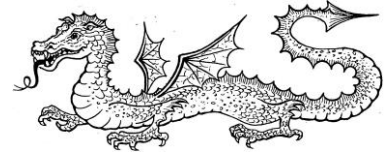


# LADY BAY FOCUS

The Newsletter of Lady Bay Primary School  
Growing together: caring for ourselves,  
each other and the environment



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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for taking the time to read our school newsletter. We have had another super week at Lady Bay and it is so lovely that the weather is beginning to change. We are all very excited about Science Week next week and I wanted to thank all parents in advance who are giving up their time to present to the children. It really brings science to life for the children and they see tangibly how science lessons can lead to a future career.

## Be Safe and Be Kind – Assembly this week

This week, we focussed our assemblies on the Muslim festival of Ramadan. We started by discussing the link between learning about Ramadan and the protected characteristic of Religion and belief and the British

Individual liberty

Mutual Respect

Democracy

Freedom of faiths  
and beliefs

The rule of law



Values of Tolerance and Mutual Respect. My favourite quote from the assembly was from a child in year 4 who stated, “We learn about religions so we know how other people celebrate their faith. It is important so we don’t discriminate against people due to their religion when we are older.” Powerful words. We also discussed why the children thought it was important to learn about cultures and religious beliefs of people who live in our country. We discussed what Muslim people do during Ramadan and why fasting and charity during this time is so important. It was also great to see children of other faiths drawing comparisons to their own faith when we talked about Eid and celebrations at the end of Ramadan. A really engaging topic.

## Be Ready – World Book Day

What a fantastic day we had on World Book Day. The effort from the children and staff was fantastic and the outfits were brilliant. The day was a real celebration of books. We shared with the children the amazing entries for the extreme reader competition. Thank you to all the parents who supported this. We are in the process of picking the winners. Thank you to Luxfer Gas who sponsored the competition and provided the prizes. They have also donated £250 for new non-fiction texts which the children will be picking. We also showed the children the masked readers videos. Members of staff read extracts of books and the children had to guess who was behind the mask. They all loved chanting ‘Take it off!’ when it was the big reveal. We are hoping to share these on the website. It was such a great atmosphere all day. Thank you to all the staff, children and parents for making the day special.





### **Growing together – OPAL**

We are pleased to share that Sarah and Sabina (from the play team) will now be taking over as Play Coordinator and Assistant Play Coordinator from next week. There will be a period where Mr. Dearnley works with them both to handover the reigns. We are really pleased that the sandpit has arrived and we are in the process of getting the sand and cover delivered. Thank you also to an ex-parent who donated a table tennis table to use at OPAL. We are looking forward to getting it out for the children to use.



**We are still accepting any donations you may have.**

### **Caring for each other – Rozzy's assembly**

A huge well done to Rozzy this week. It is not easy to stand up in front of people and talk and especially when the subject matter is personal to you. Rozzy did a fantastic job this week in a special assembly where she talked about deafness. Rozzy talked about her implants and how these help her to hear. She also shared how others can ensure that she hears what they are saying. A really powerful assembly and a really brave effort from Rozzy to lead it.



### **Be Ready – Year 5 trip to the Space Centre**

The children in year 5 visited the National Space Centre this week to support their topic on Space. They visited the Planetarium where they learnt about the solar system. They looked around the exhibits and also took part in some experiments. Thank you to the staff for organising, to all the parents for supporting the trip and for the parent helpers who attended. A fantastic day.

### **Be Ready – Orchestrafest at Jesse Gray**

We are part of the RMSA (Rushcliffe Maintained School Alliance) with 14 other schools in the Rushcliffe area. This is a support network where we share practice and support development in schools through high-quality CPD. We also use the alliance to enhance opportunities in the wider curriculum. This week, George, Seb and Chung Wai attended Orchestrafest at Jesse Gray. Children had to be grade 1 or above and be able to read music to attend. They worked together with children from across the RMSA to compose a piece of music together. It was a brilliant day and a great way for the three boys to show their musical talent.



