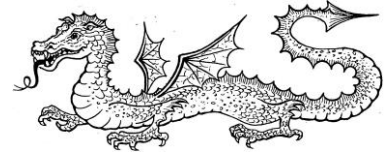


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The Newsletter of Lady Bay Primary School
Growing together: caring for ourselves,
each other and the environment



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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We have reached the end of another half term and it seems to have flown by. It has been lovely to see the amazing opportunities the children have had this half term and we are excited with what we have planned for next half term. We are still reflecting on our Ofsted pilot visit and thinking about how we can further develop our practice from their feedback.

Be Ready – Assembly this week

In our assembly this week, we talked to the children about Diwali and the story of Rama and Sita. The assembly was linked to the protected characteristic of religion and the British Values of tolerance and mutual respect. I asked the children to think about why we learn about stories from other religions and how this links to tolerance and respect. We talked about what we already knew from the story and then learnt more about Rama and Sita. I asked the children to think about light and darkness and how this can link to everyday life. We discussed what we can do when we are feeling sad or have dark times and how we can find light amongst friends and families. We also discussed how we can be a source of light for others. A really powerful and interesting assembly.

Growing together – building work on site

You will no doubt have noticed that we are undertaking some building work on site. The outbuilding near the apparatus on the junior playground is being converted to a usable space. Mrs. Masters put in a bid for a grant which was available from the local authority linked to wraparound provision. This grant, coupled with money raised by the LBSA, is funding the project. We are keeping 1/3 of it for OPAL resources and the other 2/3 is being fully converted to be used as a home for the Dragon's after school club and will also be used as an intervention space throughout the day. We are hoping that work will be completed after half term and then it will be furnished by December. Exciting times.



Growing together – Non-uniform day

Thank you to all the children who took part in the non-uniform day today and also to those who donated £1 for OPAL resources. It has been a great time to reflect and share with the children how long Mrs Smith has worked at Lady Bay (40 years) and the impact that she has had in the school. A lovely way to end the half term.



Be Ready – Boys' football

Well done to the boys' football team who played their first full fixture this week after their tournament victory last month. We travelled to Radcliffe on Trent Junior school for the Rushcliffe Large Schools cup match. There are some changes that the year 6 children are having to get used to as the children can no longer head the ball and there are now no throw-ins. The children in year 5 are used to playing this at weekend teams but this was a change for the year 6 boys. Radcliffe were a very good side, but I am glad to say that the

boys played some excellent football and we won the game 2-1. A super individual goal from Ethan and a brilliant team goal from Dan won the game for us. We look forward to seeing who we play in the next round.

Growing together – OPAL

Thank you again to everyone who supported our non-uniform day today and paid £1. We are excited to put the money towards some more OPAL resources.

We have had to close a couple of areas this week due to the building work and being short staffed. We are really hopeful to have everything back open when the children return in on the 4th November.



Be Ready – Key Strings visit

We were delighted that Key Strings were able to fit us in for a visit this week. They delivered an amazing workshop on a range of musical instruments. The children learnt lots of musical terminology and also learnt about music through history. Some were also picked to take part in being part of a band in the show. It was truly a fantastic afternoon for children in years 1-6. The main message was that music is for everyone and that it is fun too. A super way to enrich our music provision.





Be Ready – Year 2 Space show

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 2 Space show this week. It was great to see so many parents. The children sang lots of space songs and shared lots of space facts. They have clearly learnt lots during the topic. Thank you so much to the parents for providing such amazing costumes/outfits for the children to wear. Thank you to the staff for helping the children learn the songs and facts and to the children for their hard work and effort during the show. A super way to end their topic on space.

Growing together – Parents’ evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended parents’ evening this week. It was great to see so many parents over the two nights. It was also super to hear such positive feedback about the start of the new year. We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled back into school this year and we are glad that this was recognised by so many parents. As ever, if you do have any concerns at any point throughout the year, please do contact the class teacher who will be happy to meet with you again. You are also welcome to email me anytime and my email is at the bottom of all newsletters.

Be Ready – Seymour win the Dragon house prize

A huge well done to Seymour house for collecting the most Dragon’s Gold this half term. The children must have been working extra hard or must have shown our school values lots this half term as they won by over 100 Dragon’s Gold. The children were treated to a session of archery and some other fun games. The children absolutely loved it.



Caring for the environment – Eco Committee pick the conker competition winners

Well done to all the children who entered the conker competition this year. The Eco Committee met last night to judge the biggest and smallest conkers in every year group. Well done to the following children who got a lovely certificate and Eco-friendly medal:

- Foundation - Flynn (biggest)
- Year 1 - Harry (smallest) and Harper (biggest)
- Year 2 - Max (smallest) and Indi (biggest)
- Year 3 - Fox (smallest) and Florence (biggest)
- Year 4 - Alistair A (smallest) and Rachael (biggest)
- Year 5 - Bobby (smallest) and William (biggest)
- Year 6 Alex D (smallest) and Isabella (biggest)



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

- Monday 3rd November – INSET day
- Tuesday 4th November – first day of Autumn 2
- Monday 10th November – Anti-bullying week
- Thursday 13th November – Y5: visitors from National Holocaust Centre
- 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 – Year 1 and 2 nativity 2pm
- Thursday 11th December – Year 1 and 2 nativity 2pm
- Friday 12th December – Year 6 Cadbury World trip
- Monday 15th December – Foundation Christmas show – 2pm
- Tuesday 16th December – KS2 Christmas sing 2.45pm
- 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

We all hope you have a lovely half term and have the chance to have plenty of family time.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support – it truly makes a difference.

Kindest and warmest regards,
Steve Border

