

LPPS Newsletter

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For vital notices and dates of open classes, assemblies, clubs

This week's life skill focus: **Helpfulness**

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On Wednesday, **year 5** children had an unusual afternoon which involved making masks by applying modroc to their faces and waiting patiently for it to set. Next week the children will decorate them to represent a Greek mythical character. These will be on display at our open classroom event on Wednesday afternoon at 2.40pm. Thank you to our very enthusiastic parent helpers, we couldn't have done it without you!
Year 5 Team

It's Year 4's Production on Tuesday. They have been rehearsing hard and are looking forward to performing. There are still a few tickets left if you would like one (£1.50 per ticket).

The performances are at **1.30pm and 6.15pm on Tuesday 2nd April**.

Children will need to be dropped off at 5.45pm for the evening performance. Children will go back to their classrooms after the performance and we ask parents to wait in the courtyard for their child to be handed over.



Today **Year 1** went on a short local walk around the school area to look at the features of Didcot for themselves. This added a real insight to the work they have been doing in class looking at Didcot, comparing it to other places they know around the world and to the different countries of the UK. Thank you to our volunteers who helped make this possible. The children were very excited and came back to class inspired to continue their drawing, models and writing about Didcot.

Year 1 would like to say a big thank you to Sarah, Eilidh's mum, for inspiring them with lava lamp science last week. The children loved it. A reminder for disposal, due to the high oil content, please do not pour the bottle contents down the drain. Thank you!
Year 1 Team

This afternoon **Year 2** will be showcasing their amazing Great Fire of London inspired glass jars, singing the song London's Burning in rounds and showing their parents all the work they have done this term for English (Great Fire of London diary writing) and Maths. **Year 2 Recorder Club** will also be performing 'London's Burning'.
Year 2 Team

Good luck to our **Boys Football** team today. They have a home match against All Saints Primary School after school. Spectators are most welcome if you would like to come along and support our team.

All Clubs have finished for this term. A list of clubs that will be running in the summer terms will be in next week's newsletter.

PALS Easter Egg Hunt is tomorrow at 2pm (see below). Come along and join in the fun! Further details at the bottom of this newsletter.

COMING UP...

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Tues 2 nd April	Class 6 visit Didcot Library Year 2 Production Cycling Test	morning 1.30pm & 6.15pm afternoon	Didcot Library Hall Ladygrove	Remember your library book Tickets required Good luck everyone
Weds 3 rd April	Class 7 visit Didcot Library Year 1 Open Classrooms Year 5 Open Classrooms Year 6 SATS Information Meeting	morning 9am-9.30am 2.40pm 3.30pm	Didcot Library Year 1 Year 5 Year 6	Remember your library book Parents invited Parents invited Parents invited
Thurs 4 th April	Last session for Class 1 children Mystery Readers Year 3 Assembly	afternoon 2.40pm 2.30pm	Class 1 F. Stage Hall	Parents invited
Fri 5 th April	Deadline for pre-ordering a party brunch bag for Friday 26 th April – see below for further details Storytelling in Foundation Stage School finishes ASC finishes	1pm 1.15pm 4pm	F. Stage Hall	Parents invited

NOTICES ...

Parking: In a recent newsletter we highlighted that a letter has been sent to all Didcot schools to urge their parents to park appropriately or find alternative methods to get to school. We continue to be informed by the public and parents that one or two cars are still being parked irresponsibly - such as half way over the pavement. We have now informed our link PCSOs who will attend our pick up or drop off times at some point in the near future to talk to anyone who parks irresponsibly. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

Next term, Mrs Manthorpe will be running **open-air revision sessions for children in year six**. Children don't need to bring anything extra. The sessions will run from 8:25am to 8:40am and are optional. Should your child wish to attend, no permission slip is required, they just need to turn up promptly! Grammar and maths will be covered each time. On the first week back, the sessions will be on Wednesday 24 April and Friday 26th. For the following two weeks, revision will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

In **Term 5, Year 5** are exploring the question: *How do religious families and communities practice their faith and how is this seen in local communities?* If anyone is able to contribute towards this question and would be happy to talk to the Year 5 children, please contact the Year 5 team.

