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Mrs McLauchlan just walked past the office dressed as a dragon. There's a certain sense of anticipation and excitement before the start of the day today; waiting for the **year 1** children who will all be coming in as dragons. This is all part of the immersive reading and writing topic involving their dragons: 'Flash' and 'Golden'.

Year 6 visited the Natural History Museum on Wednesday. Shubham said: "We went on a Treasure Hunt. We got to go all around the museum, it was pretty fun. My favourite part was using the iPads. We also went in to the classroom and learnt about evolution and inheritance involving Darwin and Wallace." Well done to Year 6 for representing the school so well and for being very good role models to the rest of the children from the outset this year.

You might have noticed we have now removed the fort in the playground (next to the field). We are removing play equipment when we judge that it has become too old but, don't panic, it's part of a longer term plan. PALS (our PTA group) give us small amounts of money through the year to help with specific educational resources. However, for the last year they have also been saving specifically to be able to match fund the school allowing us to buy a whole new set of apparatus. This is a large undertaking which can only be achieved with the money raised by you- as a guide- when we replaced the 'astroturf' in Foundation Stage/Year 1 and 2 last year it cost £25K- just the floor! The process of choosing the equipment and tendering for the project starts today with our new 'Pupil Forum' system. This year we've replaced the School Council with a system in which a different group of pupils work on a particular school project for a half term. The first meeting will take place today with the discussion about the play equipment and outdoor area.

In other outdoor news: the sensory garden is now looking great following the legacy work by Year 6, PTA parent involvement and Kevin's work last summer term/summer holiday. This is a place for quiet time and reflection.

Please remember that children can bring in a healthy snack for morning break. In FS and KS1 fruit is provided (this is a continuing government funded initiative) but unfortunately the scheme doesn't extend to KS2.

COMING UP...

Clubs start next week except for Football Clubs (they starts on 2nd October). Acceptance slips have gone home – don't worry if you didn't get a place this time as they will be other opportunities to join clubs over this academic year.

CLUBS MAY BE CANCELLED AT THE LAST MINUTE - PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TO SEE IF A CLUB HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

Dates next week:

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Tues 25 th Sept	Cycle Training Knit & Natter Club PALS AGM Meeting	afternoon 3.15pm-4pm 7pm	Ladygrove Library School	Selected Year 5 children Please remember to pay £4 Parents invited
Weds 26 th Sept	Yr 4 trip to Sulgrave Manor Bag2School Collection Remembrance Dedication Ceremony Recorder Club	All Day 9am afternoon 3.15pm-4pm	Reception Didcot Class 7	Remember packed lunches Selected children invited
Thurs 27 th Sept	Choir Club Netball Club Yr 3 Cake Crumbly	3.15pm-4pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.10pm	Class 8 Class 15 Courtyard	Remember to bring cakes to sell!
Fri 28 th Sept	OPEN Lacrosse Event	afternoon	Ladygrove	Selected KS2 children

On **Monday 1st October** at 9am there will be a **new parents welcome**/coffee morning in the Hall. This year the event has been combined with the **Macmillan Coffee morning**- thanks to Sarah Hoskins for the arrangement. Everyone is welcome. It will start with an introduction to school for the new parents at 9am so feel free to turn up a bit later (at 9.20am) if you don't need to hear this. It will finish at 10.15am (unfortunately we need to use the hall).



On **Wednesday 10th October** we are asking all of our children and staff to wear a yellow accessory to celebrate **World Mental Health Day**. This may include: yellow socks; a yellow hat; a yellow headband; a yellow t-shirt; a yellow tie; a yellow feather boa- the list is endless! We ask that families donate £1 for the pleasure of wearing this accessory with all money being donated to the charity YoungMinds. This charity supports families and children with mental health problems to receive the right help, as well as working to get rid of the stigma attached to mental health. For more information and support head to <https://youngminds.org.uk> Throughout the day the children will sensitively explore themes such as feelings, dealing with emotions and positive messages. We look forward to seeing all of children looking bright and dazzling in their yellow accessory.

NOTICES ...

Last week you received a copy of your child's **student update form**. Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms. If you are one of the few that haven't please do so as soon as possible as it's very important this is returned. Thank you.

