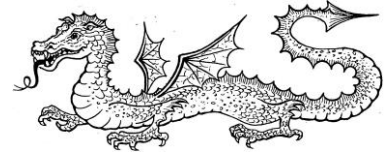


# LADY BAY FOCUS

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 newsletter.

## Be Ready – Assembly this week

In our assembly this week, we discussed with the children what the protected characteristics are. We talked through why they are important and how they ensure discrimination does not happen. This week, we focused on the protected characteristic of race. We discussed some important moments in history when these rights were not protected and thought about the impact on the people at the time. We discussed how we would feel in that moment. We then asked the children to think about what this would look like at school and how someone could discriminate against someone due to race. The children were really good at identifying what this might look like and how a child would feel in that moment. A really powerful assembly and one that sparked a lot of discussion. My favourite quote was from a child in year 5 who said, "We should just all treat each other the way we want to be treated no matter what someone might look like." A really insightful comment.



## Growing together – International School Award

I would like to say a huge thank you to Senora Lopez for her dedication to developing Spanish at Lady Bay. She works with all the children in key stage

2 weekly and also trains the Spanish Ambassadors (year 5 and 6 children) to teach the foundation of Spanish to the year 2 children. Due to her work in school, arranging the Spanish café and her work with the School for Hope in Guatemala, the school has been granted the International School Award. A well-deserved reward.

## Respect – New member of staff and new teams around school

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Bennett who started this week as our music teacher. Mrs. Bennett is a very proficient musician and has been working at Ruddington St Peters as their music teacher (and leader) for over 15 years. Mrs. Bennett works every Thursday and will be working with children across key stage 2. You will also have noticed that we have mixed up the teams this year and have different members of staff in every year group. We felt it was the right time to give staff the opportunity to experience a different year and we are really happy with the start we have made back into school.

## Growing together – OPAL

Wow, the weather this week has been so unpredictable. One minute the children have been really enjoying themselves outside and the next it feels like we have been in the middle of a monsoon. The children have all been great and OPAL has had another successful week. It was great to see so many children dressed up, playing in the scooter area, playing with the small world items and generally having a great time. There are going to be lots of updates for OPAL going forward as we try to continue to offer lots of different activities for the children to take part in at lunchtime.



## Be Ready – Year 6 start their Mayan topic

It was great to see the year 6 children enjoying their hook for their topic on the Mayans. We try to start each topic with something that will engage and capture the children's imagination and make them want to learn more about the subject. The children in year 6 were learning how to play Pok-a-Tok. They were given a set of rules and had to create the game themselves albeit a little less gruesome than the game was in Mayan times.



## Growing Together – Parents' meeting this week

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the parents' welcome meetings this week. There was a good turn out at each meeting. Teachers informed parents of the topics that they would be covering this year, gave general information on the year and what they and their child can expect and also gave information about all the amazing enrichment opportunities they would be taking part in.

## Be Ready – Foundation's first full week at school

Well done to all the children in foundation for their first full week at Lady Bay. They have worked incredibly hard and have done a brilliant job learning their new routines. Mrs. Galloway, Miss Baylis and all the team have said how pleased they are with the whole of foundation.



## Reminder - Growing together - Special Educational Needs at Lady Bay

Our SENCO (Miss Baylis prev. Mrs Oakes) will have SEN time on Tuesdays this year. She will be on the KS1 yard on Tuesday mornings as well in case you have any queries. Please use the email address [senco@ladybay.notts.sch.uk](mailto:senco@ladybay.notts.sch.uk) if you need to contact her. Please make sure you speak to your child's class teacher as a first port of call before contacting the SENCO. Kindly note that Provision maps will now be referred to as support plans in line with government guidance.

## Reminder - Growing together – Dress up and raising money for Cancer Research on Friday

It is Vanessa's funeral at 10.50 on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September at Rushcliffe Oaks. The wake will be held at the Poppy and Pint from 11.30. Bibi and Clem have asked for all attendees to wear pretty dresses and bright colours to represent Vanessa's personality.

The family will be raising money for cancer research and we are asking if you will help to support this. Children can pay £1 to wear pretty dresses and bright colours on the day and all proceeds will be donated to the charity – cash donations to school.



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## Reminder - Be Safe - Flu Vaccinations (nasal puff)

We have the school vaccination team coming in on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September for flu vaccinations for all year groups.

Parents need to book their child in for the vaccination on the online consent form. For more information please see the NHS leaflet attached to this newsletter

<https://nhs.uk/immms.azurewebsites.net/session/3edd4d9f>

If you don't want your child to have the vaccination at school you can use the same link and complete the "No consent" form

The online consent forms are only available until Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, so please ensure that you have completed it by then.

If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please disregard this message.

If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 4, option 2.

## Reminder - Caring for the environment – Eco Committee competition

A yellow poster for a conker competition. At the top, there are autumn leaves in shades of orange and yellow. The text is in a white box with a yellow border. At the bottom left, there is a circular graphic of a conker with a yellow background and white stars. At the bottom right, there is a white box with a yellow border containing the rules.

**Conker Competition!**  
(not for fighting)

Miss Stubbs is running a conker competition this half term with prizes for the biggest and smallest conkers found. They don't have to be found in school - keep your eyes peeled wherever you are!

Please bring any entries to 4S. You can have one entry per child, no changes after you have entered. Winners will be judged by the Eco Committee

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

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 trip to safety zone  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4 trip to Conisbrough Castle  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Flu vaccinations  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Wear something colourful fundraiser  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Foundation open afternoon (2-3pm)  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September – LBSA AGM (timings TBC)  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October – EYFS phonics meeting  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October – LBSA disco (timings TBC)  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' evening  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' evening  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of term  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – INSET day  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – first day of Autumn 2  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-bullying week  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November – School photos  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November – LBSA mingle  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Year 3 Egyptian Day  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Maya Museum (1.30 pm for parents)  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 and 2 nativity  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 and 2 nativity  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Cadbury World trip  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas sing  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Foundation Lakeside theatre trip  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1, 2 and 3 trip to the Panto  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](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

