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It's my pleasure to welcome you to a newsletter in which we haven't had to write a list of guidelines!

Last week in forest school **Year 6** created their own Brazilian favelas based on their guided reading text about 'Little Pele.' The children were very creative and produced some lovely shanty towns. Please see the school blog for photos.



This week **Year 6** did some pictures for the Didcot Town Council Easter campaign (here are a few to see). They had a free reign on what they wanted they draw and produced some thoughtful and skilful compositions. Didcot Council will be choosing some to decorate the windows of the Civic Hall over Easter. *Year 6 Team*



Foundation Stage have settled back into school brilliantly over the last two weeks! All the staff are very proud of them. We have been busy looking at our local environment this week and especially maps. The children have enjoyed looking at Google Maps seeing all the streets around school.

Year 1 have had a great week and have been really excited about their learning. The children have discussed heroes and villains in literacy and begun to think about their own personal hero ahead of writing about them next week. They may come home this weekend with a request for a photo! Numbers have also been a large part of the week, counting in twos and fives, and learning the seven continents. You may have heard them singing the very catchy song at home! The children have also done some amazing art, in forest school producing a woodland scene and thinking of all the features of the habitat, and artwork showing what Spring means to them, to submit a few pieces to Didcot Civic Hall for possible display. *Year 1 Team*



Red Nose Day: It was great to see the children taking part in Red Nose Day. The House Captains helped to make the assembly which included favourite jokes from each class.

It's still possible to make a donation to Red Nose Day on ParentPay (suggested £1) and this goes direct to the charity. Please click on this link to pay any donations to Red Nose Day

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2842>

Lucinda Powell's Ladygrove Park Mental Health/Family Well Being workshop Here's a reminder that the workshop by Lucinda Powell about Mental Health and Family Well Being is still available as an 'unlisted' YouTube video. This was a recording of the school's workshop by Lucinda during lockdown: <https://youtu.be/Co9nu4TVyPM>

COMING UP.....

On Wednesday (24th March), **Year 6** will take part in online workshops. Pitt River Museum are able to help build our knowledge of what life was like during the Classic Maya times by showing some mystery Mayan objects for children to work out the use of and consider what was important to them.

Last day of this term is on Wednesday 31st March and **school finishes at lunchtime**. 1pm for reception, 1.10pm for Years 1, 3 & 5 and 1.20pm for Years 2, 4 & 6. After School Club finishes at 4.15pm.

NOTICES

If you are aware of anyone that is struggling to afford food or essential items, please ask them to contact the Community Support team. They can help with supermarket vouchers or refer them into one of their advice centres if they need more support than they can offer. Contact details are:

Community Connector Team

· Tel: 01235 422600 Email : communityconnectors@southandvale.gov.uk

They can also get in touch with advice centres for support with affording food or paying their fuel bills. Advice centre contact details are:

Advice Centres

- Citizens Advice – 0808 278 7907 (South and Vale)
- Wantage Independent Advice Centre – 01235 765348 (Vale).

Please remember that each Friday for the rest of this term we finish early at:-

Reception 1pm	Years 1, 3 & 5 1.10pm	Year 2, 4 & 6 1.20pm
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Andrew Markham and the school team

PALS:

PALS Easter trail around the Ladygrove, 27th March- 12th April.

Trail map and chocolate egg can be purchased for £1.50. The map can be used to find Eggs with letters hiding in people's windows - find all the letters to crack the code.

Click on the link for more details:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdk7aBclI456wO2PSb1rFFkUbTOgsxl3ySIW6T2BiqZwEFNEg/viewform?usp=sf_link



Who can grow the tallest Sunflower?
PALS Biggest Sunflower competition coming soon.

Keep an eye out for more details in the next couple of weeks.

Date for the diary!
PALS BREAK A RULE DAY
7th May 2021



Dear Fellow Parents

With Easter fast approaching my thoughts have turned to families that this last year has had a negative financial impacted and to those parents that have been brave enough to come forward and ask for help from the Didcot Emergency Food Bank. Therefore, I am asking for donations of Easter Eggs for the food bank to hand out with the weekly offerings, and for children that might have to go without this Easter. From Monday 22nd March to Monday 29th March, there will be collection bins located at the school gates for you to leave your donation. Your donation does not have to be extravagant or expensive, but if you could add just one egg or a pack of mini eggs to your weekly shop, it would be very much appreciated. The families who use this service have to be referred by an official organisation. I have included the link to the food banks facebook page if you wish to know more about the amazing work they do. [Didcot Emergency Food Bank](#) Many thanks in advance. Donna Butler