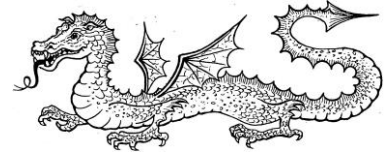


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The Newsletter of Lady Bay Primary School
Growing together: caring for ourselves,
each other and the environment



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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

Be Ready – Assembly this week

In our assembly this week, we talked to the children about Black History Month. We made the link to the protected characteristic of Race. I asked the children to think about why we teach children about Black History Month. We also discussed famous people in Black History and who they could remember from previous years. With year 1 and 2, we looked at the impact of Mary Seacole and Rosa Parks and why they are remembered during this month. In the year 5 and 6 assembly we looked at the life and work of Pablo Fanque and his impact during Victorian times. We finished the assembly reflecting on why they felt this assembly was important. My favourite quote from the day was from Oscar in year 5. When asked why we teach about Black History he stated, “You are asking us to reflect on the awful things that happened and to make sure we learn from it and not repeat it in the future.” Not sure I could have put it better myself.



Caring for each other – Donations for Harvest

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the harvest appeal this year. We had so many bags full of donations. We have delivered half of the donations to the Rushcliffe Food Bank who support families that are struggling in our area. The other half was donated to Muslim Hands who work tirelessly to make meals for homeless people living in Nottingham. Muslim Hands relies on donations to make these meals and they make over 4000 meals every day across the UK.



Growing together – OPAL

We have had another super week of OPAL lunchtime. We have had a few days this week where we have been short of members of the play team due to illness. If anyone does have any spare time and they would like to volunteer to support OPAL during lunchtime, please do let me know.

We are still open to any donations you may have. We are also starting the development of the outside store for our Dragons After School Care, which will be completed over half term (furnishing to be done in November). We will then be thinking about longer term storage options for all our OPAL resources.



Growing together – EYFS phonics meeting

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the EYFS phonics meeting this week. Mrs. Galloway and Mrs Baylis used the time to show the parents the scheme we use and how we teach our children phonics. The team also answered any questions parents had. The meeting was really well attended and shows the support the foundation children are getting at home and in school. Please do speak to the staff if you would like anything further clarifying.



Be Ready – Girls' football

Well done to the girls who played in the cup match this week against Carnarvon. The girls played against a very strong and experienced team. Despite us losing by a few goals, the girls remained determined throughout, playing some excellent football. They kept their heads high and didn't give up. Most importantly, they enjoyed their football and are looking forward to the next match. Mrs. Hewitt would like to give a big shout out to Anushka who was outstanding in goal, She made some brilliant and very brave saves.

Be Ready – Key Strings visit next week

We are delighted to invite Key Strings back to Lady Bay next week to reinforce the enrichment of music in school. Key Strings are made up of professional musicians who create a musical show to entertain the children. They are introduced to a range of instruments and music styles from across the world and through history. Their main aim is to show that music can be fun for all. I am sure the children from years 1 – 6 will all thoroughly enjoy their visit.

Be Ready – Forest Football Festival

A note from Mrs. Hewitt

On Sunday, these very lucky footballers got the chance to represent Lady Bay School in a football festival organised by Nottingham Forest. They were a very young and enthusiastic squad who all played some excellent football. Their behaviour was fantastic and they were most patient whilst Mrs. Hewitt attempted to rotate her squad of 12 players for a 5-a-side game. Well done to everyone involved. A big thank you to the parents for their support and to Benjamin and Nate's dad for being a fabulous coach.



Growing together – Non-uniform day Friday

Next Friday, we are asking all children to pay a voluntary donation of £1 to wear non-uniform. All proceeds will go to the development of OPAL play. We are also using this as a way to mark the amazing Mrs. Smith, who has worked with thousands of children over her time at Lady Bay. Mrs. Smith works predominantly in year 2 and is also the lower school ELSA. She helps when our younger children are struggling to come into school or may just need some reassurance and support with friendship issues. Mrs. Smith has worked at Lady Bay for an incredible 40 years and she was really keen for the children to come in non-uniform to mark the occasion. Please do support us with this by letting your child wear non-uniform next Friday.

Growing together – Parents' evening

We are looking forward to welcoming you all into school next week for parents' evening. The staff are looking forward to talking to you about how well your child has settled into their new class and how well they are coping with their new year group expectations. Please do make sure you come with any questions you would like answering. During parents' evening, there will be a Lady Bay Pre-loved book sale of KS1 books on the 14th, 15th and 16th of October. The sale will be in the reading hut and there will be a QR code/honesty box (and suggested donation) for parents.



Reminder - Caring for the environment – Eco Committee competition



The deadline for the conker competition is Monday 13th October. There will be prizes for the biggest and smallest conker in every year group. There is still time to enter so please bring your conkers to Miss Stubbs in a labelled box/bag for judging.

Important dates this half term (it is likely these will be added to as we go on) –

Monday 13th -Thursday 16th October – Parents' evening
Friday 17th October – Dress-up day and last day of term
Monday 3rd November – INSET day
Tuesday 4th November – first day of Autumn 2
Monday 10th November – Anti-bullying week
Friday 21st November – School photos
Sunday 30th November – LBSA mingle
Monday 3rd December – Year 3 Egyptian Day
Friday 5th December – Year 6 Maya Museum (1.30 pm for parents)
Wednesday 10th December 2pm – Year 1 and 2 nativity
Thursday 11th December 2pm – Year 1 and 2 nativity
Friday 12th December – Year 6 Cadbury World trip
Monday 15th December – Foundation Christmas show – 2pm NB Change of date
Tuesday 16th December – KS2 Christmas sing
Wednesday 17th December – Foundation Lakeside theatre trip
Wednesday 17th December – Year 1, 2 and 3 trip to the Panto
Friday 19th December – 3K start swimming

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

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

