

This week...

On Wednesday, **LPPS Choir** performed at DGS as part of the **Didcot Area Partnership Choir Festival**, together with choirs from schools in the local area. All choirs gave a massed performance of 'BlackBird', and LPPS Choir gave fantastic renditions of 'Don't Stop' and 'Hall of Fame'. The latter was a tricky piece with multiple parts, rapping and solos, which the children worked hard to perfect so that they could end the concert with an amazing high, very suitable for the theme of 'Olympics'!

"We liked listening to all the choirs as well as ours. We loved Hall of Fame with all the multiple parts, and Don't Stop was a catchy tune. Blackbird was calming. It was fun and enjoyable, and everyone performed really well."



Many thanks to [Mostly Books](#) in Abingdon for organising, and to All Saints School for inviting **Years 5 and 6** to join them for an author event given by author *Christopher Edge*. Class 14 have just finished reading 'The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day' which had them on the edge of their seats, so they were especially excited to meet him in person! Christopher took us through a fun-filled movie themed introduction to his latest book, 'Black Hole Cinema Club', which was released only last week! Here are a couple of quotes from the children:

"I liked that Christopher made the experience immersive and included the audience, not just talk about the book." Freddie

"It was good fun and exciting because there were plenty of challenges and I liked getting my book signed." Alex



Year 2 had a visit from the Didcot Fire Fighters today as part of their topic "*The Great Fire of London*". The unit was parked on the playground ready to put the fire out as the children watched their hard work go up in flames. And everyone loved it! Lots of 'ohhh's and 'ahhh's. Before they left the fire fighters gave a further talk about fire safety while ensuring the children didn't worry excessively about fire.

The firefighters said they were the best houses they had ever seen! Thank you to the children (and parents!) for creating such masterpieces.



Year 4's Amazing Show: A Big Success!

Let's give a round of applause to our fantastic Year 4 students for their brilliant production! Their performance was absolutely fantastic, filled with talent, teamwork, and tons of fun. This production can only be described as 'magical'. There was an amazing blend of excellent direction by the teachers, support and immaculate prop design by the TAs, homework and costume by the parents. Most importantly, the children of Year 4 projected their voices, sang with heart, gesticulated and appropriately portrayed the strong emotions! This all added up to a riveting performance of over an hour!

We want to say a big thank you to all the children who worked hard to make this show such a hit. A special shoutout goes to our parents for their incredible support, providing costumes and cheering us on every step of the way. A huge thank you to Miss Langley, Mr Addison, Mrs Guiry, Mrs Ross, Mrs Derjean and Mr Humphries too. Well done, everyone!

Celebrating Success!

We have been hearing all about the achievements children have been gaining outside of school and love celebrating their successes, please do continue to share these by emailing the school office.



Nicholas in Class 6 is a member of the Oxford Junior Chess Squad (OJAYS) and has been chosen to represent Oxfordshire for the U9 and U11 intercounty competition - Inter-Association Championship South Zone.

- U9 - 9th March 2024 - He contributed 1 point out of 3 --> OJAYS won second place
 - U11 - 16th March 2024 - He contributed 1.5 points out of 3 --> OJAYS won second place
- Both age groups qualified for the final round which will be taking place in April (U9) and May (U11).

Congratulations to Savannah in Class 9 for being awarded a Distinction in both her ISTD Primary Tap and Primary Ballet exams. Lexie in Class 7 also took her ISTD Primary Tap exam and was awarded a Distinction. Well done girls!

Niamh in Class 10 took part in around 18 St. Patrick's day displays last weekend in care homes, pubs and market squares - from Ascot to Faringdon, this equated to around 10 hours of dancing! What an incredible achievement - well done Niamh!



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

Word
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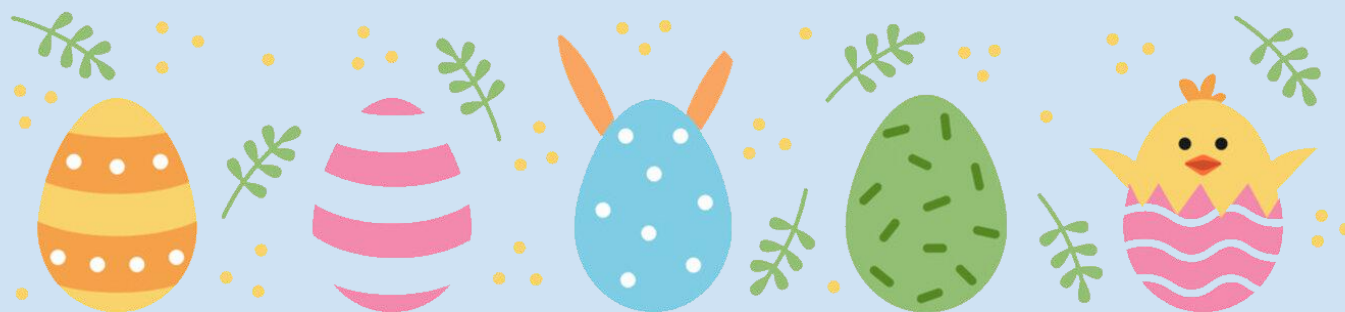
The Schools' Safeguarding Team for Oxfordshire has contacted all schools to make us aware of a WhatsApp group which is gaining traction across the county. Apparently the aim is to make the biggest WhatsApp group in the UK. **This comes with very obvious risks** of exposure to inappropriate content and unknown people. WhatsApp's recommended age is 16+. Parents should be aware of this and should also engage the setting which prohibits automatically being added to a new group. Once this setting is turned on, a user can choose whether to join a new group instead of having it automatically appear on their message streams. This allows users to make appropriate decisions about groups, just as they are expected to make the right choices when appropriately messaging. If you shouldn't do/say it in the real world, don't do it in the virtual one either.



