

# LPPS Newsletter

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

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

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Here is a selection of some of the things which took place this year (much has been missed and much goes on in individual classes).

**Trips and visitors:** Natural History Museum, Sutton Courtenay reserve, sewage works, Kilvrough, Hill End, Bee keeper visit, Pumpkin stories, Charity treasure hunt by Yr9s, Didcot Railway Centre, Farmer Gows, ZooLab, Viking visitor, Lava Lamp Science, local area features walk, Armed Forces assembly, author Michael Woodward, Ned's Mindset Mission, Library Visits, Yr5 Secondary visits, Travelling Books, Explorer Space Dome, Egyptian workshop, Hill End Roman Day, Sulgrave Manor, Zooniverse, NSPCC Assemblies and Workshops, Remembrance Day Pupil Dedication in Didcot, Earth Trust, Road Safety Week, M+M Robin Hood Performance, Author James Bishop, Living Rainforest...

**Projects involving:** moon buggies, moving monsters, mini beasts, Perform Drama, Mystery readers, Puberty, World War 2 and VE day, Kensuke's Kingdom, Vikings, Greeks, Modroc characters, Great Fire of London showcase, Yr 6 transition visits, Cycle training, Cake Sale for Guidedogs, Cake Sale for Homelessness, Cake Sale for Children in Need, Maths Matters Club, Maths challenge day, Cycle Training, Creative Builders Lego Workshop, Baking bread, Science investigation including real dissections, Victorian day, Writing workshop in FS, Money Matters, Superheroes day, Forest School, Ukuleles...

**Events:** Get Active Week, Choir at Primary Pop Concert, Spelling Bee, Big Science Event Final  
Rock Bottom production, Wind in the Willows production, Spring Music Concert, World Book Day, Shared Read, Remembrance Day, Hot Chocolate celebrations, Fire Safety and Awareness Training for pupils, Didcot Town Carol Concert, Sing Song to parents, Open Classrooms, Christmas Production 'Lights Came! Action', Radio Oxford recording school choir, Rutherford Labs- Solar System visit, Choir at Care Home, FS Storytelling to parents, Break a Rule Day, Safer Internet week, Circus Adventures, Strictly Dance Competition, Dragon Open Classes, Fairy Tale day, Dear Zoo performance, Roman Day, Mental Health wear yellow day, Bike Safety Week...

**Competitions and Sports:** OPEN athletics, Girls football wins, Boys football wins, Netball team multiple wins, Yr5/6 martial arts, swimming, Yr6 maths challenge Verse Speaking Finals Archery. Weekly assemblies for mindfulness, current affairs and Life Skills/British values.

#### Clubs and Pupil Responsibilities:

Anti Bullying Ambassadors, Sports Captains, Pupil Focus Groups, House Captains including Celebration Assembly, Peer Mediators (Buddies)- Year 6, Peer Mediators (in training) in Year 5  
More Able Writers Club- published monthly in Ladygrove Magazine, Play Leaders in KS2, Cake and Pancake Sales, Netball, Girls Football, Boys Football, Choir, Recorders, Spanish, Science, Arts and Crafts club, Nature through Nurture, Knit and Natter.

**Foundation Stage** had some fantastic costumes for their 'Under the Sea' dress up day on Monday! Thank you everyone for all your creativity and effort! On Wednesday they held a Grandparents' Afternoon and our visitors enjoyed a 'stay and play' session, followed by a class story. They then demonstrated a few of the things they have been learning e.g. counting in 5s, the days of the week etc through songs they have been using and now know well.

On Tuesday **Year 6** gave us a fabulous performance of Rock Bottom. The children showed great enthusiasm, confidence and quick wit. Consistent with what we have seen throughout the year, the children were confident individually as well as being strong as a whole year group- for this reason the quality of the singing was especially noteworthy. Many people commented on how well the children pulled together as a team but we know this couldn't have happened without the support from home - thank you to everyone involved! Thank you also to all our year 6 staff who worked happily and tirelessly.



**Year 6** have their Leavers' Assembly this afternoon to celebrate their excellent contribution to our school. They coped well with our very high expectations! Felix has been awarded our Citizenship Cup. This cup is awarded to a Year 6 pupil each year for their participation in school life. Felix has consistently shown excellent qualities such as kindness, being thoughtful and considerate to others, being good natured and showing great leadership skills. The recipient of our Ladygrove Values award is Scarlet for her consistently positive approach to learning and school. It is important to mention that this was a tough decision for the Year 6 staff because **every one** of this year's Year 6 is worthy of either award! Another huge well done to the Year 6 for their commitment to school life this year. We wish all of them the best of luck as they enter the next chapter of their lives at secondary school.