### **Growing together – Family SENCO visit to Lady Bay and SEND coffee morning**

We were delighted to invite our family SENCO (Anne) into school this week to look at our current provision and practice for children with SEND. She undertook an in-depth look at one of our funded children and their provision (a funded child is a child who has been assessed as needing additional funding to meet their needs at school). This included looking in their books, daily diary, analysing their support plan and talking to the Teaching Assistant who supports them. She also did the same thorough look at a non-funded child (a child who is on the SEN register but does not meet the threshold for additional funding to support their needs). We looked at the adaptations being made to support the child and how quality first teaching was ensuring they were making progress. Some super practice seen and also some tangible suggestions on how we can improve our practice further.

**Ms Baylis and I would like to invite all parents of children with SEND or any parents interested in finding out more about what we do to support children with SEND to a coffee morning on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. This will start at 9am in the Diner. Ms Baylis and I will outline the provision we offer children in school and the types of adaptations we use in class to support children. It will also be an opportunity for you to ask us questions/give feedback too.**

### **Growing together – year 4 times tables meeting**

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the year 4 times table meeting this week. We shared what the check looks like and how the children undertake the check in school. We shared how we support the children through the check and how we teach times tables at Lady Bay. We also asked the parents to have a go so they can see how tricky it is to recall the answer and type it into the iPad within the 6 second time limit. We have sent the PowerPoint to all parents in year 4 too. If there are any parents who were not able to attend and would like more information, please let me know as I am happy to talk to you separately about the information shared. Please do ensure your children are practising their times tables as they are the key to the maths curriculum.

### **Be Ready – year 1 practical maths**

It was great to see the year 1s using the outdoor space for maths this week. Their focus was place value and partitioning into tens and ones. As a challenge, some children even managed to partition three-digit numbers. The children made part whole models out of hoops and chalked in the numbers and the hundred, tens and ones representations. A great way to make partitioning fun for the children.



### **Growing together and Leadership – School Council meeting**

The School Council met this week to discuss issues raised in school. They talked about the need to remind all children about their competition and they created some flyers to give out to classes as a reminder. The School Council have also created a questionnaire for all children to gauge their view on school. This will outline what children like about school and how we could improve certain aspects. They will be asking the children to answer these soon. A really positive meeting and some great leadership shown by the Council.

### **Reminder - Growing together – Easter Egg competition**

We are very excited to announce the return of the Easter Egg competition this year. Your children are invited to create a scene including an egg and winners will be chosen from each year group. Please be as creative as possible. We always have some excellent designs and I am looking forward to seeing what everyone produces this year. Children need to bring their designs in on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Parents are invited to come and look around the entries on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm. Winners will be announced on that day. We are hoping to create an Easter Egg hunt around Lady Bay too for you and your children to enjoy. More details will be sent after the holidays.



### **Girl's Cricket Opportunity**

In the summer term there will be an exciting opportunity for girls in Years 4, 5 and 6 to join a Dynamos Cricket Club at school. The club will start on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and run for 8 sessions, finishing on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June. The girls will learn new cricket skills, play fun games of cricket and could even get to play in some school cricket festivals. The cricket club will run on Thursdays after school from 3.25 to 4.30 on the junior playground. We will be able to accommodate 25 girls in the squad. A letter will be sent out just before the Easter break for you to register your child's interest.



Mrs Hewitt

Important dates for Spring term –

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Science week (visits from parents)  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Roman Day  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - 1FJ to Wagamama's  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March – 1H to Wagamama's  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 India Day  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Egg competition entries into school  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Balfour Beatty Bridge Project with year 4  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – from 3pm Parents invited to view Easter Eggs  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Odd Socks Day (Downs Syndrome Awareness)  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Year 2 trip to Beaumanor  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Foundation and 1FJ Parents' evening  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' evening Year 1 – Year 6  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' evening (all classes except 1FJ)  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 showcase of learning (pm)  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of Spring term  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – School re-opens for Summer Term

If you have any questions, or would like to offer any feedback, please email me on the following email [head@ladybay.notts.sch.uk](mailto:head@ladybay.notts.sch.uk)

Thank you once again for your ongoing support – it truly makes a difference.  
Kindest and warmest regards,

Steve Border

