

LPPS Newsletter

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

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GET ACTIVE Week – This has been a fun packed week: children have taken part in 22 different activities, during 125 hours of activity this week. Additionally, they have run or walked approximately 2100 miles on the Daily Mile. The week has been very successful with all the children enjoying lots of different activities from Cricket to Ballet and Parkour to Ultimate Frisbee! Thank you to the Year 6 Sports Captains who have hosted visitors, delivered coaching and run events this week – well done Sam, Eilla, Louisa, Amber, Ben, Mikey, Olivia and Sam!

A big, BIG thank you to Sam Abrey, our Sports Coach, for organising this fantastic week. Everyone appreciates the amount of time it takes in organising events like this and as usual, it has been brilliant.

Sports Day on Wednesday was a great event once again with both children and parents entering into the house competition. It was wonderful to see so many supporters- giving us our best ever atmosphere! A special mention to those who made banners and T shirts. Mrs DeCroos even made stickers for every pupil in the school. All year groups took part in Sports Day and accumulated points to go towards a grand total- this decided the overall house winner. This year the results are – 1st – Willow 2nd – Oak 3rd – Beech

Well done to everyone for taking part and doing your best!

Thank you also to **Heather O'Malley and her team** (Millie, Abby and Alfie) for running the tea stalls and to the strong support from **PALS** (Alison, Paul, Sam and Emily). A whopping **£909.14** has been raised for Mandy's chosen charities (The Salvation Army and Sobell House) – Mandy would have been 'chuffed to bits'. Thank you to everyone who supported this cake sale and to all our **bakers** (Sarah, Wendy, Sara, Elaine, Millie, Janice, Emily, Sam and Paul) who between them baked over 600 cakes! Thank you also to Mr Whippy (John) for his kind donation of ice lollies for everyone- much needed!

Last Friday was **Year 3's Kensuke's Kingdom** afternoon, where we experienced activities Michael had to do on the island. In the children's words: Mia, "I liked painting the rocks because it was calm and relaxing outside. My fishing net has made the perfect hammock for my toy turtle." Jasmine, "I liked gathering round the fire to roast marshmallows and tasting the fish. It was really nice" (The children did love eating the fire cooked cod, there was not a scrap left!)

Noah, "I liked whittling sticks because we got to use sharp knives. And I got the most hot chocolate!"

Year 3 Team

Today, **Year 1** are visiting the Natural History Museum in Oxford and **Year 2** are visiting the Cotswold Wildlife Park. An update on how their visits went today will appear in next week's newsletter.

We have now said goodbye to our Associates Teachers, **Charlie Hanger** and **Kim De Brito**. Since September, Charlie has been teaching in Class 5 with our Year 1 team and Kim has been teaching in Class 14 with our Year 6 team. We wish them both the very best in their future teaching careers and it's nice to know that they are both staying in local schools.

Next week:

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 1 st July	'Moving On' afternoon Year 6 Transition Day	Afternoon All Day	School DGS/SBS	See overleaf for further details
Tues 2 nd July	Year 6 Transition Day Library Club Yr 3 & 4 Pumpkin Story Cycle Training	All Day 3.15pm-4pm All day Afternoon	SBS/DGS/Aureus Library St Johns Ladygrove	Yr 3 (am) and Yr 4 (pm - return 3.30pm ish) Remember bikes and helmets
Weds 3 rd July	Yr 5 visit Sutton Courtenay Nature Reserve Class 11 visit Didcot Sewage Plant Armed Forces Assembly Spanish Club	Sutton Courtenay All Day 1pm 3.15pm-4pm	All Day Didcot School Class 8	Remember packed lunches Remember packed lunches
Thurs 4 th July	Year 4 Swimming BIG Science Event - Final Year 6 Cake Crumbly Arts and Crafts Club	morning All Day 3.10pm 3.15pm-4pm	Harwell Sch Oxford Courtyard Class 6	Selected children Remember to bring cakes to sell
Fri 5 th July	Dads and Male Carers Afternoon	1.30pm-3pm	Foundation Stage	Come along and join us for the afternoon in foundation stage.

