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Ladygrove **Girls' Football** Team have been busy. They were in action again this week at the ESFA u11 tournament. The team were new, having not played together before but they held their own and narrowly missed winning each game. The players showed resilience, support and respect for each other. Well done team! *Coach Shorrock*

At our first **boys' football** tournament, the team was able to quickly bond and top their group through their clinical finishing and solid defending. We defeated All Saints, Dunmore and drew with Wantage on our way to the final. Within a few minutes of starting the final match against Stephen Freeman, we were losing 1-0, but our 'never give up' attitude spurred us on to an emphatic comeback to win the match 2-1 in the dying seconds. We have now qualified for the County Final. Congratulations boys! *Coach Francis.*

Our coffee morning for Macmillan (which included information for new parents) was well attended on Monday and it was lovely to meet many of our new parents. Thank you to Sarah Hoskins who prepared the Macmillan side of the event and baked a huge amount of cakes. Thanks to everyone else who contributed also. Through the coffee morning and the after school cake sale a total of £140.81 was raised for Macmillan. For new parents who weren't able to make the meeting, all resources are on the desktop website, search around for what you need. Also remember that the mobile version of the website has an App (School Jotter) which can be enabled to push notifications to you (*instructions for this is available on our website under letters tab, newsletters*).

Foundation and Year 1 went on a **Circus** adventure on Tuesday this week. The children had a go at being Ring Master and made the announcements for some highly unusual events. They filled the hall with creative acts and laughter, finishing with a short improvisation in groups, performing an act of their own creation to the rest of their class. They rose to the challenge and had a great morning. *Foundation Stage Team*

Year five had a very enjoyable trip to the **Living Rainforest** on Wednesday. We were taken on tours of the two glasshouses and shown many different plants and animals including bright blue poison-dart frogs, a beautiful toucan and we even spotted the sloth high up in a tree. The children were all well behaved and listened intently as the tour guides explained the adaptations animals and plants have made to live in this environment. The guides were impressed with how much our children knew about the rainforest and made us proud. A big thank you to the parents who accompanied us on the trip. *Year 5 Team*

COMING UP...

Strictly Come Dancing is coming to Ladygrove Park Primary School! On the last day of term (Friday 19th October), Year 6 children will be competing against each other for the coveted glitter ball trophy. The competition starts at 9.30am and parents are invited to watch – audience participation is a must! Dah dah dah dah dah dahhhh, dah dah dah dah dahhhh...

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.

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 next **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
Tues 9 th Oct	Cycle Training Mystery Readers Boys Football Club Girls Football Club Knit & Natter Club	pm 2.40pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4pm	Ladygrove F Stage Meet in C9 Meet in C9 Library	Remember bikes and helmets Please remember to pay £4
Weds 10 th Oct	WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY Recorder Club Anxiety Workshop for parents	All Day 3.15pm-4pm 5pm-6pm	School Class 7 Hall	Wear yellow accessory to school - £1 donation required
Thurs 11 th Oct	Yr 4 Tudor Arts & Crafts Day Choir Club Netball Club Yr 1 Cake Crumbly	All Day 3.15pm-4pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.10pm	Year 4 Class 8 Class 15 Courtyard	Remember to bring cakes to sell!
Fri 12 th Oct	Yr 1 Open Class Morning Fairytale picnic	8.50am-9.30am 2.30pm	Year 1 Year 3	Parents invited Parents invited

NOTICES ...

We have a **parent governor vacancy**; we will therefore be holding an election. As many of you may already know, the governing body has an extremely important role: it is responsible for strategic planning, policy, staff appointments and finance, amongst other things. Parents or anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of the election can stand for election, can nominate someone for election and can vote in the election. A definition of parents eligible to stand and to vote is on display outside the school office. All nominations should be sent in to the school office by **9.00am Tuesday 9th October**. You can nominate yourself. Every nomination must be signed by the candidate stating that they are willing to stand. Please indicate who your children are and what year group they are in. We also need approximately 100 words about the candidate saying why they would like to be a governor. Candidates cannot withdraw from the election once ballot papers have been issued.

On **Friday 12th October** we will send the ballot forms with the names of the candidates and the details taken from the nomination forms home with the children so please watch out for the letter! The ballot is secret; you can send or post the ballot paper back in a sealed envelope, or drop it into the ballot box outside the school office. All the votes must be in by **9.30am Thursday 18th October**. They will be counted at this time. If the number of candidates is the same as the number of places (ie. 1) then no election will take place – an appointment is made. In the event of a tie, the candidate with the youngest child in school will be elected. If you would like to know a little more about becoming a parent governor please get in touch with James Walthall, Samantha Drew or Anand Srinivasaraghavan who are our current parent governors. OR visit

<https://www.brownejacobson.com/-/media/Files/PDF-Documents/2/Roles-and-Responsibilities-of-Academy-Governors-1.ashx?la=en>

Please think about taking on the role, or suggesting someone who will do it well. We need committed parent governors. Thank you!

