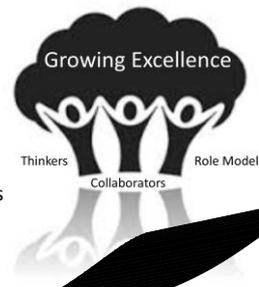


# LPPS Newsletter

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

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**Hill End: Year 4** have had some brilliant experiences this week at Hill End. We have taken them on walks around the entire site, including the forests and meadows, both at day and at night. From the top of Hill End they were surprised by the view over Farmoor Reservoir. The mud walk was a hit with those who wanted to give their parents more washing to do or just generally get as muddy as humanly possible. During the bug hunting everyone was lucky enough to see slow worms (which look like snakes). The talk of one of the days was a dead field mouse. All this can be seen on the blog which has received over 100 hits on some pages already. Everyone worked very well as a team especially when eating and clearing up at meal times. Many also improved their independence, sorting themselves out for each day (supervised by us of course). Some even successfully climbed over a field gate for the first time in their lives (or so they say). We were surprised that one night no one needed comforting for home sickness at all. Thank you to Mr Humphries who joined me for the entire week, to Mrs Lai, Dr Shorrock, Miss Jarman and Ms Eccles who supervised and guided the classes through the residential experience. Finally, thank you to all the teachers from school who came up through the week (after the school day had finished) to do extra activities with the children.

Kamila said "It was amazing because there are so many fun activities. My favourite was the pond dipping."

Cian said "It was really good because at the camp fire we ate hand made s'mores."

We are so very proud of all of our **Year 2** children this week. They had to take part in their end-of-KS1 SATs assessments for reading and maths, and the way they approached their 'paper booklets' was so impressive! They were the embodiment of the Ladygrove Standard: they had an unflinching *Positive Mental Attitude* all week and they were *School Ready* everyday; they were determined and resilient with a confident can-do attitude! Thank you Parents for making sure that your children were well-rested and positive for school and thank you to our whole school team for helping and supporting the children through the week.

On Tuesday our reception children came into foundation stage dressed as **minibeasts**. There were: bees, snails, spiders, butterflies, caterpillars, dragonflies, ants and many more! Thank you for the amazing costumes; we had a fun day pretending to be bugs! *The Foundation Stage Team*

**Proofs of our whole school photograph** went home this week. If you would like to see a framed copy of this it is outside on reception area. It's a great photograph and a lovely keepsake. Deadline for orders is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 9am. Any orders received after this date will incur a late fee. We are still awaiting proofs for Foundation Stage and Year 6; once they arrive a reminder for the date for orders will appear in our newsletter.

Congratulations to the children who passed their **cycling training** this week. The final group will start their training the first week back next term.

You will notice a message about Ali (our **PALS PTA Chair**) at the bottom of this newsletter. She will be stepping down at the end of this year after a fantastic run as the Chair overseeing and implementing hugely successful social and fund raising events which have raised a lot of money to support the school in our funding. We will be celebrating the work of Ali and the PTA nearer the end of this academic year.

Finally, thank you for all your kind words regarding Mandy Whitmarsh. Your support of our plans and decisions have been very much appreciated and valued by all staff. It certainly makes me feel like the 'school team' includes the whole community around the school also. Several parents have asked about a collection; I can advise that Mandy wished for any donations to go to the Salvation Army. As a reminder, school is closed for Mandy's funeral on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Enjoy half term; **Term 6 starts Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at normal time.**

