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Lucy and Shalom in Year 6 have both qualified for the Oxfordshire and North Buckinghamshire County Swimming Championships which take place through January and February 2020. They both competed in relay events on Saturday 18th January at the Leys Pool in Oxford, a freestyle relay and a medley relay (mixture of strokes). Shalom swam with Abingdon swimming club and Lucy with Didcot Barramundi swimming club. Both girls will be competing in individual events at the beginning of February in Aylesbury. This is a fantastic achievement and school is very proud of them. We wish them both the best of luck for the next round of events.

Thank you very much to Poppy's mum for the donation of a sofa. It was immediately put to good use in the Burrow. It has created a more cosy reading space and was well used by after school club as soon as it arrived.

Our first **high five** match of this academic year was against Hagbourne. The match was keenly fought - all the team played well - with inspirational performances from Lois and Ben (our captain). The players marked well against an exceptional team and managed to find space when we had possession. The score ended at 7-5 to Hagbourne - but we have learnt the value of the bounce pass, which we will be practising at our next club session. Well done Ladygrove!

*Coaches Manthorpe*

**Year One** had a very exciting day on Wednesday. Dr Chris Pearson from RAL came and shared his knowledge of space with us. We also pretended to be all the planets in the solar system, made our own planets and held real meteorites! This has really inspired our learning of space, we had a fantastic day.

*Year 1 team*

## COMING UP...

### Dates next week:

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Scratch Club	Lunchtime	Year 5	
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yr 2 Lego Workshop Yr 5 Cycling High Five Club	All Day Afternoon 3.10pm-4pm	Year 2 Ladygrove Courts	<b>Please remember to pay for this via ParentPay</b> Remember bikes and helmets
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<del>Girls Football match</del> Spanish Club	<del>3.35pm</del> 3.10pm-4pm	<del>School</del> Year 3	<b>This match has been cancelled</b>
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Stemillions Club Helicopter Stories Choir Club Year 2 Cake Crumbly	Lunchtime 3.10pm-4pm 3.10pm-4pm 3.10pm	Class 5 Class 13 Courtyard	Please donate cakes to sell
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sketch Club	Lunchtime	Year 5	
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	*Maths Matters – see further information below			
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Demolition of the chimney at Didcot A Power Station – see notice below			

**\*Maths Matters** is back and next session is: Saturday 8 February. This session will be focused on problem-solving strategies related to the learning the children are having in class. As usual, there will be 2 sessions: 10 - 11 am for children in years 2, 3 & 4 and then 11 - 12 am for children in years 5 and 6. These sessions are run by Local Leader of Maths Education, Dr Shorrocks and by Mrs Manthorpe - both experienced in helping children to understand how maths works and challenging those children who already do. Groups are small, supportive and friendly. Should you wish to book your child in for a session or if you have any questions, please email us on [didcotmathsmatters@gmail.com](mailto:didcotmathsmatters@gmail.com)



**Gardening Club** is resuming next term. This is for existing members only and slips have gone home with further details. Club will be on Thursdays starting on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 3.15pm-4.15pm.

## NOTICES ...

**Year 2** Lego Activity Workshop (Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February) is happening next week and the children are really looking forward to the workshops. Thank you to everyone who has paid towards this activity day, however, 12 families have not contributed to this yet. Please can you do this as soon as possible. Many thanks.



**Year 4** are taking part in an International Day at Didcot Girls School on 26<sup>th</sup> February. Transport has been arranged to take the children to DGS and back and we have asked parents to contribute towards the cost of this. Thank you to everyone who has paid; if you haven't yet paid, we would be grateful if you can you do so as soon as possible via ParentPay. Remember, your child will need a packed lunch on this day.



**Important reminder following report of inattentive driving at pick up time:** please ensure not to park on the pavements around school. It is not worth contemplating the trauma if one of our small children was hit by one of our increasingly larger cars. Cars can easily mask childrens' movements and small children have a tendency to move quickly or erratically. No matter how high pressure the school pick up may become, please don't succumb to frustration or the urge to overlook best safe practices.

**Year 6:** Please ensure that **Kilvrough has been paid in full by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. Your child's place is not secure unless full payment has been received. Please contact us if you have any concerns rather than worry privately.

**Does anyone have .....** wool (knitting yarn), buttons, ribbon that they no longer want or use? If so, after school club would love to take it off your hands to use for activities. Please drop off at the office if you do. Many thanks



**Foundation Stage** are collecting..... empty spray bottles / pebbles / plastic lids (of all colours eg milk bottle lids) / pine cones / corks / clear tubing / old electrical reels / lego / duplo. If you have any of the above, please drop off at the office. Many thanks.



There is a school uniform recycling and fundraising scheme available all year round in the courtyard. This can be found in the plastic boxes, arranged by size. Please feel free to have a rummage, take whatever you need and pop a donation into the letterbox by the office (suggested donation of 50p per item). A current inventory has been posted on the PALS Facebook group. When your children out grow their uniform please feel free to donate it to the sale by putting it in the big green bin next to lost property. All money raised will go back into school via PALS to buy vital equipment for school. If you are unable to get to the courtyard to look for a particular item you can email PALS ([ladygrovepals@gmail.com](mailto:ladygrovepals@gmail.com)). *PALS Team*



Updated Advanced notice..... we have received notification from RWE about the **forthcoming demolition of the chimney** at Didcot A Power Station, which is scheduled to take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February (**7am to 9am**). This will be the final controlled explosive demolition activity for the former Didcot A station and follows the demolition of the north cooling towers, which took place in August. Due to the height of the chimney, the exclusion zone will be larger than during the previous demolition in August. To accommodate this exclusion zone, an application is required for temporary road closures of a section of the A4130 and Milton Road alongside Didcot Power Station, for a short period on the morning of the demolition. A local temporary footpath closure is also required. The demolition is planned to take place on a Sunday morning when local roads are typically at their quietest, and the impact on any local business will be minimised. To ensure members of the community are kept safe during the demolition process, RWE is again actively discouraging all forms of public participation, including attempts to view the demolition from public vantage points. Local households will be able to hear the explosion and dust being visible. For further information please contact [rwe@communityrelations.co.uk](mailto:rwe@communityrelations.co.uk) or call 0800 157 7344.

*Andrew Markham and the School Team*