Letters have gone home to parents last week about **flu vaccinations undertaken by the Primary School Health Nurse Team**. This is for children in Reception through to Year 5. This vaccination programme is taking place in school on Tuesday 13th November. Find more information about this on www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccines-and-porcine-gelatine or if you have further queries contact the external nurse team directly. Forms must be returned no later than Wednesday 17th October. The Primary School Health Nurse Team's Autumn Newsletter is available to view on our website, under *Letters* tab, *Newsletters*. This newsletter has additional information about the flu vaccinations.

Parent Meeting: Appointment times have now been allocated (slips will go home next week). If you haven't returned your slip please now speak to Sarah in the office to arrange an appointment.



We have a secure **post box** on the wall right outside the school office hatch. So, if you want to hand paperwork in at the office please just pop it in our post box instead!

As you know we can't allow **dogs** to be on the premises (unless it is part of a planned event). Those who need to bring their dog to drop off and pick up have been very good at tying them up on the railings at the car park gates. We'd like to offer that you can tie your dog's lead to the other side of this gate if you feel this would be safer than being on the pavement side. The car park gate has an unused grass area on the left (as you look at it). If you choose to use this option please do pick up any mess which might be left behind. We'll review this policy over the next few weeks to see how it is going.

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.

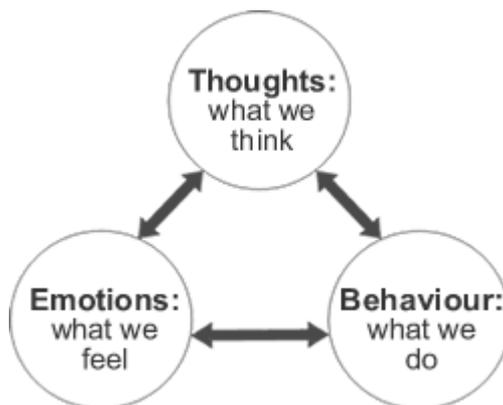
Remember, to ensure your child transfers to the school that you consider most appropriate, you must apply before the closing date.

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>

SCHOOL INSIGHTS

Below is just one of the models we use when dealing with child development. It is useful to visualise that we all need to sit in the middle of the diagram balancing out all three aspects but we can often move to or sit more prominently in one aspect, if so we need to try to get back to the middle. It sometimes helps with processing if this is explained to the child (especially in older age groups and adults). The question for any situation is: are we using too much of one aspect- ie. Thinking without acting, behaving without thinking, responding entirely emotionally, etc.



Andrew Markham and the school team

Full Circle Sports October Half Term Holiday Sports & Activity Camp

Come and join us to make friends, learn new skills and have fun!

Children age 5 to 13 years can participate in an exciting programme of indoor and outdoor activities, led by qualified and enthusiastic coaches.

Activities include*: Trampolining, Climbing Wall, MultiSports, Hockey, Football, Lacrosse, Basketball, Cricket, Rounders, Tennis, Badminton, Tag Rugby, Drama and Dance Workshops, Arts & Crafts and much more!

*Please note that the activities listed are scheduled to take place throughout the duration of the week.

Dates: Tuesday 23rd to Thursday 25th October.

Time: 9.30 to 4.30pm (extra time of 8.30am to 5.30pm available - charges apply)

Venue: Wallingford School Leisure Centre (OX10 8HH)

Cost: £32 per day (sibling and full week discounts available)

We are also running **Focus On ...** Workshops 9.30 - 3.00pm (Extra time available)

***NEW* Mini-Medic Workshop** (7-12yrs) Tuesday 23rd October

Climbing Workshop (7-13yrs) Tuesday 23rd October

Drama Workshop (7-13yrs) Wednesday 24th October

Forest School (4-9yrs) Wednesday 24th October

***NEW* Basketball Workshop** (7-13yrs) Thursday 25th October

Cost £35

We are OFSTED registered and accept Childcare Vouchers.

For more details or to reserve your places - Email - sam@fullcirclesports.co.uk

Call - 07751 231 090 Details and booking form also available at: www.fullcirclesports.co.uk