Parent Meeting letters went home yesterday via the eldest child in the family. This letter is on our website under the *newsletter* tab. Children with siblings in our nursery class need to arrange a meeting directly with Mrs. Cook and children in Class 12 have received a separate letter offering different days as Mrs Adlam is available on Thursday 18th October. Please return slips to the school office by next **Friday (28th September)**.

At 9am on Wednesday 26th September, **Bag2School** will be collecting our unwanted clothes and shoes to help raise funds for the School outdoor play equipment. Donation bags were sent home in book bags last week. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the school reception by the end of school day on Tuesday 25th September.

As part of our drive to continue to support our families in dealing with the mental health and well-being of their children, we are inviting you to a series of workshops. Each term we will be hosting a workshop, each with a different theme, for up to 25 parents to attend. As part of the workshop we will be encouraging parents to share their own experiences, advice and suggestions, in the hope that they resonate with others. The more we talk openly about mental health and well-being, the more acceptable it will become.

The first workshop will be held on **Wednesday 10th October (World Mental Health Day) from 5pm-6pm**. The workshop will be based around the theme of **anxiety** and will be overseen by Carly Clarkson. We'd like to invite any parents who feel that anxiety is/may be something their child is battling with and those who would like to hear more. We are limiting places to 25 so that an informal atmosphere is upheld in which everyone feels comfortable saying what they want to say. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to attend please email the school office (office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk) or drop a note in at reception. You will then be notified of whether you were successful in securing a place on the workshop.

Reminder: Admissions to school (Academic Year 19/20): If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 you must apply for a school place for your child for entry in the academic year September 2018. You will be able to apply on-line from 25th October. Please visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions for further information. The deadline line date is 15th January 2019.

Please remember the following:-

- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place by the deadline of 15 January 2019
- 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/cms/content/online-school-applications>

Reminder: Admissions to Secondary School: Year 6 parents can now apply on line for secondary schools and the closing date is 31st October 2018. Remember, to ensure your child transfers to the school that you consider most appropriate, you must apply before the closing date. Click on this link for easy access to OCC website. <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/secondary-school-applications>

Didcot Girls School (DGS) and St Birinus School (SBS) Parent Information Evening was well attended last week by Year 6 parents and children. Members of staff gave an outline of their two schools and allowed time for specific questions. Don't worry if you could not make it to this event. There are further open days and events which give you the same information.

• **Didcot Girls School (DGS)** Open Evening on 3rd October from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. Tours are also available on the following dates: 9th, 11th, 15th & 17th October. All tours start at 9.20am until 11am. To book, please email schooltours@didcotgirls.oxon.sch.uk

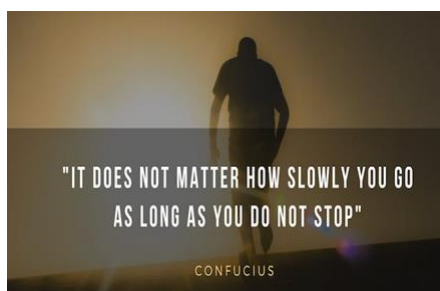
• **St Birinus (SBS)** Opening Evening is being held on Wednesday 26 September 2018, 6pm-8pm

Open Mornings are being held on: 2, 10, 12 and 18 October 2018 To book your place on an open morning, email admissions@st-birinus.oxon.sch.uk

• **Aureus School** - Year 6 Open Evening is on **Thursday 4th October, 5-9pm**. They will also be holding a number of open mornings throughout October. Please visit www.aureusschool.org/548/open-events to register your interest in one of their events.

Andrew Markham and the school team

Ladygrove Growth Mindset Quote of the Week.



PALS Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Tuesday 25th September, 7pm Please join us for the first Parents at Ladygrove School (PALS) meeting of the school year. This is the AGM and all charity trustee roles are up for election. We are happy to consider role sharing if this makes being Chair, Treasurer or Secretary more appealing! Volunteering with PALS is a great way to learn more about the school and, of course, meet some great new people!

Perhaps you are interested in finding out more about what PALS is and how we raise funds to benefit children at the school. You might have ideas about new activities we could introduce, or maybe you would like to volunteer to help organise an event. All LPPS parents and guardians are welcome and no previous experience is necessary!