Dates for Term 4...

PALS Easter Egg hunt - this SUNDAY!

Come along to our Easter Egg hunt this Sunday 24th March, 11am - 1pm. Entrance via Tyne Avenue and the cost is £4 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. Refreshments available and second hand uniform sale.



On **Friday 19th April**, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the school opening, we will be holding a special day of celebrations and fun activities. On the day, children are invited to come in wearing something grey, silver or shiny. We will be holding a sticker design competition and there will be a special picnic lunch. We would also like to ask for your silver coins! We intend to make a huge 2 and 5 on the playground using the silver coins, then capture this with drone footage. The money raised will go into the PALS funds, towards our next project- the Reading/Drawing/Quiet area in the courtyard. There will be further activities but we thought it would be fun to keep some things as a surprise.

Please remember on 19th April:

- to wear something silver, grey or shiny and
- to bring in any silver coins to help make the '25'.



Sunday 24th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PALS Easter Egg Hunt - see information above.
Monday 25th - Thursday 28th March - Aspirations Week	
Monday 25th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 Open Classroom, 2.30pm
Tuesday 26th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class 11 Swimming - remember swimwear and goggles! • Class 6 Didcot library visit (pm)- moved from Wed 27th. • Year 6 SATS Q&A, 3.20pm in Year 6 - NEW DATE <p>If you are unable to attend, slides will be published after the meeting.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls Football Match (away) - LPPS vs Wantage, 3.30pm kickoff
Wednesday 27th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 7 Didcot library visit (am) Boys Football Match (home) - LPPS vs All Saints, 3.30pm kickoff
Thursday 28th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 Hill End Trip (letter sent via ParentPay on 18/01) - remember coat, wellies, a healthy packed lunch and a drink! Last Day of Term - normal finish time

Notices

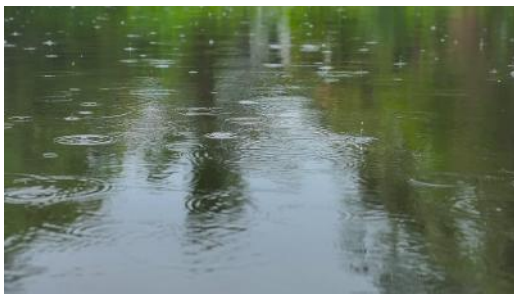
School Meals Update:



Unfortunately, the engineer was unable to fix our broken oven today so this means that it will be out of action next week too. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will require a packed lunch for the rest of this term, w/c 25th March. School meals will only be available to children entitled to FSMs and UFSMs (FS, Year 1 and Year 2). We will update you should anything change and apologise for the inconvenience this causes.

Sickness and Absence	<p>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).</p> <p>Please refer to this useful NHS guide - Is my child too ill for school?</p> <p>If your child is ill for 3 days or more, ensure to consult your GP and to inform the school of the outcome.</p>
School Meals: Menu amendment Monday 25th March	<p>On Monday 25th March, there is an amendment to the lunch menu - the choice will be Cheese Swirl or Cheese and Tomato Pizza.</p>
Summer Term Clubs	<p>Keep an eye on your emails next week as we will be sending out the Summer Term Club sign up sheet. This will be sent via ParentPay.</p>
Hill End Year 4	<p>A reminder that Hill End deposits need to be paid by Thursday 28th March. Please return forms to the school office as soon as possible. Copies of the letter can be found on our website here: https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/calendar-1/timetable</p>
Lost Property	<p>If your child has misplaced any items of clothing, please ensure you check the lost property box, located outside the Year 5 classrooms (courtyard side). Any items left after the Easter break will be disposed of.</p>
Parking at drop off and pickup	<p>We are in an envious position compared to other schools in that we have access to a very large car park at Didcot Town Football Club where you can park safely and walk to school over the zebra crossing. We are continuing to see parents mounting the pavement to park their car and also dropping off in our car park entrance. Please ensure to use the available car park at DTFC to ensure the safety of our pupils.</p>
Hometime	<p>If your child walks out of school to meet you, please can we ask that you remind your child that if they are unable to find you, that they come back to the school office and wait for you to arrive.</p>

