

LPPS Newsletter

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The Christmas Fayre was vibrant and fun last weekend, PALS raised an amazing £2135 for the school! A huge 'Thank You' to everyone who organised, helped out, manned stalls and of course came along to join in the fun. The child and adult choirs were in great voice. Thank you to Ali (Chair of PALS) for all the hard work and her core team who were here Friday night and morning to night on Saturday.

Year 6s took part in a fantastic OPEN taekwondo event on Tuesday, hosted at Willowcroft Primary School. Miss Miller, a world championship silver medalist, was kind enough to host the event and the children learnt an amazing amount in just under 4 hours! They were able to recite a pattern, execute two different types of kick and some were even able to break a piece of wood in half with a side kick by the end of the afternoon! It's always lovely to get involved in an OPEN event, especially when it means the children getting involved in a new sport. Thank you to the staff at Willowcroft, especially Miss Miller, for hosting the event.

On Tuesday **Class 2 and 3** children came back after school finished for more Phonics and Literacy activities! They did a brilliant job of demonstrating to the parents how to use their "Fred Fingers" to spell words. Then everyone joined in with some of the kinds of activities we provide for the children to help develop their writing skills. If you were unable to make it and would like a demonstration of "Fred Fingers" please let us know. Thank you.

Foundation Stage Team

Our **youngest children** in school have also been busy writing to Father Christmas this week and then walking to the post box to post their magical list. Hopefully they will all get what they want for Christmas!

I hope you managed to hear our lovely **Choir** sing on Radio Oxford yesterday morning. They sounded fantastic and a big shout out to Leah from Choir as she represented school by giving a live interview on the radio. Choir are continuing to spread their festive merriment by visiting The Meadows this afternoon and sing Carols to the residents. Well done Mrs Fowkes and Choir!

Year 5 spent this morning experiencing what life would've been like in a **Victorian** classroom. They experienced handwriting with ink and a quill (very hard to do neatly!), washing by hand, chanting their times tables, having to stand up whenever an adult entered the class and carrying out 'drill' outside.

Last Friday, **LPPS girls' football** team attended the National League U11s Cup Tournament, held at Oxford City's ground. The team played brilliantly and came top of their group following a 3-1 win in their first game against East Oxford (in which Abigail produced some magnificent saves) and a 4-0 win against Bloxham in their third game, in which Freya scored her first hat trick for the team. Although Mia scored the first goal of the second match against West Oxford in under 1 minute, the team lost 3-1. Coming top of the group, thanks to our goal difference, secured our way through to the semi-final where we faced St John Fisher. Unfortunately, we lost the semi-final in a nail biting 2-0 match. The girls played well as a team throughout the event and were excellent at supporting each other. Well done team! *Coach Shorrock*

Thank you for everyone who supported our **book fair** last week – we raised £753 and this gives us £392 to spend on free books for our school!

£1,653.55 (and still counting) has been raised through the sponsored **NSPCC 'Buddy's Big Workout'** event last week. On Monday a 'thank you' celebration assembly will be held in the hall.

Cake Sale: Katie, Robert, Jennifer, Jasmine and others from Class 8 ran a charity cake sale for Guidedogs for the Blind today for Key Stage 1 break time. They raised £22.70 before selling out! Well done all.

Cress Lai will be returning from her maternity leave in January to resume teaching. Mrs Lai will take over teaching Class 10 so we sadly say goodbye to **Verissimo Toste** at the end of this term. We will all miss Verissimo very much and wish him the very best for the future.

COMING UP...

Next week is a busy week; Foundation Stage and Year 1 sing song to parents (tickets required), NSPCC 'Thank You' Assembly, Choir singing at Didcot's Town Carol Concert and Christmas Jumper Day. But, most importantly, we have the **Christmas Lunches** next week. If your child did not want a lunch or you have not pre-ordered a meal, your child will still eat their packed lunch in the hall with the rest of their peers on their allocated enjoying the festive atmosphere. Here is a reminder to everyone about arrangements:-

Monday 10 th December FS and Yr 6 Christmas Lunch <i>Rest of school packed lunches</i>	Tuesday 11 th December Years 1 and 5 Christmas Lunch <i>Rest of school packed lunches</i>	Wednesday 12 th December Yrs 2, 3 and 4 Christmas Lunch <i>Rest of school packed lunches</i>
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**On the days it is NOT your child's allocated day please ensure they bring in a packed lunch.
Festive hats are optional!**



Tickets for **Year 2** Christmas Production went on sale on Monday. Any tickets not reserved by today will be made available to parents who would like extra on Monday 10th December. Box Office opens at 8.30am.

