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

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PALS would like to thank each and every one of you who supported the Summer Fair this Saturday; those who helped organise, those who helped on the day, those who baked, those who donated items for us to sell and, of course, those that came along on the hot, hot day. Thanks to this support the Summer Fair raised a fabulous £3,000 for the school. That is our last event of the school year, but watch this space for details of the AGM in September and our future events. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

PALS Team

Year 1 were amazing on their trip to the Natural History Museum in Oxford last Friday. Their behaviour, attitude and questions were tremendous and they made us all very proud. Each class took part in a workshop, handling fossilised bones, teeth and poo. The children learnt how fossils were made and how to size up a dinosaur from its footprint. They also had time to explore the museum floor and enjoyed the skeletons, fossils, interactive displays and stroking the bears. Thank you to our parent helpers who made the day possible.

We had our 'moving on' afternoon on Monday afternoon. The children had the opportunity to spend the afternoon in their new classrooms with their new teacher in September. Please note that the classteachers in Year 1 have switched classrooms NOT classes. Therefore:-

Children currently in Class 2 will be in Class 4 (Katy Manthorpe) and children currently in Class 3 will be in Class 5 (Jo Hicks).

On Tuesday, children in **Year 3 and Year 4** had the opportunity to visit the 'Pumpkin Storytelling Tent' that was set up in a field by St John's Primary School in Wallingford. Inside the giant, colourful tent, children were transported to different worlds whilst listening to various interactive tales about terrifying, friendly, helpful and greedy dragons. Children then got chance to adapt a story and share their idea with their class.

Class 11 visited Didcot Sewage Treatment Works on Wednesday to enhance their learning about resources in the local area. The children learnt about the 4 Ps that should be found in a healthy sewer and things that are found in an unhealthy sewer. Cooking fat is particularly bad for sewers. The children took part in an experiment comparing the decomposition of toilet paper, flushable and non-flushable toilet wipes: toilet paper was the only one that decomposed. Even flushable wipes should not really be flushed down the toilet! We then donned hard hats and high-viz jackets and went on a tour of the site. After the tour, the children became sewage treatment engineers and were challenged to clean up some 'sewage' (not real) by making a filtration system. The day was filled with learning opportunities - Jasmine was horrified to learn that we ingest plastic, the size of a credit-card, each year, due to micro plastic that ends up in sewers.

On Wednesday, **Year 5** spent the day visiting the Sutton Courtney nature reserve to learn about life cycles. In glorious sunshine, we had the chance to pond dip and identify the creatures we found; recreate the way bees pollenate plants and look at the different life cycles of a variety of mini beasts. We also loved having the opportunity to explore and play in the trees too. A big thank you to the parents who helped on the trip.

Yesterday, our **Year 2** finalists took part in the **BIG SCIENCE EVENT** held at the New Science Centre in Oxford. They did incredibly well to get to this point by being selected from over 100 teams. They shared their presentation with a group of panellists and other schools. They thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities that were on offer, including a sugar experiment by ABOTT. We are very proud of them and hope to get another group in the finals next year. Pictures will be on our blog.

Please note that the school is piloting a **summer club** in the first week of the summer holidays with Sam Abrey and Full Circle Sports. We are testing this initiative to give more options for parents during holiday time, give children more choice of activities during the holiday and for extra budget income to support the work of the school during term times. Please see the end of this newsletter for details.

Thank you to the current School Council who have been working with me this term on a large project to analyse the wider curriculum at school. I have been explaining the National Curriculum guidance for each subject and they have been discussing what they enjoy learning as well as tabling new ideas for the future. More information to follow next year.