Year 3 and 4 are visiting St Johns Primary School next Tuesday for 'Pumpkin Story' activities. Please note that **Year 4** will return to school at the later time of 3.30pm ish

Michael Woodward (Author) is coming to school again on the 9th of July to meet and talk to us again. He will also be selling and signing his *Peter Pixie Visits The Rescue Centre* Books. Come to the library after school at 3.10pm, if you want to buy this very different book.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly: An assembly will be held for our Year 6 leavers on Thursday 18th July @ 1.30pm. Note that it is **not** in the morning as in previous years. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

Book corner revamp! Do you have any spare blankets, cushions, beanbags, rugs etc lying around at home that you no longer need? Before the end of term, the whole school will be working on revamping the class reading corners so that they are inviting, comfortable and user-friendly spaces to be. This is part of our continuing whole-school push on encouraging reading for pleasure. We are also looking for baskets, boxes and magazine files to help organise the class books so that they are easy to access. If you have anything that you think would be of use in a book corner, please bring it in to the school office. Many thanks for your support with this.

Orders have been received from **Tempest** for the VISTA prints class photos (Classes 1, 2, 3, 14 and 15). These will go home today. We also still have orders of the *whole school photo* in the office waiting to be collected. They are too large to send home with your child so please do come and collect your framed photograph.

'Moving On Afternoon': Monday 1st July - We have sent home today transition letters about the year group that your child is moving to. The opportunity to meet your child's new teacher after school on that day will be a good time to clarify anything in that letter, ask additional questions and pass on information about your child. *Moving On Afternoon* involves your child getting to know their new teacher through class activities. If they have a teacher they have had before, it involves the teacher setting out the new challenges and expectations of the next year.

Current Class	New Year Group	Arrangements	Times
Class 1	Reception	Children will stay in Foundation Stage and new teachers will visit and get to know the children. Children are to be collected from Class 1 as normal.	3pm – 4.00pm Teachers available to informally meet parents.
Classes 2 & 3	Year 1	Children will stay in their classrooms and new teachers will visit and get to know the children. During the afternoon children and teachers will go up to Year 1 to visit their new classes. Children to be collected from Class 2/3 as normal.	
Classes 4 & 5	Year 2	12.45pm – Yr 2 teachers meet the Year 1 children and take them to their new classrooms. Year 1 children to be collected by parents as normal from their classrooms in Yr 1.	3.10pm – 4.00pm Teachers available to meet parents informally.
Classes 6 & 7	Year 3	1pm – Children in Year 2 are met by their new teachers in the courtyard and taken to a special assembly about moving on and then to their new classrooms. Children to be collected by parents from outside their new Yr 3 classrooms. Parents to wait in the courtyard then come back in if you wish to meet the new teacher.	
Classes 8 - 13	Years 4-6	1pm – Children are met by their new teachers in the courtyard and taken to a special assembly about moving on and then to their new classrooms. Children will be going out for homework from the new classrooms and may be met by parents from these. Parents to come back in if you wish to meet the new teacher.	

Teachers for next year - As ever, we put all our efforts in to selecting the best teaching structure every year. We take account of all variables and circumstances including the profile of the class and history of previous contact. It is a complicated procedure which started months ago and leads to the best possible outcome for the children. During the last part of this term staff meetings are dedicated to teachers 'handing over'. This is a process in which your child's teacher tells the new teacher any pertinent information- academic and otherwise.

September 2018: Below are arrangements for the next academic year.

Current Class	Current Teacher	moving to	New Class	New Teacher
Class 2	Jo Hicks	➔	Class 5	Katy Manthorpe
Class 3	Lucy Storer	➔	Class 4	Jo Hicks
Class 4	Keely Cook/Katy Manthorpe	➔	Class 6	Emily Cackett
Class 5	Zoe McLauchlan	➔	Class 7	Ashley Francis
Class 6	Emily Cackett	➔	Class 9	Zoe McLauchlan
Class 7	Amber Parsons	➔	Class 8	Lucy Stott (new member of staff)
Class 8	Gemma Fowkes	➔	Class 11	Amber Parsons
Class 9	Ashley Francis	➔	Class 10	Naomi Loveless (previous associate teacher)
Class 10	Cress Lai	➔	Class 13	Gemma Fowkes
Class 11	Claire Shorrock	➔	Class 12	Rebecca Shepherd (new member of staff)
Class 12	Kim Adlam	➔	Class 14	Claire Shorrock
Class 13	Vicky Owen/Cathryn Fernandez	➔	Class 15	Vicky Owen/Cathryn Fernandez

The teachers in Foundation Stage will be: *currently recruiting* (Class 1), Keely Cook (Class 2), Lucy Storer (Class 3).