For the evening performances please can **children arrive in school at 5.30pm** and go straight to their classrooms. A member of staff will be at reception to let your child in. After the performance children will go back to their classrooms where they will be handed over to their parents in the courtyard. As always, please do not take your child from the hall.

Year 2 Christmas Production 'Lights, Camel, Action!'

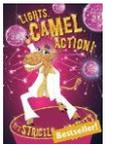
When: **Tuesday 18th December** Times: **1.30pm and 6.15pm**

Tickets required? **Yes - £1.50 each** limit of 4 tickets per family (maximum evening ticket allowance is 2 tickets)

Tickets available? **Box Office opens at 8.30am Monday 3rd Dec**

If you cannot get to our box office (reception) please email the school office to reserve tickets.

Any tickets not collected TODAY will be made available to parents who want extra on Monday 10th December



On **16th January** M&M Theatrical Productions are in school in the afternoon to perform *Robin Hood* to Year 1-6 children. Each year, without fail, this touring theatrical company visit our school to briefly bring back the atmosphere of Christmas. They are experts in family entertainment of classic stories. We ask for a voluntary donation of £2.75 per child to cover the cost of this. Please pay for this via ParentPay.

NOTICES ...

Year 6 Parents and loved ones are invited to join us for our "**Christmas Craft Fayre Open Classroom**" at 2.30pm on **Thursday 20th December** in the Y6 Classrooms where they will be able to purchase products from the different businesses - the profits will go to a good cause to be decided by the children! We also needTwigs (to make Christmas tree decorations with) / Assorted buttons / Metal bottle caps / Glass jars (smaller jam jars and baby food jars would be ideal). If you have any of the above and are willing to donate please hand in to Year 6. Thank you!

This term has seen the successful return of **Maths Matters** to Ladygrove Park School. The sessions have been 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. Next term, we will continue to tailor the sessions to the needs of the children. Our focus for Term 3 will be Fractions (19 Jan), Shape (2 Feb) and Graphs and Charts (16 Feb). As always, there are two sessions years 2,3 and 4 at 10am and years 5 and 6 at 11:15am. For more information, or to book your child onto the sessions, priced reasonably at £15 each, please email didcotmathsmatters@gmail.com New students are always welcome.

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>

Dates next week: Last week for clubs – clubs DO NOT run the last week of term

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 10 th Dec	Box Office Open FS & Yr 6 Christmas Lunches NSPCC 'Thank You' Assembly	8.30am 11.30am 1pm	Office Hall Hall	Extra tickets available for Yr 2 Production Rest of school need to bring in a packed lunch
Tues 11 th Dec	Yr 1 & Yr 5 Christmas Lunches Boys Football Club Girls Football Club Knit & Natter Club Mental Health Workshops	11.30am 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4pm 5pm-6pm	Hall Meet in C9 Meet in C9 Library School	Rest of school need to bring in a packed lunch
Weds 12 th Dec	Yrs 2, 3 & 4 Christmas Lunches Recorder Club Didcot Town Carol Concert	11.30am 3.15pm-4pm 7.15pm	Hall Class 7 Civic Hall	Rest of school need to bring in a packed lunch Choir members
Thurs 13 th Dec	Cycle Test FS Mystery Readers Choir Club Netball Club – Staff v Pupils Yr 1 Cake Crumbly	1.30pm 2.30pm 3.15pm-4pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.10pm	Ladygrove F. Stage Class 8 Class 15 Courtyard	Selected Yr 5 children Christmas Special – watch this space..... Remember to bring cakes to sell!
Fri 14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day FS & Yr 1 'Sing Song'	All Day 10am and 2pm	School Hall	Come to school dressed in your favourite Christmas Jumper and donate £1 to Save the Children Tickets required

Last day for Class 1 children is Tuesday 18th December

Rest of the school finishes on Friday 21st December at 1.15pm.

Andrew Markham and the School Team