

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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Just before half term children in year five were given the opportunity to learn and perform a poem as part of the **poetry verse speaking competition** organised by Didcot Rotary Club. This was a great opportunity to practise their speaking and performance skills in front of three independent judges. They came to watch the performances and were impressed with the standard, enthusiasm and expression. Lucy and Leah were selected to go through to the final which will be held at the Didcot Civic Hall on Wednesday. We wish them the best of luck in the finals and well done to everyone who took part: we are very proud of you all.

We enjoyed the spring-like weather during the last week, however, the weather reports for next week are predicting **colder spells**. Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate warm outerwear – winter coat, hat, gloves, etc.

Can I ask parents to speak clearly and slowly when leaving a message on our **answer phone**. Messages are sometimes inaudible and very difficult to understand. Your assistance in this matter will be much appreciated.

Alparslan, Ryan, Juanita and Leah took part in a **maths challenge** at Cranford House on Tuesday. The children worked in teams to solve various challenges including shape challenges, time tables and a dominoes challenge. They worked really hard and we came 14th out of 25 – well done!

COMING UP... Girls Football Club is starting up again but it will be on Thursdays this term. This is open to existing members only.

Dates next week

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 4 th March	St Nicholas v LPPS football match	KO 3.30pm	Abingdon	Team to leave at 2.30pm
	ASC in Class 1 not in the hall	3pm-6pm	Class 1	Collect from Nursery door
Tues 5 th March	Martial Arts Sessions	All Day	Hall	Years 5 & 6 students
Weds 6 th March	Recorder Club	3.15pm-4pm	Year 2	Meet in Year 2
	Football Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	School Field	Meet in Class 9
	Science Club	3.15pm-4pm	Year 1	Meet in Class 5
	Poetry Verse Speaking Competition Final	6.15pm	Civic Hall	Good luck Lucy and Leah!
Thurs 7 th March	WORLD BOOK DAY	All Day	School	Dress up as your favourite book character
	Book Day special school menu	Lunchtime	Hall	See below for further details
	Class 5 visit Didcot Library	morning	D. Library	Remember your library books
	Yr 5 @ Willowbrook	afternoon	Willowbrook	Remember PE kit
	Year 6 Cake Crumbly	3.10pm	Courtyard	Remember to bring cakes to sell
	Girls Football Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	School Field	Meet in Class 11
LPPS v All Saints Netball Match	3.30pm	School Court	Meet in Class 15 – No netball club due to match	
	3.15pm-4.15pm	Year 3	Meet in Class 8 - please note time finishes at 4.15pm	
	Choir Club			
Fri 8 th March	Class 4 visit Didcot Library	morning	D. Library	Remember your library books
	Yr 3 @ Willowbrook	afternoon	Willowbrook	Remember PE kit
	Netball Tournament	afternoon	Aureus	Parents to pick up and take to Aureus
	PALS Quiz Night	7.30pm for food	Hall	Quiz starts at 8pm

NOTICES ...

This week we undertook a whole school assembly about risk taking/risky behaviours. The children were very confident to discuss the differences between risks which are plainly dangerous (ie. Jumping from a bridge in to a river compared to jumping from a diving board in to a swimming pool). The children were also able to verbalise situations in which risks are ok as long as they are controlled (such as ice skating).

Co-incidentally, the risks presented online have surfaced nationally again this week. As we now know, the media and social networks caused a 'feedback loop' in which rumours began to create confusion in reality. Nevertheless, our key advice still remains: always ensure your child knows they can talk to any trusted adult if they encounter something which makes them uncomfortable online. It is important that they don't think they have done something wrong by encountering it and that they feel confident to share their worry.

Last term saw the continuation of **Maths Matters to Ladygrove Park School**. The sessions were structured carefully (by experienced Ladygrove staff) to build on the children's confidence and deepen their understanding of maths operations, stretching those students who were already confident and supporting others. This term, we will continue to tailor the sessions to the needs of the children. As always, there are two sessions: years 2, 3 and 4 at 10am and years 5 and 6 at 11:15am. Excitingly, we have decided to run a third group on Saturdays. This group will run from 12:15-1:15pm and is aimed at parents. We will teach you the methods that your children are taught as this will help you to help your child. For more information, or to book your child (or yourself) onto these sessions, priced reasonably at £15 each, please email: didcotmathsmatters@gmail.com New students are always welcome.

Can I remind parents that we have permission from the Football Club to use their car park at drop off and pick up time – please use this safe area to park your cars; be mindful, however, that you use the Football Club area not Oaktree Medical Centre (these are reserved for patients). Thank you.



School will celebrate its 20th birthday this April and to mark the occasion we have various events planned.

Friday 26th April

Whole school teddy bears picnic
Children can bring in a 'party lunch box' and their favourite cuddly toy. Children will eat their lunch outside.
School will provide an ice cream as a treat.

