

LPPS Newsletter

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After an early start last Monday morning, **Year 6** made their way to the beautiful Gower Peninsula for their annual residential to Kilvrough Manor! The children were able to take part in a variety of exciting activities including rock climbing, abseiling, coastal scrambling, kayaking, body-boarding, surfing and - the one that brought the most anxiety followed by the most enjoyment - caving! The staff team who accompanied Year 6 could not have been more proud of the way the children approached the week and the resilience and determination every single one of them showed. The week was a great opportunity to develop independence too; all children are now fully capable of making their own beds, cleaning their own rooms, setting and clearing a table and serving a meal - no excuses now they are home! Thank you to all the parents for their support in the lead up to the week and for all the kind comments and thanks we've received.

Hannah Zebrowski

On Wednesday, a group of **Year 5** children were lucky enough to attend St Birinus School for the '**Moon Mission**'. During Week 1 of term, all Year 5 children worked incredibly hard to construct a Moon Buggy, learning skills such as drilling and sawing as well as working as a team to design a shell for their vehicle. In school, we raced the buggies and the fastest teams, along with the winning design team, 'won' the trip to St Birinus for a space-themed day along with other local primary school children. The children had a jam-packed day which included making space mobiles, planet biscuits, key rings and racing their Moon Buggies against other schools. A big thank you to Mrs Manthorpe and Mr Pointer who led Year 5 in creating their Moon Buggies and who also accompanied the group on the trip, we couldn't have done it without you!

Thank to those children and parents who attended our **Summer Music** Concert on Wednesday after school. It was stirring to see the levels of skill, determination and confidence applied by pupils performing in front of an adult audience. There was a diverse range of music including guitar, piano, cornet and drums. The children made us all proud with their efforts and focus under pressure. Thank you to Mrs Fowkes for organising an inspiring event.

Congratulations to team **PALS** for another fantastic summer fete. It is the first time in a number of years that the weather tried to mar proceedings but in great British fashion everyone completely ignored the occasional drizzle. The profit figure is a whopping £3,300! At the school we always divide the donations from PALS in to a 'short term shopping list' of things of resources we need and a 'long term project' for which we spend longer saving up. Notably, (short term) PALS have agreed to fund our new music initiatives including a class set of Ukuleles to be used across a number of classes and a special school website resource. We will also be gaining a greater range of team kit for tournaments and PALS is supporting Year 6 as they embark on regenerating the Sensory Garden. The long term project is, of course, the outdoor area which we will be replacing part by part as we achieve enough funds- this is a very high cost project! A BIG thank you to Alison and her team for making this event happen - it is not an easy task!

On Wednesday and Thursday I held the annual **headteacher's tea party** for children achieving the appropriate number of gold and purple stars. The children enjoyed squash and cake using our special posh school china (we save the better pieces from termination at the summer fete crockery smash). There will be one more tea party for those who were absent or who achieve the threshold number of stars by the end of next week. As I often say in Celebration Assembly, it is not important how many stars you receive, the importance lies in how each individual star was achieved. Star Letters go into the post starting this weekend.

As part of our topic on Kensuke's Kingdom, **Year 3** are very excited to have made a small donation to a charity based in Malaysia to adopt a nest of 50-100 sea turtle eggs. We will be getting updates on how many eggs and hatchlings we have helped through the rest of the term and learning more about sea turtles and their habitat in class. Our adoption will directly benefit endangered sea turtles by diverting eggs from the market where they would otherwise be sold for human consumption, as well as contributing to the scientific understanding of this species. In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about Lang Tengah Turtle Watch you can follow this link: <http://www.langtengahturtlewatch.org>.

Zoe McLaughlan

COMING UP...

Get Active week is back! The children will spend next week taking part in a variety of activities from Yoga to Kung Fu and American Football to Golf! What do I need to know? Children to wear PE kit and trainers every day and bring a waterbottle, sun hat and sun cream every day.

SPORTS DAY - This will take place on the morning of **Wednesday 27th June**.

FS and Y1 - 9.00am to 9.45am / Y2 and Y3 - 10.00am to 11.00am / Y4, Y5 and Y6 - 11.15am to 12.15pm

What do I need to know? Children to wear "house" colour top - WILLOW (Yellow) BEECH (Red) OAK (Green)

- Please enter at the front door. All signs, banners and loud cheering are very welcome!

GET ACTIVE TOGETHER We are holding an event for all children and adults to take part in - **Thursday 28th June, 4.00pm - 5.30pm**

We are inviting your family to come along (with a picnic tea if you wish) and take part in a variety of activities. You will be able to picnic on the grass and take part in the activities, collecting points to win some amazing "active" prizes!

There are male and female prizes in the following four categories - **KS1 and younger/ KS2 Age / 12+ Adult**

We will be selling scorecards at £1 per person to collect your points. (All proceeds will go towards sports equipment and future Get Active events)

There will also be an "Activity Fair", involving the local clubs and organisations who are volunteering their time coaching the children during the week.

There will be lots of demos and information about the activities you can do to "Get Active" in the community. The ice-cream van will also be with us!

What do I need to know?