Trips: Since moving to ParentPay we have found an increasing number of trips are not being paid for. Trips are planned to enhance topic work and we ask parents to pay a voluntary contribution towards this. This year to date, we are approaching £2,000 of unpaid voluntary contributions. This is not sustainable and we would be grateful if you please log into your parentpay account to check that you are up to date with any contributions (past and present). Future trips are at risk of being cancelled if we do not have enough contributions to cover expenses.

Not previously been able to attend our **maths workshops** for parents? Ever wondered how we teach maths to your child? Episode 3 of the podcast at <https://planetparent.com/episode-3-kate-mole/> explains it all.

Maths Matters to Ladygrove Park School. Sessions are structured carefully (by experienced Ladygrove staff) to build on the children's confidence and deepen their understanding of maths operations, stretching those students who were already confident and supporting others. This term, we will continue to tailor the sessions to the needs of the children. As always, there are two sessions: years 2, 3 and 4 at 10am and years 5 and 6 at 11:15am. Excitingly, we have decided to run a third group on Saturdays. This group will run from 12:15-1:15pm and is aimed at parents. We will teach you the methods that your children are taught as this will help you to help your child. For more information, or to book your child (or yourself) onto these sessions, priced reasonably at £15 each, please email: didcotmathsmatters@gmail.com
New students are always welcome.

Nursery Children: Remember your last day this term is on Thursday 4th April.

Rest of School: Last day this term is on Friday 5th April and school finishes at 1.15pm.

After School Club: Finishes at 4pm on Friday 5th April

20th Birthday Party Day is on Friday 26th April (see below for more details). We will be having a picnic on the school field so everyone will need a packed lunch. The catering team are able to offer a party brunch bag (paid for packed lunch) for the same price as a school meal. The party brunch bag will consist of **20 pieces of food** e.g. cocktail sausage, chicken nuggets, sausage rolls, crisps, carrots, peppers, cucumber, salsa, pot of hummus, selection of cakes etc.

This will need to be pre-ordered, so please let the school office know by either email or in person, no later than Friday 5th April if you would like to pre-order your child to have a party brunch bag.



School will celebrate its 20th birthday this April and to mark the occasion we have various events planned.

<p>Friday 26th April Whole school teddy bears picnic Children can bring in a 'party lunch box' and their favourite cuddly toy. Children will eat their lunch outside. School will provide an ice cream as a treat.</p>	<p>Come to school wearing a decorated t-shirt celebrating our 20th birthday. Decorate your t-shirt with the number 20 all over it.</p>	<p>Bring to school a smartie tube filled with 20p coins and help us mark out the word LADYGROVE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL 20TH BIRTHDAY – coins will then go towards our playground fund. So start collecting your 20ps now!</p>
<p>Friday 3rd May We are going to have a whole school photo to commemorate our 20th birthday – this will be available to purchase. Foundation Stage and Year 6 year groups will still have their VISTA style photo taken.</p>		
<p>Time Capsule Each class will, together, make something to put in our time capsule (either a poem, a letter, picture) – to be buried in the school grounds.</p>		

Storytime with children's author Rachel Jane

Tuesday 16th April, 10:30am at Didcot Library



Lil the campervan is on a quest to help her friend with her cupcake delivery. Can she deliver all of the cupcakes on time and in one piece?

Milo has dreamt of going to the Seaside but has always got lost along the way. Will he be able to get there with the help of his friend Billy?



Discover the answers in this Campervan Storytime followed by Campervan colouring and crafts!
For ages 3-7.

Booking required. To book your free place call 01235 813103 or email didcot.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Andrew Markham and the school team

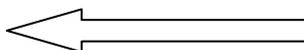
PALS Easter Egg Hunt! TOMORROW AT 2-4pm

It'll soon be Easter which means the PALS team are busy making plans for the Easter Hunt! Children can hunt for clues to complete a puzzle, and win a prize!

Entry is £2 per child, tickets purchased upon entry.

There will also be refreshments, cakes and some colouring in too.

Thank you if you donated cakes and biscuits to sell at this event – much appreciated! We still need some parent helpers for the event too - please contact us on ladygrovepals@gmail.com or drop us a note via the post box outside the school office, if you are able to help out.



There are lots of activities going on over the Easter break at Didcot Library and Cornerstone.

Check out their individual websites for further details.