## Next week:

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	SBS & DGS Transition Parent Meeting	9am	Hall	Parents invited
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Cycle Training	afternoon	Ladygrove	Selected Yr 5 children
	Nature through Nurture Club	3.15pm-4pm	Class 6	
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Library Club	<del>3.15pm-4pm</del>	Library	No club this week
	Yr 5 & 6 Puberty Talks	morning	KS2	School Nursing Team in school
	Spanish Club	3.15pm-4pm	Class 8	
	FS Mystery Reader	2.40pm	F. Stage	
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 6 Kilvrough Parent Meeting	3.15pm	Year 6	Final meeting before trip
	Year 4 Swimming	morning	Harwell Sch	
	Year 4 Cake Crumbly	3.10pm	Courtyard	Remember to bring cakes to sell
	Netball Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	Class 15	
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Arts and Crafts Club	3.15pm-4pm	Class 6	
	Girls Football Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	Class 11	
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	SCHOOL CLOSED			

## NOTICES ...

Advanced notice..... **Sports Day** is on 26<sup>th</sup> June during our **GET ACTIVE WEEK**. More details about this week and sports day will follow. Please remember that children should now be wearing a coloured t-shirt for PE. **OAK house is a GREEN t-shirt**, **WILLOW house is a YELLOW t-shirt**, **BEECH house is a RED t-shirt**.

### Year 6 Parents:

On the first day back (Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June) at 9am there is a transition meeting for parents by St Birinus and Didcot Girls School staff. This meeting will be held in the hall then split into DGS and SBS groups.

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June there is a final parent meeting to discuss Kilvrough. This meeting is in Year 6 straight after school.

Please ensure that your **Kilvrough payment account is fully paid by 31<sup>st</sup> May**.

We will be holding our **annual Spelling Bee** during Week 2 of Term 6, with the final taking place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Andrew Markham and the school team**

In October this year, **Alison Garraway** will be stepping down from the role of **Chair of PALS**. If you think you might be interested in the role, please feel free to speak to one of the current trustees either in the school courtyard or at the Summer Fair on Saturday 29th June. These events are great fun to plan, organise and participate in. Not only is it wonderful to see the children (teachers and parents) having fun, it's wonderfully rewarding to know that you play such a big part in helping the school pay for things they need for our children's education. It is a great way also, to bring the local community closer together. As PALS our a registered charity we do require a Chair to be in role or the charity will no longer exist, so it is so important that this role is filled. If you would like to reach out to a member of PALS please email us at [ladygrovePALS@gmail.com](mailto:ladygrovePALS@gmail.com).

**Ladygrove Park Primary School Uniform Sale. Reuse, recycle and save money!** We're excited to announce that PALS are launching a second hand uniform sale at the summer fair on Saturday 29th June, with the plan to then be held at the end of each term in the courtyard (see newsletter and Facebook for details each term). We will be washing and selling any unnamed and unclaimed items from the lost property and are asking parents to also donate any other uniform items you are finished with. Items will be sold for 50p each. Donate unwanted uniform (no shoes please) and PE kit throughout school term in green wheely bin in the courtyard (next to lost property). Please remove name labels and wash before donating. The wheely bin will be in place by the of the first week, next term.

**PALS** have managed to secure a **Summer Fair 2019** estate agent promotion with Hodsons. They have offered to display up to 50 event boards in the lead up to Saturday 29th June. They will put up the boards approximately four weeks before the day.

We are looking for school community, friends and family from Didcot and surrounding villages to agree to display a board. For each board we display PALS will receive a £6 donation. Currently, we only have 10 boards that will be displayed and we would love to be able to reach our 50 board target to raise even more money for the school.

If you could help by displaying a board, it would be very much appreciated. Please email me via [ladygrovepals@gmail.com](mailto:ladygrovepals@gmail.com) with you name, contact number and address.

*Thank you, PALS Team*

Harwell Campus  
Chilton Village  
present

**FULL STEAM AHEAD**

SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING ARTS MATHEMATICS

*Family Fun Day*  
Saturday 8th June 2019 12-5pm

Explore a fire engine  
Climbing wall  
Fingerprinting with police  
Art & crafts activities  
Science workshops  
Board games café

Harwell Campus' Sports Field, OX11 0RA

**£10 entry per family, then all activities FREE**  
CASH ONLY Refreshments and street food available