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Last Friday saw the first tournament of the season for Ladygrove **Year 3/4 Girls Football Team**. Although the team had never played together before the tournament, their teamwork and support for each other was outstanding throughout the four games. The team won their first two matches in style, celebrating a 4-3 win followed by a 10-0 win with the help of top-goal scorer, Mia. The third match was our only loss of the tournament but this match saw Sienna flourish as a goal keeper, saving some powerful shots on target. The fourth match was a closely fought 3-3 draw. Other goal scorers included Molly and Ella with Kamila and Abigail coming into their own in their position in defence. Ladygrove were rewarded by coming third overall in the tournament. Well done Ladygrove Girls - you did yourselves proud! Thank you to the parents for their positive encouragement and support throughout the tournament. *Coach Shorrock*

On Tuesday afternoon Katie, Eiel, Sienna and Molly represented our school at **The Dedication Ceremony**. This was a community event organised by the Royal British Legion commemorating WWI soldiers. Each child placed a remembrance cross at the war memorial at Smallbone Recreation Ground with an individual name for specific soldiers who lost their lives in 1917 and 1918. The RBL have emailed to say: "The dedication as a Centenary Field has enabled the protection of the recreation ground and War Memorial in perpetuity. The Service was very moving and marked the ultimate sacrifice for those who gave so much for our freedom and our future. Those present at the Service expressed appreciation in connection with the interest and pride that the schools were taking part in the Commemoration and Service of Dedication especially the Commanding Officer from Vauxhall Barracks in view that Didcot is an Army town. The Deputy Lord Lieutenant was particularly impressed and asked that I convey her gratitude to the participating schools."

On Wednesday, **Year 4** visited Sulgrave Manor to support their learning on The Tudors. The children were transported into Tudor life and experienced wearing Tudor clothes and played Tudor games. They had a tour of Lawrence Washington's Manor House and had chance to compare it to a forge where several less fortunate Tudors would have lived. Gowri said, "it was very fun and my favourite bit was playing Tudor games". Sienna said, "the Manor House looked very different to what our houses look like now." All children gained insight into the differences between Tudor life and life now and even learnt a Tudor dance. *Year 4 team*

Thank you to Caroline (Jamie's Granny) for the kind donation of a brand new microwave for our staff room. This is much appreciated by all staff.

You may recall in the summer Tesco ran a '**votes to bag a share of Tesco's bag fund**'. We have heard this week that we received the most votes which see us being awarding the top amount of £4,000! This money is a massive cash boost from the community funding scheme, Tesco Bags of Help initiative. This will go towards our school playing field adventure area (making a marvellous mountain); this is scheduled for Easter next year and we already have our Pupil Focus Group (School Council) working on ideas. A big thank you to everyone who supported this scheme.

COMING UP...

Would you like to give your child a boost in maths? 'Maths Matters' is returning in term 2, offering hour long tuition to enhance your child's learning. 'Maths Matters' will be held at Ladygrove School on Saturday 10 & 24 Nov & Saturday 8 Dec. Children in Years 2, 3 & 4 [at 10 - 11 am](#) and children in years 5 & 6 [at 11:15 - 12:15 pm](#). Cost is £15 per session. Sign up for as many sessions as required. 'Maths Matters' is run by Dr Shorrock and Mrs Manthorpe, two experienced Ladygrove staff. Sessions will focus on the four mathematical operations and times tables. Email didcotmathsmatters@gmail.com for further information and to book your child onto a session.

Calling all **NEW** parents! We are holding an informal coffee morning to welcome all new parents to Ladygrove Park Primary School. This will be a chance to meet other new parents and learn about key people and their roles.
Where: School Hall When: Straight after school drop off – Monday 1st October, 9am.



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.

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.

Dates next week:

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 1 st Oct	New Parents Coffee Morning	9am	Hall	Parents welcome!
Tues 2 nd Oct	Circus Adventure Workshops Cycle Training Girls 7-a-side football tournament Boys Football Club Girls Football Club Knit & Natter Club	morning afternoon 3.30pm KO 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4pm	F. Stage Ladygrove Abingdon Meet in C9 Meet in C9 Library	Remember bikes and helmets Pick up your daughter at 2.30pm On this occasion girls to join boys football club due to girls tournament in Abingdon Please remember to pay £4
Weds 3 rd Oct	Yr 5 visit The Living Rainforest Boys 6-a-side football tournament Recorder Club	All Day 3.30pm KO 3.15pm-4pm	Newbury Abingdon Class 7	Remember packed lunches Pick up your son at 2.30pm
Thurs 4 th Oct	Choir Club Netball Club Yr 2 Cake Crumbly	3.15pm-4pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.10pm	Class 8 Class 15 Courtyard	Remember to bring cakes to sell!
Fri 5 th Oct	Yr 2 Open Classrooms	2.40pm	Yr 2	Parents are invited

NOTICES ...

Letters have gone home to parents this week about **flu vaccinations**. This is for children in Reception through to Year 5. This vaccination programme is taking place in school on Tuesday 13th November. Forms must be returned no later than Wednesday 17th October.

Parent Meeting Thank you to everyone who has returned a meeting slip. However, **four** slips have been returned **WITHOUT NAMES ON**. Named letters went home so if you lost yours and printed one off from our website you may have forgotten to write your child's name on the slip. Please come and speak to Sarah in the office to check whether this is you or not.

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>

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

OPEN EVENINGS/TOURS

- **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 was 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.

SCHOOL INSIGHTS

From now on newsletters may have this section which gives you a better insight in to how we work and what we do. Since it's the start of the year we will highlight the school rules which may also be helpful at home. The basic colour coded rules are below but there is a full-description version on our website. The colour coding helps for quick reference and understanding. Initially we look for the reasons behind negative behaviour and support change as children develop their understanding of right and wrong but we also ensure (at the same time) that pupils are very clear of the continuously ramped up consequences for any negative behaviours.

In class and assembly we explore better understanding of how to behave, such as defining the difference between being Rude, Mean or Bullying. Also outlining our policy against 'play fighting', which can easily go wrong, so it's better not to start. Our teaching to children includes how to get help when it's needed, how to help each other and how to have better interactions- more on this next week.

Ladygrove Standard
Be safe and help others
Show respect and tolerance
Listen and follow instructions
Be responsible for possessions
Show good manners
Be school ready
Have a Positive Mental Attitude

Andrew Markham and the school team

Join the BDA in celebrating
Dyslexia Awareness Week
#21stCenturyDyslexia
1st - 7th October 2018

#GO green for dyslexia!

Nessy is a proud supporter of the
British Dyslexia Association

Sponsored by: Touch-type Read and Spell (TRS)

"It's time we all understand dyslexia properly as a different way of thinking, not a disadvantage". Sir Richard Branson

1. At least 1 in 10 people are dyslexic.
2. Each dyslexic will have a different pattern of strengths & challenges.
3. 4 in 5 successful Dyslexics attribute Dyslexic Thinking Skills to their success.
4. Dyslexic brains are 'wired' slightly differently meaning they have a different way of processing information. This difference results in a pattern of strengths like critical thinking, creativity & communication skills.

From Katie Adams: Please Support my Byte Night Sleepout

On Friday 5th of October, I will be giving up my warm bed for Action for Children's national sleep-out event, Byte Night, which raises money to help prevent youth homelessness in the UK. It is currently estimated that there are 83,000 homeless young people in the UK.

If you would like to help support this wonderful charity please go to my [Just Giving page](#). All donations will be gratefully received.

Thanks for reading this and for your support. *Katie (Mum to Connor Adams Yr3)*