Come to school wearing a decorated t-shirt celebrating our 20th birthday.
Decorate your t-shirt with the number 20 all over it.

Bring to school a smartie tube filled with 20p coins and help us mark out the word LADYGROVE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL 20TH BIRTHDAY – coins will then go towards our playground fund.
So start collecting your 20ps now!

Friday 3rd May

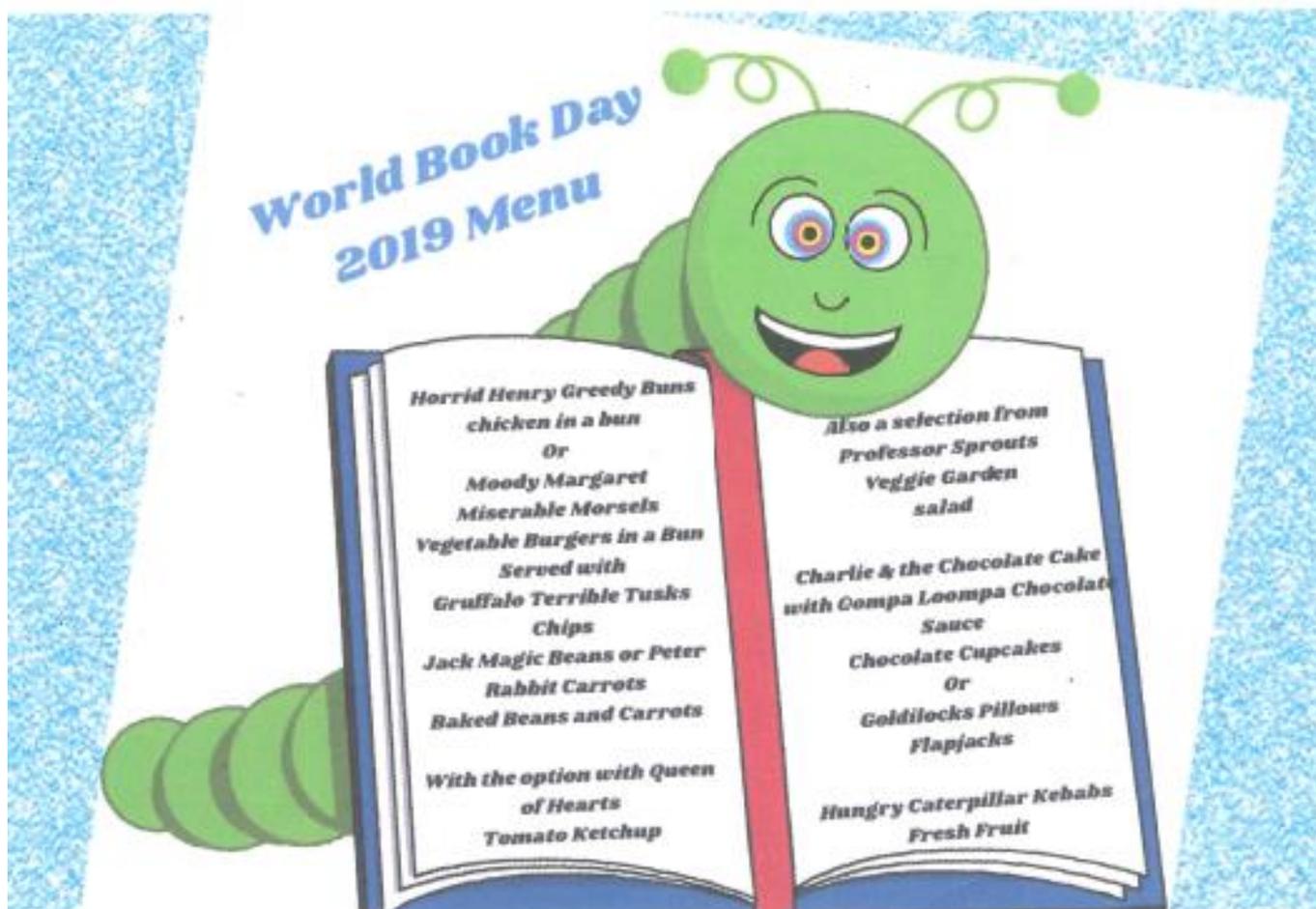
Along with normal class photos, we are going to have a whole school photo to commemorate our 20th birthday – this will be available to purchase.

Time Capsule

Each class will, together, make something to put in our time capsule (either a poem, a letter, picture) – to be buried in the school grounds.

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.

The **school catering team** are also celebrating World Book Day by offering a book day menu (see below). So, if your child fancies a *Horrid Henry Greedy Buns* or a *Moody Margaret Miserable Morsels* please order a meal in the normal way at registration.



Andrew Markham and the school team