Elaine Li-Koo, Carly Clarkson and Carrie Barringer will continue to provide release time for planning, preparation and assessment for teachers.

Sam Abrey (PE) will continue to provide coaching to all year groups in PE.

Heather Manthorpe will be our Associate Teacher working alongside Claire Shorrock as an additional teacher in Year 6.

At the end of term we say goodbye to Hannah Zebrowski, Alex Wilder, Kim Adlam, Carol Saunders and Jake Smith.

Kim Adlam is taking up promotion and joining Cholsey Primary School as phase leader. Kim has enjoyed an illustrious career at Ladygrove, she has been an excellent teacher for many year groups as they have journeyed through our school. She will be greatly missed but leaves a legacy of achievements for the school.

Hannah will be taking up a promotion and working at Aureus Primary School as part of the leadership team. Hannah has been at the core of the Year 6 team for a number of years. Many will not know that she started with us as a student and has gone on to make a great and lasting impact on the school in a number of areas.

Alex Wilder is taking the opportunity to travel around the world and build new experiences. Alex has been instrumental in the progress and development of a huge number of pupils- she is well loved and will be well missed- but who knows she might be back.

Carol Saunders is following her career passion and joining the adoption agency. Carol has been influential in guiding many pupils and parents through the tricky stages of life and child development. She has helped us all to navigate changes as they evolved in the school. Her expertise will be missed. We will soon be giving more information on the new expertise and staff taking her role.

Jake Smith has been motivated by his role with us and is now starting a teacher training programme. He has forged out an excellent role as a TA while with us and is well placed to take the next step. We wish him the best.

In with the new:

Lucy Stott comes to us as a highly experienced teacher from Bedfordshire. She is moving to the area with her husband and children.

Rebecca Shepherd is an extremely energetic and passionate newly qualified teacher.

Many of you will know Naomi Loveless who was previously our associate teacher, originally in training in Year 6.

Cress Lai will be continuing as part time teacher working with Class 8 one day a week.

Advanced Notice.... Next year's May Bank Holiday has moved to Friday 8th May 2020.

ADVANCED NOTICE.....Year 6 Production – tickets go on sale **Monday 8th July** for 'Rock Bottom'
Box office opens at 8.30am and tickets can be purchased from the office. **Tickets are £1.50each**
If you cannot collect tickets you can email the school office or phone school requesting tickets. Due to space restrictions tickets are limited to 4 per child for example: 2 evening and 2 afternoon (maximum 2 evening tickets only per family)



Tickets are 'first come, first served' basis. Evening tickets go very quickly (normally sold out by the next day) so if you can only go to the evening show then you must buy tickets on Monday 8th July! The performances are at **1.30pm and 6.15pm on Tuesday 16th July.**

Any tickets not collected by **3.30pm on Friday 12th July**, will be made available to parents who would like extra on **Monday 15th July.**

Letters will go home with details about costumes for Year 6.

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.



Finally, it is our **summer fete tomorrow**. The weather looks great and our PALS team is working extremely hard in finalising what will be a fantastic afternoon. Thank you to everyone who has donated items to sell tomorrow and I look forward to seeing you all there!

Andrew Markham and the school team

A visit from DRAMA Perform

We were very pleased to receive a visit from [Perform](#) a few weeks ago. The children had a wonderfully energetic time exploring the theme of [Peter Pan](#) and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of Ladygrove Park Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Wednesday 3rd July - i.e. just over one week's time.

To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **LADN030719**
or visit perform.org.uk to find out more.



Full Circle Sports Summer Holiday Sports & Activity Camp

Come and join us at our ***NEW SUMMER VENUE*** to make friends, learn new skills and have fun!

Children age 5 to 13 years can participate in an exciting programme of indoor and outdoor activities, led by qualified and enthusiastic coaches.

