

LPPS Newsletter

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

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

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PALS Quiz night last Friday raised £812.00! It was a pleasure to be the quiz master again. In its third year, the atmosphere remained 'buoyant' (to say the least) and everyone enjoyed the food and the banter while attempting to answer a very diverse range of questions. Thank you to Ali, Emily, Nicola, Paul and Megha for working hard to make this such a successful event. Thank you to everyone who contributed, including those who battled with cookers and traffic to provide the curry. Finally, a big thank you to Les Quizerables (the winning team) who donated the prize money (£50) back to the school via PALS. The next PALS event is the Easter Egg event (*more details at the bottom of this newsletter*).

On Tuesday Choir had a wonderful time at the primary pop concert. We sang brilliant songs like 'Spice Up Your Life' by the Spice Girls, 'Young at Heart' by The Bluebells, 'A Million Dreams' from the Greatest Showman, 'We're all in this together' from High School Musical. I even got to sing a solo for 'Soldier Soldier' which was our acting number and Kamdi got to play the role of the maid. Sophie introduced our Olly Murs song 'Dance with me tonight'. Choir sang with lots of other schools, bright spot lights and a rockin' band that played live. We had a blast and we hope we'll do it again next year.
Emma in Year 6

The foundation stage children were excited to perform our latest story to parents on Wednesday – 'Mr Wiggle and Mr Waggle'. We are now seasoned performers and hardly experience nerves anymore! We will be putting on the same show to parents next Friday 22nd at 8.45am along with a demonstration of how we teach writing a sentence. We are also demonstrating how to write a sentence on Tuesday 19th at 2.40pm. Please use the side gate for this meeting on Tuesday. If you were unable to come to the last writing workshop we would urge you to attend one of these if you can as writing is such a difficult skill to master and your support at home makes all the difference. Thank you.
Foundation Stage Team

Ladygrove girls' football team played against All Saints yesterday after school and were unlucky to lose after they scored two good goals and had a host of brilliant saves. The girls kept their heads up and played well as a team all the way to the final whistle.
Coach Shorrocks

Foundation and Year 1 were excited to welcome Michael Woodward yesterday as a visiting author and story teller. Michael shared the first adventures of Peter and Paula Pixie as featured in his new book, 'Peter Pixie visits the Rescue Centre'. The children loved hearing about all the exciting adventures and sharing their ideas. More details about the book and how to pre-order it can be found in the leaflet winging its way home to you or online at <https://www.peterandpaulapixie.com/>
Foundation Stage Year 1 Team

To enhance their topic this term, 'the local environment', **Year 3** is visiting the **Earth Trust** today. They are taking part in a rivers workshop including activities to clean (pretend) dirty water, pond dipping, walking down to the Thames and a talk about the Big Thames Clean Up and the effect it's had on wildlife, plus field sketches of the man-made and natural environments. Fingers crossed the weather holds for them!

Thank you to Hannah, Phoebe and Ella for their work this term picking up litter. They have been really helpful and so hard working that the litter pickers needed replacing. Ella used her Dad's contact to gain new litter pickers for free! Thank you girls for your ongoing dedication and to Ella's Dad!

COMING UP...

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 18 th March	Box Office Opens ASC in Class 1 Music Concert for parents	8.30am 3pm-6pm 4pm	Office Nursery School Hall	Year 4 performance – tickets cost £1.50 Collect from Class 1 door Selected children
Tues 19 th March	FS Writing Demonstration	2.40pm	F Stage	Parents invited
Weds 20 th March	Yr 4 Hill End Parent Meeting Recorder Club Football Club Science Club	3.30pm 3.15pm-4pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4pm	Class 11 Year 2 School Field Year 1	Parents invited Meet in Year 2 Meet in Class 9 Meet in Class 5
Thurs 21 st March	FS & Yr 6 Weighing and Measuring Yr 5 @ Willowbrook Year 4 Cake Crumbly Boys 6-a-side football tournament Girls Football Club	morning afternoon 3.10pm KO 3.45pm 3.15pm-4.15pm	School Willowbrook Courtyard Oratory Prep School Field	School Nursing Team Remember PE kit Remember to bring cakes to sell Depart school at 2.45pm Meet in Class 11
Fri 22 nd March	FS Performance to parents Yr3 @ Willowbrook	8.45am afternoon	F Stage Willowbrook	Parents invited Remember PE kit

NOTICES ...