Next week: Last week for clubs (apart from Library Club)

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 8 th July	BOX OFFICE OPENS Class 7 visit Didcot Library	8.30am Afternoon	Office Didcot Library	Further details in this newsletter Remember to return your library books
Tues 9 th July	Class 6 visit Didcot Library Cycle Test Dental Screening (selected children) Mystery Readers Library Club Michael Woodward (Author) in the library	Afternoon Afternoon 1.45pm 2.40pm 3.15pm-4pm 3.10pm	Didcot Library Ladygrove F.Stage F. Stage Library Library	Remember to return your library books Selected Yr 5 children Not on this week. Last one 16 th July. Book signing for 'Peter Pixie'
Weds 10 th July	Yr 5 Experience Day at SBS/DGS Spanish Club	All Day 3.15pm-4pm	SBS/DGS Class 8	See further details below
Thurs 11 th July	Year 4 Swimming Guitar Lessons Class 1 Open Classrooms Year 5 Cake Crumbly 'Staff v Pupils' Netball Match Arts and Crafts Club	morning Morning 12pm-1pm 3.10pm 3.20pm 3.15pm-4pm	Harwell Sch School Class 1 Courtyard School Class 6	Remember your guitar Parents invited Remember to bring cakes to sell Spectators most welcome
Fri 12 th July	Reports go home to parents Yr 3 'Moving Monsters' Activity Day	3.10pm All Day		

The additional educational and fun activities that take place in school often rely on **voluntary contributions** from parents. Trips and visits are planned to enhance topic work and the curriculum. Increasingly, school is 'balancing' the books due to lack of contributions and if this trend continues we will find ourselves not being able to continue arranging trips/visitors. Please check your parentpay account in case you have forgotten to contribute to anything your child has taken part in. Thank you for your support.

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. Please could **Year 6** make sure that costumes for their upcoming production are in school for next week in a named plastic bag. Year 6 will also need to bring a large heavy-duty shopping bag to school next week to take home old books and folders. Old books and folders will be sent home on Friday 12th so please make sure the bags are in school by then

Year 5 will attend an Experience Day at DGS and SBS next **Wednesday 10th July**. Children are to arrive at school as normal and then walk up to the respective schools with our staff. Children must be wearing their school uniform, take basic school equipment (e.g. pencil case, pens, pencils) and take a packed lunch and water bottle. They will be return to Ladygrove Park Primary School by 3pm.

As you know, Alex Wilder is leaving us at the end of this year to travel the world. Throughout the year, with the fantastic help of Callie Fisher, she has run **netball club**. Netball always proves to be a very popular club and has had some great success. We are now looking for enthusiastic and willing volunteer/s to run netball club in Alex and Callie's absence. The role involves running a weekly club for approximately 25 pupils, organising matches and reporting on matches in the weekly newsletter. Experience is not essential but passion is a must! If you would like to volunteer or have any further questions please contact the office.

On that note: next **Thursday** after school there will be a **staff v pupils netball match** – supporters are most welcome! I can't decide who is more anxious to win- the staff or pupils!

Message for children who take **guitar** lessons: The remaining lessons this term will be on Thursdays (11th & 18th July). Please make sure your child brings their instrument in for those days.

In the new school year, we are hoping to restyle the **school pond** area to become more welcoming to school visitors, children and local wildlife. Gardening club will start up again to help this project, but we are also hoping to get all the classes involved more regularly throughout the school year. We would like your help to get us started. Do you have any spare gardening gloves (child sized), tools (in good condition) or insect and bird friendly plants (flowering plants, berry-yielding bushes) that you could donate? If you have any donations or even if you would like to get involved, please contact Mrs McLauchlan, Class 5. Thank you.

School Reports are going home on Friday 12th July – teachers will be available to see parents after school on Monday 15th July.

After School/Breakfast Club: From September 2019 our ASC will be £10.50 per session. Breakfast Club will be £4.75 per session
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REMINDERS.....

School finishes at **1.15pm** on Friday 19th July

After School Club finishes at **4pm** on Friday 19th July

Class 1 – last day for class 1 children is **Thursday 18th July**

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 – please do this as soon as possible. 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**.

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.



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Andrew Markham and the school team

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



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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>			