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What a vibrant day we had on Wednesday (World Mental Health Day) supporting the #helloyellow campaign! The school was awash with cheerful splashes of yellow t-shirts, socks, tights and even a few yellow bow-ties! Thank you so much for your donations, we raised £316.20 in aid of YoungMinds. In assembly we reminded the children 'what is mental health' and watched a video talking about mental health: <https://www.annafreud.org/what-we-do/schools-in-mind/resources-for-schools/talking-mental-health-animation-teacher-toolkit/> We also held our first Mental Health and Well Being Workshop based around the theme of anxiety. The feedback we received was very positive and we would like to thank the parents who attended for their contributions to the workshop. I think it is safe to say that it was successful in bringing parents and school a step closer to working together on improving our children's outlook and life experiences. If you would like to see a copy of the presentation we have uploaded it to our website (under 'Letters' tab, 'Curriculum' tab), along with some further resources. Watch this space for more information on our Term 2 workshop.... *Carly Clarkson*

Yesterday, **Year 4** experienced life as Tudors. The children made Jumble biscuits, a fruit centre piece for their Tudor Feast and also decorated their own goblets to drink from. They made pomanders from oranges and cloves to mask the foul smells that were common in the Tudor period! They also made their own family shield that was unique to all the other shields representing their own identity.

Year 1 had their open classrooms this morning; it was lovely to see so many parents able to come along and thank you for giving a home to your child's dragon! **Year 3** are also celebrating their term's topic this afternoon in style by dressing up as their favourite fairy tale character and sharing a delicious picnic, with healthy sandwiches designed during DT and made by the children. The children are planning to entertain parents by sharing some of the stories they have been working on in literacy and other subjects, and also showing some of the amazing extra homework projects that are on display.

A representative from Tesco visited us this morning to present a cheque of £4,000 to our current Pupil Focus group of children. This money is from the community funding scheme, Tesco Bags of Help initiative and will go towards our refurbishment of the school playing field adventure area (making a marvellous mountain); this is scheduled for Easter next year and we have our current Pupil Focus Group working on ideas. Thank you to everyone who supported this initiative by voting for us when they shopped at Tesco and thank you to the wonderful PALs for setting it up!

COMING UP...

Next week it is parent meetings. Appointment times have gone home and I would respectfully ask that everyone adheres to their 10 minute slot. If one appointment time goes over 10 minutes, the ripple effect it has on everyone else's timings is considerable. Carol Saunders will also be available next Wednesday (5-8pm) and Thursday (3-6pm). If parents would like to make an appointment to meet with Carol please contact her on 07506 074 347 or email carol.saunders@lpps.org.uk

Calling all **foundation stage parents**...we would like to show you how we teach **phonics** at school and this will include a live session with your children demonstrating how they are learning. This is happening on Monday at 8.45am. Please come along!

Strictly Come Dancing is coming to Ladygrove Park Primary School! On the last day of term (next Friday 19th October), Year 6 children will be competing against each other for the coveted glitter ball trophy. The competition starts at 9.15am and parents are invited to watch – audience participation is a must! Dah dah dah dah dah dahhhh, dah dah dah dah dahhhh....

School Photographs are being taken on Monday. Children will have an individual photo taken and also together with any siblings. Proofs will go home on the day and deadline dates for orders will be Tuesday 30th October. Any late orders will incur a late payment charge. If any parents are available on Monday to help with organising the children please speak to Sarah in the office. Any help will be much appreciated!

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.

Dates next week: NO CLUBS LAST WEEK OF TERM 1

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 15 th Oct	Phonics Morning for FS Parents Individual Photos	8.45am-10.15am All Day	F Stage School	Parents invited School Photographers in school
Tues 16 th Oct	Year 4 Tudor Assembly C12 Parent Meetings	2.30pm 3pm-6pm	Hall Class 12	Parents invited Please keep to your allotted 10 minute slot
Weds 17 th Oct	Parent Meetings Foundation Stage Cake Crumbly	5pm-8pm 3.00pm	All Classrooms Courtyard	Please keep to your allotted 10 minute slot Remember to bring cakes to sell!
Thurs 18 th Oct	Cycle Test FS Mystery Readers Parent Meetings	1.30pm 2.40pm 3pm-6pm	Ladygrove F Stage All Classrooms	Selected Year 5 children Please keep to your allotted 10 minute slot
Fri 19 th Oct	Yr 6 Strictly Come Dancing Last day of Term 1	9.15am School finishes at normal time	Hall	Yr 6 Parents invited to watch

NOTICES ...

No clubs will be running after school next week and foundation stage cake crumbly has moved to Wednesday next week – this is all due to parent meetings.

I am pleased to welcome **Victoria Brown** (as our new parent governor) Victoria is mum to Charlotte in Year 1. Victoria was our only application so there was no need for an election. Victoria has 20 years' experience of working in higher education and has a useful skill set to bring to the governing body. When we informed her she said she was looking forward to playing a part continuing to forge the direction of the school.

Playful Childhoods is a campaign that aims to help parents, carers and grandparents give children time, space and support to play at home and in their local community. Children tell us they want more opportunities to play outside with their friends. Playing is a crucial part of a healthy and happy childhood. As adults, it's our responsibility to make sure this happens.

Playful Childhoods has been created to support:

- parents in giving their children opportunities to play
- parents so they feel confident about letting their children play outside in the community
- the development of playful communities for children across Wales
- a shared understanding of the importance of play for children and teenagers by all adults

Visit this website for more information <https://www.playfulchildhoods.wales/about-playful-childhoods>

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>

There is an art competition for children aged 5-11 by National Satellite Test Facility, RAL Space. See below information about this:-

"As part of World Space Week, (4th – 10th October) we supported a Space Explorers engagement day today for 9 – 11 year olds. We have used this opportunity to launch an art competition for 5 – 11 year olds, asking them to create artwork which answers one of three questions:

- "What does a satellite look like?"
- "Where would you build a satellite?"
- "Who builds a satellite?"

The aim will be to have three large winning images on the NSTF construction hoardings.

More information is available on our website, which we will share more widely with partners and social media.

<https://www.ralspace.stfc.ac.uk/Pages/National-Satellite-Test-Facility-Art-Competition.aspx>

Please share this with friends, family, colleagues, as we would like to engage with as many people as possible and get plenty of submissions to the competition!"

Andrew Markham and the school team