- Everyone is invited to take part! - Scorecards available to buy (£1 each) on arrival. - Bring a Picnic tea if you wish. - Adults are responsible for their children during this event (especially because staff are running the activities). - Please enter at the front door. - Children attending ASC who wish to take part will be escorted by a member of staff. **We look forward to seeing you there!**



On **Friday 6th July** we are holding a **whole school book swap**. Last year's book swap was a huge success with children exclaiming how pleased they were to receive a new book in place of book they no longer wanted. The purpose of the book swap is so children can choose a nearly new book in place of one they have already read, as well as exposing them to different types of books and encouraging them to read over the summer holiday. Please can children bring in a book they no longer want (possibly because they have already read it, it is no longer age appropriate or it is no longer interesting to them) and hand it to their class teacher, starting from next week. On Friday 6th July the children will then choose another book to bring home. It would be great if we had a range of books to offer including fiction, non-fiction, picture and chapter books. If you are having a clear out then we are more than happy to take multiple books so that children have a wider range to choose from. We also struggle to collect books for our older children so if you have any books from older siblings that are no longer needed then they would be greatly appreciated.

Ladygrove are looking forward to welcoming back **James Carter**, a renowned and well-established poet. He will be visiting the school on **Thursday 5th July** to work with all the children on writing and performing poetry, a key National Curriculum objective. His unique style of story-telling, performance and music hooks the children from the get go. There is never a dull moment when he visits! At the end of the day James will be selling his new books (see below) in the courtyard (weather permitting).

I'm A Little Alien! Poems For Little Stars Poems, riddles and action rhymes for younger children.

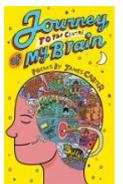
Zoom around this book to find aliens, stars and a greedy robot - as well as funny faces and a ball that won't bounce back! This is a fun and playful new collection by an award-winning poet who knows how to inspire and delight very young children.

I'm a Little Alien is a fantastic collection of poems that will excite and engage young readers, drawing on children's immediate interests and experiences. Children will be transported on a journey into space alongside endearing characters such as Oggy the robot; learning a wealth of new and exciting vocabulary and concepts. Children can dive into poems based on the seaside and animals; poems such as Bucket invite children to use their imaginations and visualise concepts. Endearing illustrations by Mique Moriuchi are the perfect companions to the poems. Ideal for supporting learning and development across the Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage One, this collection allows adults and children alike to explore a range of poetry. A must-have for classrooms everywhere.



Journey To The Centre Of My Brain Stars, woolly mammoths, tigers, bugs and books .sneak a peek into James Carter's brain in this brilliant collection of poems. Something for everyone aged 7-777 years old!

This is a fantastic collection of poems for children and grown-ups of all ages. Lively. Thoughtful. Energetic. Delightful. James Carter is so good at making words sing and play, tell stories, transform themselves into wolves, the moon, guitars - in short, he makes words perform! The book is full of important information too. Find out what stars are, why you shouldn't do a jigsaw in space and what dinosaurs are made of. James asks what you would do if you were Boss of the Universe? That's easy! I would make everybody buy a copy of this book. It's funky!



NOTICES ...

Extended Services: From September 2018 our ASC will be £10.00 per session. Breakfast Club will be £4.60 per session

Please note that **ASC** will be in Class 1 (Nursery) on Thursday 28th June day as the hall will be in use.

Dates w/b 25th June: SPORTS WEEK – Remember PE kit everyday!

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 25 th June	Taekwondo, Rugby, Golf	All Day	School	
Tues 26 th June	Taekwondo, Golf, Football Yr 5 Brass Lessons Cross-Stitch Club Colouring & Mindfulness Club Football Club	All Day afternoon 3.15pm-4pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4.15pm	School Burrow Library Year 1 Meet in C9	Remember football kit
Weds 27 th June	Sports Day Digital Leaders Rounders	morning 12.30pm-1pm 3.15pm-4pm	field Meet in C14 Meet in C15	See information overleaf
Thurs 28 th June	Tennis, Badminton, Rugby, Lacrosse, TriVolle, Rugby, Taekwondo Year 4 swimming Year FS Cake Crumbly Netball Club Gardening Club Spanish Club Sports Twilight ASC in Nursery (Class 1)	All Day + twilight morning 3.10pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4pm 4pm-5.30pm 3pm-6pm	School Harwell Courtyard meet in C12 Meet in C8 Meet in C9 Field Class 1	Remember to bring cakes to sell CANCELLED CANCELLED CANCELLED Come along and join in the fun! Collect from Nursery
Fri 29 th June	Transition Letters home to Parents Tennis, Gymnastics, Street Dance Deadline for job applications	3pm All Day 12pm	School	See advert at the end of this newsletter.

Andrew Markham and the school team

Are you an imaginative and creative individual who enjoys providing enjoyable activities for children? Do you have the motivation and determination to encourage the continued success of our already existing **Extended Schools Services**? If so, would you like to join our team? We are looking to recruit **new members of staff:**

Breakfast Club: 7.30am-8.30am (Mondays-Fridays), term time only

After School Club: 3pm – 6pm on Fridays, term time only.

Pay is Grade 5 (FTE £17,681).

If you are interested in the above (either both positions or individually), please complete an application form available from the school office or on our website. The deadline for applications is **Friday 29th June, noon**. Interviews will be on Wednesday 4th July consisting of a 20 minute session in setting, meeting the children and staff and then a 20 minute interview with Mrs Li-Koo and Mrs Jones. *Due to this post having access to children, candidates will be required to undertake an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS). The possession of a record will not necessarily prevent an applicant from obtaining this post, as all cases are judged individually according to the nature of the role and information provided. DBS checks and references are conditional to appointment.*

