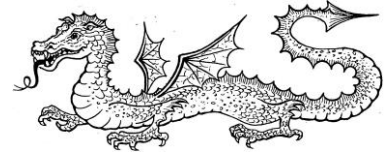


# LADY BAY FOCUS

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.

## Caring for the environment – Assembly this week

In our assembly this week, we talked to the children about the environment. I posed the question to them – What impact are humans having on the environment and how do we know? We also talked about changes we can make. We used this as a starting point for discussion and it was great to see how knowledgeable they all were. My favourite quote was, “We learn about the environment so we know how to make a positive change in the future.” We also shared with the children information about the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch between the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January. We talked about the importance of it and why they believe the RSPB do it and also shared how we can take part too. If anyone wants a spare sheet, we have some in the office.



## Be Ready – Year 6 D and T

As part of their D and T work and linked to their topic, the year 6 children have been learning about foods from North and South America. The children worked together to make Guacamole. They had to be really careful to use their cutting skills and cut up different ingredients at roughly the same size. There were a few accidents when chopping but they all tried their hardest. It was the first time some of the children tried Guacamole and its fair to say that it had mixed reviews. A super D and T lesson.

## Be Ready – Boys’ County Cup match

Last Friday, the boys played Radcliffe on Trent in the County Cup. When we played them in the autumn term it was a very close game. This time the boys all played excellently, passing the ball around and playing some super football. We won the match 6-1 and look forward to a game against Edwalton in the next round.

Good luck to the boys in year 3 who are representing Lady Bay at Nottingham Forest Academy on Sunday. It is a fantastic opportunity for the boys to show off their skills in front of the Nottingham Forest scouts.



## Growing together – OPAL

We have had another fun week of OPAL. We are excited to have our first play morning this term (more details to follow). This will be an hour where you can come in to see OPAL set up and the types of activities that are on offer. It will give you a feel for the types of play your child is engaged with at lunchtimes and allow you to have a walk around the site. We are hopeful that lots of parents will be able to attend.



In the photo this week, the building area was really popular again with these children building their own house with slide attachment – very creative.

**We are still accepting any donations you may have. Please do send in any unwanted small world items, suitcases, pushchairs and scooters or other wheeled toys.**

## Growing together – Meeting with the LBSA

It was great to meet with the two Chairs of the LBSA this week (Mrs Allen and Mrs Starr). We talked through the funding raised to date and what different LBSA events they have planned for the rest of the year. We also discussed about the school priorities moving forward and what the short, medium and long-term aims are. All very exciting. With the money won from the Co-op, we are hoping to replace our Key Stage 2 reading material so we have appropriate books at all levels for the children.

## Be Ready – Year 5 trip to the National Civil War Centre

A message from Mr Oliver and Miss Beckett - We had a superbly engaging and enlightening time at the National Civil War Museum in Newark today. We learnt about the causes of the conflict, how the war played out, the different types of soldiers (including a thorough examination of the various types of armor and weapons available to them), and the siege of Newark and how (if) individuals lived through it! We then explored some real artifacts to support our learning in History and English, it sounded like an amazing trip and a great way to enrich their topic.



### **Growing together – New Lady Bay football kit**

We would like to say a massive thank you to Walter's mum and the company that she works for (Adtrak design and marketing) who sponsored our new boys football kit. I hope you agree it looks fantastic and we are very excited to start playing in them. Thank you to Albie R (and Kate) in year 6, who wrote a letter to the school outlining the need for a new kit which kickstarted this whole process off. We cannot wait to get them.



### **Growing together – School council meeting**

A message from Miss Beckett - Watch out for the School Council Poster Competition to show our 'Three Simple Rules' before half term! Winning entries will be displayed across the school site.

Also, next half term, our School Council Representatives will be going around with questionnaires to collect pupil views and opinions. Make your voice heard by catching them on the playgrounds during morning break times!

### **Be safe – Driving to and from school**

Please could all parents who drive their children to school be really careful when they approach school and when they are leaving. We have had a few near misses as it is very busy. Also, please be careful when you are leaving the Lady Bay Road pub exit. There have been a few occasions where cars have failed to stop at the stop sign and have encroached onto the pavement when a child is walking past it. Please be careful as we really do not want anyone getting hurt coming to or from school. Additionally, please could we ensure that you park respectfully adhering to the markings on the roads.

### **Growing together – Reading books**

Last week, we shared some information about reading books and birthdays. Please do have a read. Mrs James has done a super job at revamping the two library spaces and we are so grateful to every parent who has donated books. We are really excited to start to replace the reading scheme books in key stage 2 and introduce a new assessment system. This should allow the children to pick an appropriate book at a higher-level whilst also picking a book for reading for pleasure.

Important dates for Spring term –

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Girls' football tournament

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Gurdwara visit

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Disco date

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Young Voices

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 showcase of learning (2.30pm at All Hallows)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – INSET day

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – 5-year-old dental survey

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – School council

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 trip to National Space Centre

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book day

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Science week (visits from parents)

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Roman Day

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 India Day

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Balfour Beatty Bridge Project with year 4  
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 Parents' evening  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' evening  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' evening  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of Spring 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

