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# LPPS Newsletter

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**Parent Governor Elections** Following our governor elections this week I am pleased to announce Sarah Hoskins is your new Parent Governor. She is joining a group of other parents, community members and academy governors to help us with the direction of the school. Thank you to all the other candidates: Imran, Surjeet and Laura – it was great to see so much support and enthusiasm and we were very proud to see such a range of useful skills amongst all the candidates.

The **new climbing frame** is being finished today in KS2. The children have been very excited watching it being constructed this week. We have made plans for all the children in KS2 to have a go on it using a rota of one class per week during the rest of this term. There will be temporary fencing around it to ensure children do not play on it if it is not their time (and to ensure no play during drop off and pick up). This is to minimise any risk of virus spread. This climbing frame is the result of a vision we formed over 3 years ago with Katie Burnett as the chair of the PTA and then continued with Ali Garraway as her successor. I thought it prudent to explain this as a couple of children have asked where the school suddenly got the money from! It took a long journey of fund raising events (£12k) and consultation with the children. During assembly on Monday I will be outlining the rules for safe play on it.

**Covid update:** There continues to be a few positive cases in local community households. There are no cases amongst the staff or pupils. We continue to monitor closely and when we need a second opinion (for example on isolation timings or circumstances) we check with PHE/DfE and act appropriately on the advice. I'm sure you can imagine that each situation is unique. Thanks for your continued support and respect of our guidelines which is helping us to manage everything effectively even while cases rise nationally.

**Forest School** has been really well used over the last few weeks. Thanks to Tracey Boden-Selvidge (and Richard) and Kevin for all their work getting it back in to shape after the weed growth during lockdown. There's a great mud trail, a fire pit area, a wood workshop, bird watching area, bug hotels and a den clearing. It's a mini Hill End. This week, amongst other things, Class 11 were using soap made from conkers.



As we go in to the more adverse weather we will expect to use the field and forest school as long as possible, so we hope that children will have the correct footwear depending on the weather during the week. Additionally, **if** you are able to send **spare wellies** in to keep at school, we will store them outside class in the courtyard under the walkway cover, so the children can continue to play on the field for longer.

**Class 2 and 3** went for a walk in the school grounds earlier in the week to have a closer look at trees, as soon we will be enjoying developing our woodwork skills! The children spotted insects, lichen, different coloured and shaped leaves, as well as comparing height and talking about the different parts of a tree e.g branches, trunk, twigs, bark. There are a few photos in our class windows. If you have any **spare nails**, we would love some for our woodwork experiences!

*Foundation Stage Team*

**Year 6** children have been building up all term to writing a narrative describing the continuation of a Disney short film called, 'Feast' about the ups and downs of the life of a dog called Winston. The children have worked extremely hard and produced quality writing. Here is an excerpt from Class 14, Abi's narrative: "It was a clear, calm day with the scorching sun shining. Winston woke up to a delicious smell - he searched for the source of it. What a feast of pizza! What a feast of doughnuts! What a feast of chips! He wound through the forest of feet towards the food and scooped it down hungrily." And an excerpt from Class 15, Hannah's narrative: "It was a fun-filled afternoon. Everyone was enjoying the party and all the food. The delicious donuts and tasty tangerines flying down from up above. The feast flowed and flowed: pizza, popcorn, cupcakes muffins and crisps."

*Year 6 Team*

**Year 1** were very proud to share their collaborative art this week. The children have been learning about the ideas and pictures of Kandinsky. He believed that you could 'see' music and 'hear' pictures. They shared images and memories, and linked them to sounds and feelings. To produce their art, each child chose colours linked to their memories and feelings, mixing them and watching how they change they overlap and merge into each other. Circles appeared all over the playground and our outdoor area - you may have seen some of them!  
*Year 1 Team*



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This week is **Dyslexia Awareness Week** - we know that dyslexia is still very misunderstood and can go undiagnosed for many years. This year, Dyslexia Awareness Week is all about what dyslexia creates. Dyslexia creates artists, entrepreneurs and game changers, but we know that it also creates challenges, inequality and prejudice. Being positive about dyslexia is important. This video explains more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11r7CFIK2sc>  
 Today, staff are wearing red in support of dyslexia awareness and we have shared a special assembly to support this cause. All our teachers and classrooms support a 'dyslexic friendly' approach and if you would like to find out more about how you can support your child with their literacy needs please contact our SENCO Carol Turner via the office.



