

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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Year 6 were fantastically resilient this week in their approach to the SATs. This year the tests really delved in to deeper understanding of logical concepts in Maths, of grammar and reading skills in English. The children tackled a range of wordy questions which involved applied thinking and reasoning. Thank you to the Year 6 and all other staff who supported the detailed implementation, to ensure all activity was well organised across the school. As is tradition, Year 6 wrote formal persuasive letters to local companies, asking for donations to their end of test celebrations. Yesterday they enjoyed a celebratory lunch courtesy of Subway and Domino's. They walked to Cineworld this morning to watch 'Spiderman; into a *SPIDER-VERSE*' and finished off with a picnic in year 6. A BIG thank you to Cineworld for helping us organise this treat today and another BIG thank you to Subway and Domino's for yesterday's feast! It's not all over until Year 6 ends, there still remain a number of exciting curricular topics to cover, a week residential and a lot of writing objectives, as well as preparing for Secondary life.



It has been confirmed that the funeral for Mandy Whitmarsh will take place on Friday 7th June at All Saints Church in Didcot. To show our respect and to allow the staff to attend Mandy's funeral **we will be closing the school for the whole day on Friday 7th June.** I'm sure you will understand our motivation to do this since Mandy was a pivotal member of staff at the school. Through her roles in class, with groups and as the leader of the midday supervisors she worked with absolutely everyone. We have 3 weeks until the day of the funeral but if this closure causes you insurmountable issues and you genuinely struggle to make other arrangements, please contact us and talk directly to the office staff on 01235519235. We hope you understand that this action is not taken at all lightly, we understand the inconvenience but we must also show our respects to one of our longest standing member of staff and also use the time to comes to terms with the sudden death of a beloved member of our whole school community.

The long anticipated visit from our local **beekeeper** took place on Wednesday. Children in Foundation Stage were very excited to welcome him into school (he had already met a few children at the Didcot market outside Sainsburys at the weekend). He brought his "girls" as he calls them so we could have a close look at them, passed round some of the honeycomb cells and showed a couple of clips of bee behaviour on the whiteboard. We all had lots of questions and he was very impressed with what the children knew already.
The Foundation Stage Team

Year 3 are celebrating WWII VE Day this afternoon with their VE Day party and open classrooms. This morning, the children enjoyed making sandwiches and lemonade to share, adding to the huge number of very yummy cakes made at home. It will be an afternoon of songs, food, chat and showing off the childrens' great work this term.
Year 3 team

The School Nursing Team will be in school on 5th June to speak to children in **Years 5 and 6** primarily about changes that occur during puberty, both physical and emotional. A letter giving more information from the School Nursing Team was emailed yesterday. The letter is also on our website under '*Letters and Blog*' '*Newsletter*' tab.

Freya, Lilian and Imogen from Year 5 carried out another great cake sale last Friday. They raised over £30 for the British Heart Foundation. They were left with just one cake at the end- the teacher fought over it.

Congratulations to the group of Year 9s from DGS (our old pupils) who took over in Year 4 for the last hour last Friday to run a charity treasure hunt. They did so very ably; all the children had fun while being supervised by their class teachers.

We will be holding our **annual Spelling Bee** during Week 2 of Term 6, with the final taking place on Thursday 13th June. All children will be given a spelling list before half term so that they have the opportunity to practise for the event. These spellings are specific to each year group's spelling objectives, so practising them will really help to support your child's writing. We look forward to witnessing some super spelling!

A big thank you to everyone who donated bags of clothes for our **Bag2School** collection last week. Bag2School raised a fabulous £208.00 – 520 kilos of clothes were donated!

Next week – Spanish Club is open to Year 3 children*. If you would like to join please email the school office.

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 20 th May	Class 10 depart for Hill End Yr 2 Assessments FS Mystery Readers After School Club in Class 1 (meeting in hall)	10.30am morning 2.40pm 3pm-6pm	Hill End Year 2 F Stage Nursery	Collect from Class 1 door
Tues 21 st May	Yr 2 Assessments Class 15 visit Didcot Library Dress Up Day – Minibeasts Cycling Test Nature through Nurture Club Library Club	morning morning All Day afternoon 3.15pm-4pm 3.15pm-4pm	Year 2 Didcot Library F Stage Ladygrove Class 6 Library	Remember your library books Come to school dressed as a minibeast! Selected Year 5 children
Weds 22 nd May	Class 11 depart for Hill End Class 14 visit Didcot Library Yr 2 Assessments Class 10 return from Hill End Spanish Club	10.30am morning morning <i>ETA 1.30pm</i> 3.15pm-4pm	Hill End Didcot Library Year 2 Check out our website banner for up to date return time Class 8	Remember your library books Now open to Year 3 children*
Thurs 23 rd May	Yr 2 Assessments Yr 1 Open Classrooms Year 4 Swimming Dental Screening Year 3 Cake Crumbly Netball Club Arts and Crafts Club Girls Football Club	morning 9am-9.30am morning 9am 3.10pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4pm 3.15pm-4.15pm	Year 2 Year 1 Harwell Sch Class 1 Courtyard Class 15 Class 6 Class 11	Parents invited Year 4 at Hill End Selected children Remember to bring cakes to sell No Club this week No Club this week
Fri 24 th May	Class 11 return from Hill End Year 2 Viking Assembly Term 5 ends at normal time	<i>ETA 1.30pm</i> 2.30pm 3.10pm	Check out our website banner for up to date return time Hall	Parents invited

NOTICES ...

Advanced notice..... **Sports Day** is on 26th June during our **GET ACTIVE WEEK**. More details about this week and sports day will follow.

Andrew Markham and the school team

On **19, 27 and 28 May**, Space Store is delivering a two-hour space experience, **Fascination Space**. They will be running up to three sessions per day at the their **new premises: 48 Orchard Street, Orchard Centre, Didcot**. Please do come along to see them in their new Space Store premises. Adults and kids of all ages are welcome!

BOOK HERE: www.spacestore.co/fascination

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