Year 4 parent meeting for Hill End is next Wednesday (20th March) at 3.30pm in Class 11.

Year 5 are having their Modroc Mask Day on Wednesday 27th March – parent helpers needed from 11.15am onwards. If you can help, please speak to your child's teacher.

Our trainee **cyclists** are out and about cycling around Ladygrove. If you see them on your travels please take care driving around them. Thank you.

Message from Network Rail: As part of our Programme to electrify key rail routes across the mainline, the section of railway near your school is under construction for the installation of the Overhead Line Equipment. The safety of people on and around the railway is our priority and education in rail safety is key, especially for young people.

The overhead lines will be energised at 25,000 volts AC, at 50Hz frequency. It is of course extremely dangerous for any person to come close to the overhead line equipment or any associated part of it, including the supporting masts, switch feeds and cables. There is no danger to any persons as long as they remain away from the railway boundary line and fencing. **Please talk to your child/ren about being safe around railway lines.**

Tickets for Year 4 Production this term (*Wind in the Willows*) will be available on **Monday 18th March**.

Box office opens at 8.30am and tickets can be collected from the office.

There is a charge for tickets to cover our costs for licencing/scripts/music etc. Tickets are £1.50 each.

If you cannot collect tickets you can email the school office or phone school requesting tickets. Due to space restrictions tickets are limited to *four* per child though there is a **maximum of 2 tickets available in the evening**.

Tickets are 'first come, first served' basis. Evening tickets go very quickly – normally sold out by Tuesday!

The performances are at **1.30pm and 6.15pm on Tuesday 2nd April**.

Any tickets not collected by **Friday 22nd March** will be made available to parents who would like extra on **Monday 25th March**.

Letters will go home with details about costumes. Children will need to be dropped off at 5.45pm for the evening performance. Children will go back to their classrooms after the performance and we ask parents to wait in the courtyard for their child to be handed over.



Not previously been able to attend our **maths workshops** for parents? Ever wondered how we teach maths to your child? Episode 3 of the podcast at <https://planetparent.com/episode-3-kate-mole/> explains it all.

Maths Matters to Ladygrove Park School. Sessions are 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.



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

We are going to have a whole school photo to commemorate our 20th birthday – this will be available to purchase. Foundation Stage and Year 6 year groups will still have their VISTA style photo taken.

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.

Andrew Markham and the school team

Easter Egg Hunt! Saturday 30th March - 2-4pm

It'll soon be Easter which means the PALS team are busy making plans for the Easter Hunt!

Children can hunt for clues to complete a puzzle, and win a prize! Entry is £2 per child, tickets purchased upon entry.

There will also be refreshments, cakes and some colouring in too.

We would love some of your fantastic cake and biscuit donations to sell at this event - these can be left in by the office on Friday 29th March.

We would also be grateful of some parent helpers for the event too - please contact us on ladygrovepals@gmail.com or drop us a note via the post box outside the school office, if you are able to help out.



We have a series of tours booked during the summer term, primarily for parents of girls in year 5, please see dates

To book a place please email schooltours@didcotgirls.oxon.sch.uk.

If you would like a tour of the school we encourage you to book onto one of these rather than wait until October as the Autumn dates fill up very quickly.

We look forward to welcoming you to the school.

Mrs Pearl, Assistant Headteacher

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School Tours 2019

Wed 8 May	Wed 15 May	Tues 11 June
Wed 12 June	Mon 17 June	Tue 25 June
	Wed 3 July	

All School Tours 9.15am-11am
To book a place please email schooltours@didcotgirls.oxon.sch.uk

Open Evening
Wednesday 2nd October 2019
4.30pm - 7.30pm
No booking required

Premier Soccer Centres will be running a 4 day football course at Willowcroft Primary School, Didcot starting Monday 15th April. Some forms are in reception, if not contact Mark Jones on 07795 342 509 to secure a place. All abilities are welcome, boys and girls, aged between 5 and 12 years old.