Word of the Week

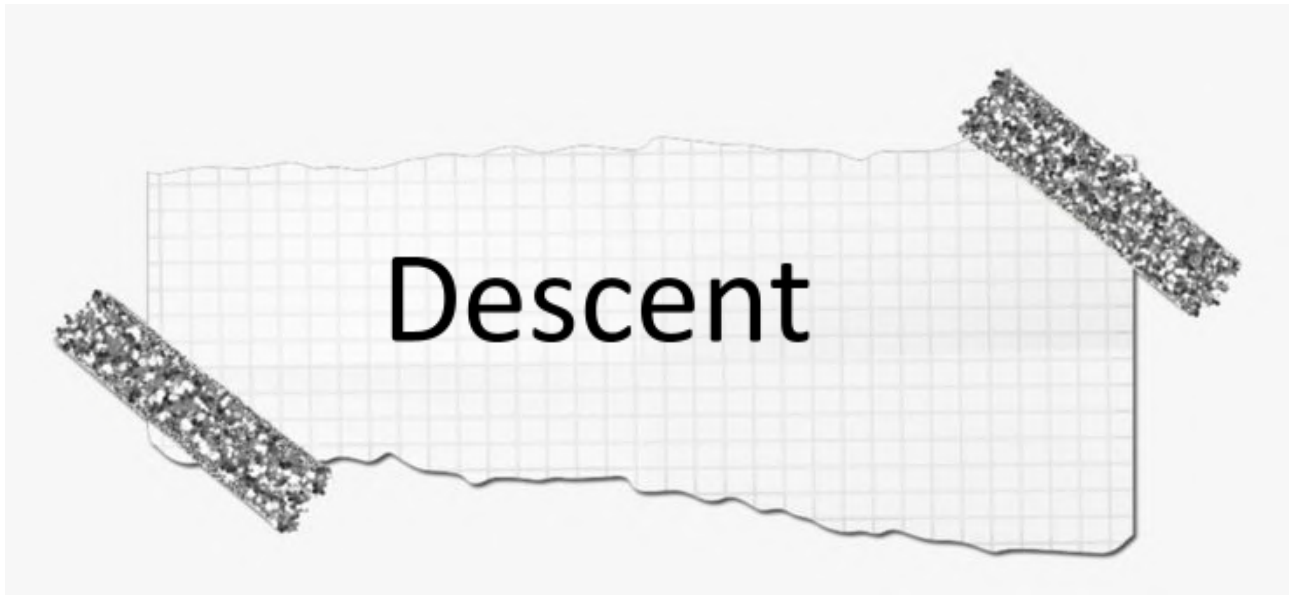
for Key Stage 1





 Meaning	 Challenge
Light rain.	If it was drizzling today, would you like to be inside or outside? When was the last time it was drizzling ?

Word of the Week

for Key Stage 2



 Meaning	 Challenge
Moving down.	What things can you make a descent in or on?

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

TUESDAY



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

Vegetables of the Day

Fruit Jelly
with Mandarins

Sausage Roll with Potato
Wedges

Mexican Bean Rol with
potato wedges

Vegetables of the Day

Apple Crumble with
Custard

WEDNESDAY

Roast of the Day, Roast
Potatoes & Gravy

Quorn Roast, Roast
Potatoes & Gravy

Vegetables of the Day

Freshly Chopped Fruit
Medley



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

Vegetables of the Day

Fruit Medley

Sausages, Onions and
Gravy with Roast Potatoes

Veggie Sausages, and
Gravy with Roast
Potatoes

Vegetables of the Day

Fruit Platter

THURSDAY

Spaghetti Bolognaise with
Garlic Bread

Veggie Bolognaise with
Garlic Bread

Vegetables of the Day

NEW Jam and Coconut
Sponge

Chef Shilpa's Chicken
Korma with Rice

**Vegetable Curry
served with rice**

Vegetables of the Day

Chocolate Drizzle Cake with
Chocolate Sauce

Chicken Pie with
Mashed Potatoes

Vegetable Pie mashed
potato

Vegetables of the Day

Peach Cake
with Custard

FRIDAY

Fishfingers with Chips

Cheesy Bean Pasty with
Chips

Vegetables of the Day

Oaty Cookie

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

NEW
Macaroni
Cheese or
Tomato Pasta



Option two

Vegetables

Dessert

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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2ND-5TH & 8TH-12TH APRIL

MAY HALF TERM

28TH-31ST MAY

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

5TH-9TH AUGUST

BOOK
HERE





HOLIDAY ARCHERY

Taster sessions for 6-11yo

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Ages 5-13

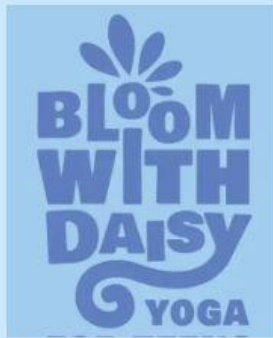
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