1.30pm

A reminder of the upcoming Year 4 Production: The Wind in the Willows. We are asking for a minimum 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.

Inclusion

Short Breaks Update

The March edition of the Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People e-newsletter along with the parent/carer support groups can be found on our website here - <https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/calendar-1/newsletters>

Witherslack Neurodiversity Conference 2024

The Witherslack group is the leading provider of specialist education for children and young people with special educational needs.

We are delighted to be hosting a free Virtual Conference: 'Celebrating, Embracing and Empowering Our Children', providing advice and support for parents and carers of neurodiverse children and young people.

Date: Wednesday 20 March

Time: 10am-3pm

[Register Your Free Place](#)

Conference Agenda

10am-11am: **Unlocking Potential: Empowering Children Through Speech & Communication**

Presented by Caroline Vincent, Senior Speech and Language Therapist for our Group.

11.15am - 12.15pm: **Embracing Brilliance In Primary School Pupils**

Presented by Claire Traynor, Headteacher, Hall Cliffe Primary School.

12:45 - 1:45pm: **Radiant Beginnings: Celebrating Neurodiverse Journeys In Early Childhood**

Presented by Tracy Bowyer, Parenting Coordinator, The ADHD Foundation Neurodiversity Charity.

2pm - 3pm: **Unlocking Opportunities For A Bright Future**

Presented by Meg Vaughn, Partner and Care Experienced Specialist, John Lewis



PALS: Easter Hunt Sunday 24th March 11am - 1pm



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: <https://forms.gle/FzhqfYX7CywyAeog9>

Autumn/ Winter
2023/ 2024

WEEK ONE

13/11/23
04/12/23
08/01/24
29/01/24
26/02/24
18/03/24

Option one



Cheese and Tomato
Pizza



NEW Chef Mariam's
Vegetable Couscous

Option two

Vegetables

Dessert

Vegetables of the Day

Lemon Drizzle

Cheesy Swirl with New
Potatoes

Tomato Pasta

Vegetables of the Day

NEW Carrot Cake

MONDAY

TUESDAY



A choice of Burger
(Beef & Bean or
Vegan) with Potato
Wedges

Vegetables of the Day

Fruit Jelly
with Mandarins

WEDNESDAY

Roast of the Day, Roast
Potatoes & Gravy

Quorn Roast, Roast
Potatoes & Gravy

Vegetables of the Day

Freshly Chopped Fruit
Medley

THURSDAY

Spaghetti Bolognaise with
Garlic Bread

Veggie Bolognaise with
Garlic Bread

Vegetables of the Day

NEW Jam and Coconut
Sponge

FRIDAY

Fishfingers with Chips

Cheesy Bean Pasty with
Chips

Vegetables of the Day

Oaty Cookie

WEEK TWO

20/11/23
11/12/23
15/01/24
05/02/24
04/03/24
25/03/24

Option one

Option two

Vegetables

Dessert

Sausage Roll with Potato
Wedges

Mexican Bean Rol with
potato wedges

Vegetables of the Day

Apple Crumble with
Custard



A choice of BBQ or
Chicken or Vegan
Quorn, with Seasoned
Potatoes and Salads

Vegetables of the Day

Fruit Medley

Chef Shilpa's Chicken
Korma with Rice

**Vegetable Curry
served with rice**

Vegetables of the Day

Chocolate Drizzle Cake with
Chocolate Sauce

Fishfingers with Chips

Cheese Omelette with
Chips

Vegetables of the Day

Vanilla Shortbread

WEEK THREE

27/11/23
18/12/23
22/01/24
19/02/24
11/03/24

Option one

Option two

Vegetables

Dessert

NEW
Macaroni
Cheese or
Tomato Pasta



Vegetables of the Day

Iced Sponge

Mexican Beef
with Rice

Vegetable chili
with Rice

Vegetables of the Day

NEW Chocolate
Orange Cookie

Sausages, Onions and
Gravy with Roast Potatoes

Veggie Sausages, and
Gravy with Roast
Potatoes

Vegetables of the Day

Fruit Platter

Chicken Pie with
Mashed Potatoes

Vegetable Pie mashed
potato

Vegetables of the Day

Peach Cake
with Custard

Fishfingers or Salmon
Fishcakes with Chips

Vegan Burger

Vegetables of the Day

NEW Melting Moment
Biscuit

MENU KEY



Added Plant Power



Wholemeal



Vegan



Chef's Special

ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods 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.

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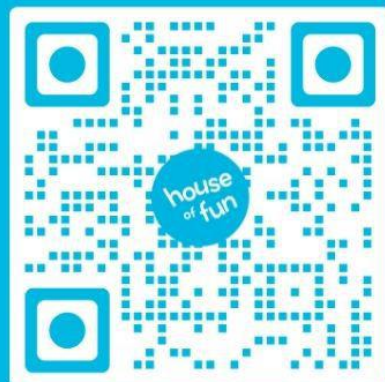
Tuesday 2nd April –
Friday 12th April 2024



8.30am–6.00pm



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6-13 year olds



Tuesday 2nd April –
Friday 12th April 2024



8.30am–4.30pm



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