Activities include: Zumba, Archery, MultiSports, Hockey, Football, Lacrosse, Cricket, Rounders, Tennis, Tag Rugby, Orienteering, Yoga, Mindfulness Activities, Bracelet Making, Junk Modelling, Painting, Arts & Crafts and much more!

Dates: Monday 29th July to Friday 16th August.

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

NEW SUMMER VENUE: WALLINGFORD SPORTS PARK OX10 9RB

Cost: £32 per day (sibling and full week discounts available)

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

SUMMER ACTIVITY WORKSHOPS

@ Ladygrove Primary School, Didcot

22 - 26 July



Choose to come along to a half day workshop or pick two and stay the whole day!
(Packed lunch required if staying for the whole day).

AM session - 9.30-12.30pm PM session - 1.30pm-4.30pm

8.30am drop off and 5.30pm pick up available (£3 per AM/PM session)

£20 per workshop. £35 for two workshops in same day.

To book, contact sam@fullcirclesports.co.uk

	AM SESSION 9.30am - 12.30pm		PM SESSION 1.30pm - 4.30pm	
Monday 22 July	Forest School	Spanish	Football	Crafting
Tuesday 23 July	Creative Writing	Cricket	Dance	Archery
Wednesday 24 July	Football	Mini Professors	Forest School	Coding
Thursday 25 July	Archery	Drama	Light up Jars	Ultimate Frisbee
Friday 26 July	MultiSports	Cross Stitch	Cake & Cookie Decorating	Mini Professors

<p>Ultimate Frisbee Learn the skill, techniques and rules to take part in this fun, exciting sport. Aimed at 7 to 13 years.</p>	<p>Crafting Take part in a variety of crafts including card making, mosaic art and dream catchers. Aimed at 4 to 13 years.</p>	<p>Football Develop your football skills by taking part in lots of fun activities and games. Aimed at 4 to 13 years.</p>	<p>Light up Jars Design and make your own light up jar choosing from a variety of materials and themes. Aimed at 4 to 13 years.</p>
<p>Dance This workshops enables participants to create, build, practice and show a contemporary dance to the camp audience. Aimed at 7 to 13 years.</p>	<p>Archery Develop your skills in Archery, whether you are new to the sport, or an experienced Archer. Aimed at 7 to 13 years.</p>	<p>Cricket This workshop will develop your throwing, catching and batting skills by taking part in activities and games. Aimed at 7 to 13 years.</p>	<p>Coding Learn and develop your coding knowledge to create your own stories, games and animations. Aimed at 7 to 13 years.</p>
<p>Spanish Celebrate language! Participants choose the words and phrases they would like to learn in Spanish using games and fun activities. Aimed at 4 to 13 years.</p>	<p>Forest School Join our hands-on, interactive outdoor sessions which aims to help children build a connection with nature, get active and develop confidence. Aimed at 4 to 8 years.</p>	<p>Drama Participants will take part in dynamic exercises and harness their imagination, to devise and present their own piece of work to the camp audience. Aimed at 7 to 13 years.</p>	<p>Mini Professors Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the moon landing with a hands on session to learn what it is like to be an astronaut. Take part in a 'tasty' experiment which will illustrate the different phases of the moon and re-create the formation of craters on the moon's surface. Plus take part in the fun experiments exploring chemical reactions and colour changing magic and see what you can discover! Aimed at 4 to 8 years.</p>
<p>Cake & Cookie Decorating Discover the tips, tricks and techniques of how to decorate cakes and cookies of all shapes and sizes. All creations will be yours to take away. Aimed at 4 to 13 years.</p>	<p>MultiSports Participants choose from a variety of sports and activities to take part in. Choices include Athletics, Rounders, Netball, Cricket and Parachute games. Aimed at 4 to 13 years</p>	<p>Creative Writing This workshop will use a range of fun games and activities to excite and inspire children of all abilities with their creative writing. Start your writing adventure with us and who knows where you could end up by the end of summer! Aimed at 7 to 13 years.</p>	
<p>Cross Stitch Design and sew your own design to create a beautiful piece of embroidery. Aimed at 4 to 13 years.</p>			