## COMING UP.....

**Parents' Evenings:** Parents' Evenings will be conducted by teachers using Zoom during the last week of term. The specific details about this will come directly from your child's teacher. However, just to summarise for your information: teachers will be sharing an ID and Password with parents of their own class, along with instructions if you haven't used Zoom before. On the evening you enter a virtual waiting room shortly before your allotted time and the teacher will let you in at the allotted time. We will need to be strict with timing as it can have a large impact on overall organisation. Please note: if you cannot access a device please tell your teacher so they can make arrangements for a phone call. If you cannot attend at the time you've been allotted please talk to your teacher to rearrange. On the evening, if there are any school-wide technical issues we will keep you updated using the front page of the website.

**Year 4** will be holding a Tudor activity day on Thursday 22nd October. Traditional Tudor dress is encouraged but optional. Forest school will continue as usual so please ensure that your children have a spare set of shoes and waterproof clothing.



## NOTICES ...

**Reminder: Admissions to school (Academic Year 21/22):** If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 you must apply for a school place for your child for entry in the academic year September 2021. You will be able to apply on-line from 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020. Please visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) for further information. NB The deadline line date for online applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### Please remember the following:-

- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place by the deadline of 15 January 2021
- If your child is attending nursery classes within a primary school, you must still apply for a place in the main school
- You can list three different schools in order of preference. We strongly advise you to use all three preferences
- We advise you to enter your catchment (or designated) school as one of your preferences
- Attending your catchment school does not entitle you to free home to school transport if it is not your closest school and / under 2 miles away
- If your application is late, you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.

Click on this link for easy access to OCC website <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place>

### Reminder: Admissions to Secondary School:

Year 6 parents can now apply on line for secondary schools and the closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

Remember, to ensure your child transfers to the school that you consider most appropriate, you must apply before the closing date. *Please visit secondary schools websites for information about 'virtual' tours/parent meetings.* Click on this link for easy access to OCC website. <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/secondary-school>

For transport information click on this link <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/travelling-school>

*Please visit websites for any secondary schools you are interested in for virtual tours and information evenings.*

Please remember that each Friday we finish early at:-

<b>Reception</b> <b>1pm</b>	<b>Years 5, 3, &amp; 1</b> <b>1.10pm</b>	<b>Year 6, 4 &amp; 2</b> <b>1.20pm</b>
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## ***Andrew Markham and the school team***

### **OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP**

Full Circle Sports is pleased to be running Holiday Camp at Ladygrove Park School for October Half Term. We have all necessary measures in place to ensure we are a COVID Secure Camp so your children can learn new skills and have fun!

**Tuesday 27 October to Thursday 29 October (3 days)**

**9.00am to 4.00pm**

£34 per day (£96 for all 3 days)

Sibling discount £29 per day (£86 for all 3 days)

We also have a camp running at Wallingford Sports Park for the full 5 days of half term.

We accept Childcare Vouchers. Payment required to secure place. Once booked, places are non-refundable or transferable. Should Camp not run full refunds will be offered.

For more information or to book either camp please email - [sam@fullcirclesports.co.uk](mailto:sam@fullcirclesports.co.uk)



**For other holiday camps, please visit our website and navigate to *Extended Services* tab, *Local Activities*.**

**Message from Sarah Hoskins:** I didn't publicise I was doing this as I wasn't sure I would make the 26.2 miles! I got offered a chance to do the virtual marathon after the London marathon in April was cancelled. It may have taken me 6hrs14 but I'm so proud I did it. Can't wait to do it again properly with the crowds now! Macmillan were amazing through my cancer treatment and a very worthy cause if anyone wanted to drop a pound or 2 towards my just giving page. Thanks! <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/sarah-hoskins-SAVMLMBONDS333-2020-202445>