

LPPS Newsletter

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For vital notices and dates of open classes, assemblies, clubs

This week's life skill focus: **Positivity**

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Here is an update about 'Break the Rules' Day last week. A grand total of £712 was raised! Interestingly, squash instead of water in bottles and an unhealthy snack were the top two. We are hypothesising that healthier eating and a good focus on water have led to a healthy understanding of squash and unhealthy snacks as treats only!

Squash 164	Unhealthy Snack 142	Changed their Name 139	Bring in a Toy 131	Wear Trainers 130	Call teachers by their first name – 97
Wear Nail Polish 82	Crazy Hair Styles 75	Wear a Hat 40	Wear a Tattoo 39	Bring in a Football 36	

On Monday the Mayor and Mayoress of Didcot attended our celebration assembly. They awarded the first Damehood to Kamila (for gaining 100 gold and purple stars). They also answered many questions from the children, ranging from their views on the new housing builds around Didcot to what pets they have.

Year 4 met the Mayor and Mayoress for the second time this week when they attended International Day celebrations at DGS. The children got to visit stalls which had activities related to countries such as Austria, Germany, China and Mexico. Learning activities included craft, food tasting and traditional dancing. Ollie said, "It's been great fun because we've done a lot of different activities."

Congratulations to our latest year 5 children who took their **cycle test** on Tuesday. I would also like to acknowledge and thank our regular team of cycle instructors who voluntarily give up their time each week to give cycle training to our year 5 children. Without them, this would not be able to happen, so thank you Karen, Gemma, Paul and Cheryl for your continued support.

Parent Meetings happened this week and they were very well attended (98%). It is always great to see such support from parents. Thank you to everyone who took time to complete a questionnaire too. I will feedback further on this when we have analysed all responses.

Last Friday, **Ladygrove Football Team** participated in the Oxfordshire County Football Finals. We played fantastically in both matches, narrowly losing our first match 1-0. Although we dominated our final match, we were unable to find the back of the net and drew 0-0.

All schools in Didcot received a letter from the town clerk of Didcot Town Council advising us that they held a **Traffic Advisory Group** meeting recently. Discussion took place on how built up the roads in Didcot get, particularly during the school drop off times in the morning and pick up times in the afternoon. Residents from all over Didcot have written to the Town Council expressing their concern regarding this; how problematic it can be to cross roads with limited visibility, how difficult it can be to walk along a path when cars have mounted them to park and how parents are blocking roads and driveways around some schools. The matter was discussed with representatives from the Thames Valley Police and Oxfordshire County Council. The Council have asked all schools to ask their parents to consider walking to school wherever possible, to ease congestion.

Two sale stalls were set up by pupils this week. Sophie, Marie and Skye organised a bookmark sale in help of Homeless Oxfordshire. They raised £22.65. Leah, Danielle, Katie and Zofia held a bracelet sale and raised £26.70 for the Salvation Army. Well done to all the girls and thank you to all who supported by buying bookmarks and bracelets.

COMING UP...

Dates first week back in Term 4:

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Tues 26 th Feb	Maths Challenge	afternoon	Cranford Hse	Selected Yr 5 children
Weds 27 th Feb	Recorder Club	3.15pm-4pm	Year 2	Not running this week
	Football Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	School Field	Meet in Class 9
	Science Club	3.15pm-4pm	Year 1	Meet in Class 5
Thurs 28 th Feb	Yr 5 @ Willowbrook	afternoon	Willowbrook	Remember PE kit
	Foundation Stage Cake Crumbly	3.10pm	Courtyard	Remember to bring cakes to sell
	Netball Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	School Court	Meet in Class 15
	Choir Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	Year 3	Meet in Class 8 - please note time finishes at 4.15pm
Fri 1 st March	Yr 3 @ Willowbrook	afternoon	Willowbrook	Remember PE kit

NOTICES ...

Advanced notice regarding After School Club..... On Monday 4th March, **ASC** will be in Class 1 (Nursery) as our hall is in use for an OPEN staff meeting. Parents, please collect your child using our nursery entrance door. Thank you.

A date for your diaries - on **Thursday 7th March** we will be celebrating **World Book Day!** As is tradition, the children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. This always stimulates a great conversation about our favourite reads and there will of course be prizes for the most inventive costumes! As well as dressing up, we will dedicate the day to embracing our love of reading, with a variety of book-based activities being planned to take place across the school.

Healthy Snacks: Children are reminded regularly about bringing in healthy snacks to eat at breaktime, though some children are still bringing in unhealthy snacks e.g. cereal bars, chocolate cakes, crisps etc. A piece of fresh fruit or vegetable is offered every day to children in FS and KS1 as part of the Government's Fruit and Veg Scheme. Children in KS2 are allowed to bring in from home a healthy snack to eat at playtime.

A healthy snack is: **fresh fruit, carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes, cucumber, peppers, plain crackers with cheese or yoghurt tubes/pouches.**

Please work with school in ensuring your child only brings in a healthy snack listed above.

A recent programme on the BBC about healthy eating was extremely interesting in tackling the obesity crisis. Click on this link if you would like to watch it <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0by4fnq/ad/britains-fat-fight-with-hugh-fearnleywhittingstall-the-battle-continues>

You may have noticed in the **courtyard** our **flower beds** have had a face lift! Flowering primulas have been planted by Kevin and Gemma yesterday and we hope they will flourish and give us months of colour. Flower beds will obviously not flourish if they are walked/run over so please help by ensuring your child does not do this whilst waiting in the courtyard. Thank you.



School Meals: We will be on Week 1 of the spring menu the first week back next term (w/b 25th February 2019).

Finally, enjoy half term next week and see you all back in school on Monday 25th February 2019.

Andrew Markham and the school team

Maths Matters

This club has been set up by experienced Ladygrove staff (Claire Shorrocks and Heather Manthorpe) to assist Ladygrove pupils in attaining their potential, boosting their confidence and increasing pupils' enjoyment of maths.

We run two sessions every other week - the dates for term 4 are 2nd, 16th and 30th March. Our foci this term will be

Session 1: identifying, comparing and ordering fractions

Session 2: 3D shapes - naming and comparing properties

Session 3: telling the time, converting from analogue to digital and vice-versa and working with timetables.

Children in years 2,3 and 4 attend the first session (10-11am) and pupils in years 5 and 6 attend the later session from 11:15 to 12:15.

New members are always welcome. The cost is just £15 per session. For more information, or to book your child on to the sessions, please email us at didcotmathsmatters@gmail.co.uk