On behalf of everyone at school, I will take this final opportunity to say a sad farewell to our staff leavers: Hannah Zebrowski, Alex Wilder, Kim Adlam, Jake Smith, Josie Carter and Carol Saunders. We will miss all of them and wish them every success in the future.

We will be welcoming new staff in September: Teachers - Naomi Loveless (C10), Lucy Stott (C8), Rebecca Shepherd (C12)

We will have two Associate Teachers; Heather Manthorpe (based in C14) and Shannon Heneghan (based in C6). Keri-Marie Butcher (based at Willowcroft) will be in C14 on Wednesdays when Heather Manthorpe will be at Willowcroft Primary.

Mary Houseman will be leading our Nursery class and Lisa Dixon, Marianne Derjean, Sarah Coleman are our new teaching assistants.

Last week we had a special assembly to say thank you to Ali Garraway (who steps down as Chair of PALS due to huge work commitments) and to all our excellent Cycling Proficiency volunteers capably led by Karen Cruddis. There are many more volunteers who help along the way and every small act of voluntary work is a great help to us. Thank you to our regular volunteers who supported and worked with the school this year. Thank you to the parents and especially those proactive **PTA** volunteers who continue to make the extra money which is ever more helpful as schools continue to feel the real-time budget cuts. Thank you to the **governors** for their continued challenge and support behind the scenes, throughout the year. Finally thank you to all parents for your support and understanding during the difficult times this year- we really are a strong community team which is bigger than the school itself!

Finally, as this is my last newsletter of this academic year Elaine, Carly, Carrie and myself would like to thank all our wonderful staff at Ladygrove Park. Every year they go 'over and above' what is required, remaining dedicated to the success of the children and calm when under pressure- giving children a great experience at school. After some well-earned downtime they will soon begin preparing and organising for next academic year.

## NOTICES

**PE Kits and Lost Property:** Remember to take PE kits home tomorrow and take a look through our lost property. Anything not claimed will be disposed of.

**ParentPay** - please tidy up your parent pay account and settle any outstanding monies by the end of term. Thank you.

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

**School Meals:** School Meals will increase to £2.35 in September.

WANTED Watering Cans..... If you have any unwanted watering cans foundation stage could really use some so if you have any lying around, please can you donate to Foundation Stage. Thank you.



**REMINDERS.....** Remember tomorrow is a non-uniform day (donations NOT required)

**School finishes at 1.15pm – lunches are as normal**

**After School Club finishes at 4pm**

Have a great summer break and look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September!

*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 29<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sam@fullcirclesports.co.uk)

Call - 07751 231 090 Details and booking form also available at: [www.fullcirclesports.co.uk](http://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](mailto:sam@fullcirclesports.co.uk)**

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

<p><b>Ultimate Frisbee</b> Learn the skill, techniques and rules to take part in this fun, exciting sport. Aimed at 7 to 13 years.</p>	<p><b>Crafting</b> Take part in a variety of crafts including card making, mosaic art and dream catchers. Aimed at 4 to 13 years.</p>	<p><b>Football</b> Develop your football skills by taking part in lots of fun activities and games. Aimed at 4 to 13 years.</p>	<p><b>Light up Jars</b> Design and make your own light up jar choosing from a variety of materials and themes. Aimed at 4 to 13 years.</p>
<p><b>Dance</b> 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><b>Archery</b> Develop your skills in Archery, whether you are new to the sport, or an experienced Archer. Aimed at 7 to 13 years.</p>	<p><b>Cricket</b> 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><b>Coding</b> Learn and develop your coding knowledge to create your own stories, games and animations. Aimed at 7 to 13 years.</p>
<p><b>Spanish</b> 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><b>Forest School</b> 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><b>Drama</b> 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><b>Mini Professors</b> 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><b>Cake &amp; Cookie Decorating</b> 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><b>MultiSports</b> 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><b>Creative Writing</b> 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><b>Cross Stitch</b> Design and sew your own design to create a beautiful piece of embroidery. Aimed at 4 to 13 years.</p>			