

LPPS Newsletter

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

Next week's life skill focus: **Manners**

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Foundation Stage really enjoyed their trip to Farmer Gow's this week. Thank you very much to all the wonderful parent helpers and especially to one who leapt in at the last minute - we're very grateful! We had lots of time to enjoy a tractor-trailer ride (the children loved it when the sheep chased us while we were on it!) We also fed and stroked the sheep, lambs, piglets and chicks, and helped collect the hens' eggs. There was also time to play on the hay bales and toy tractors. Of course, the highlights were the picnic and the coach ride. We even spotted lots of animals and plants on the journey. Well done Class 2 and 3! Your first school trip and you were a credit to the school!

Foundation Stage Team

'Travelling Books' Book Fair has been at Ladygrove all week. Weather permitting, it will be in the courtyard (otherwise in the library) again this afternoon so if you haven't visited it, there is still time. Remember there is also a 3 for 2 offer on all books so please do encourage your children to come and have a look and find something new and exciting to read! The more money we raise, the more money we are able to spend as a school on new books for our library and book corners, so we really appreciate your support with this.

The children had a good time at our new PALS Movie Nights on Tuesday and Thursday this week – it raised £615! Thank you so much to the PALS team who organised this one. As always, there is a lot of background work which ensures that the event runs smoothly, especially when the event is a new one.

We had a whole school photo taken this morning to mark our 20th birthday. It took quite a bit of organising ensuring everyone was in the right place. This will be available to purchase and proofs will go home soon. Children in Foundation Stage and Year 6 also had their usual class photograph taken to continue with our tradition of the youngest and the eldest in school having their photograph taken in the vista style, as a keepsake for parents. Order forms will go home soon.

Incredibly, over £1,400 was raised with all the 20ps at the birthday celebrations last Friday! Thank you to you all for collecting your 20ps (and some other coins). Pictures on the blog. This puts us very very close to our total to start on the renovation of the playground around the netball court. For your information, we are having trouble engaging the company which agreed to put in our mound and tunnel but we hope for this to start very soon.

Our Year 6 House Captains changed this week. The new ones are: Oak- Harry and Louisa, Willow- Jonas and Scarlet, Beech- Evan and Emma. Well done to these- our final House Captains of the year. As ever, I'm especially proud of those who attempted (all year) to become a house captain but didn't get there. With this sort of resilience there are great things ahead for you in secondary school.

Also, congratulations to our specially selected Pupil Forum Group which works with me on specific schools matters. The outgoing group helped to devise the activities we did during the 20th birthday celebrations. The new group for this term are: Joshua, Ella, Corey, Emily, Sienna, Gowri, Chloe and Jia.

COMING UP... Clubs start next week –Rounders and Library Club are not going ahead due to lack of interest.

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY			
Tues 7 th May	Nature through Nurture Club	3.15pm-4pm	Class 6	
Weds 8 th May	Bags2School Collection	9am	Reception	Bags are being collected today.
	Spanish Club	3.15pm-4pm	Class 8	
Thurs 9 th May	Year 4 Swimming	morning	Harwell Sch	See reminder below*
	Year 3 visit Didcot Railway Centre	All Day	Didcot	
	Netball Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	Class 15	
	Arts and Crafts Club	3.15pm-4pm	Class 6	
	Girls Football Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	Class 11	
	Year 6 Cake Crumbly	3.10pm	Courtyard	
PALS Meeting	7pm	School	Remember to donate cakes to sell Everyone welcome	

*Year 3 children will need to come dressed to school as an evacuee but they will be outside so their outfits will need to be practical (i.e. warm clothing if the weather is cold). Children will need to arrive to school at normal time with a water bottle and a packed lunch (no nuts please) and in WWII style! We will be walking to the museum from school.

NOTICES ...

We continue to do our termly **attendance monitoring** of every pupil. The average attendance remains at 97% however, if attendance falls below 95% it is monitored more closely by the school. Very rarely, it might fall below 90%- there needs to be good reason for this level of absence otherwise school will need to set up an agreement with parents to raise attendance to better levels.

Please also note that if you have an appointment planned for your child, such as a medical appointment, the most effective way to tell us is via the office. The office organise registers everyday and act on all absence, they also relay the information back to the class teacher. Finally, if there is a situation such as medical treatment being prolonged, we must see evidence in writing from the provider. This is local authority guidance which ensures that schools can confidently account for the whereabouts of any child who is absent for a longer period.

Next week is the last **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 session. Sessions next week will be on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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.

Are you planning on having a spring clear out? If so, please save items of clothing for **PALS 'Bags2School'** scheme. A bag has gone home today with your child and the collection is on **8th May**. Please can bags be dropped off at the office. Thank you.



Andrew Markham and the school team

Full Circle Sports May Holiday Sports & Activity Camps

Come and join us to have fun, learn new skills and make new friends!

Focus On ... Cake Decorating Workshop

Age 7-13 years

Find out about all the tips, tricks and techniques of how to decorate a cake using both buttercream and fondant icing. Each participant will take their decorated cake and cupcakes home.

Date: Thursday 30th May

Time: 9.30am- 3.00pm

(extra time of 8.30am - 5.30pm available)

Cost: £40

Venue: [Wallingford School \(OX10 8HH\)](#)

MultiSport Camp

Age 4 to 13 years

Activities include: Trampolining, Bouldering, MultiSports, Lacrosse, Hockey, Football, Basketball, Cricket, Rounders, Tennis, Badminton, Tag Rugby, Dance, Arts & Crafts and much more!

Date: Tuesday 28th May – Thursday 30th May

Time: 9.30 to 4.30pm (extra time of 8.30am to 5.30pm available - charges apply)

Cost: £32 per day, book all 3 MultiSport Camp days in the same week for £90.

(sibling discounts available).

Venue: Wallingford School Leisure Centre (OX10 8HH)

We are OFSTED registered and accept Childcare Vouchers.

For more details or to reserve your places - Email - sam@fullcirclesports.co.uk Call - 07751 231 090

Details and booking form also available at: www.fullcirclesports.co.uk

