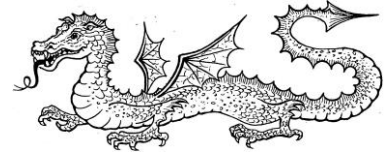


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The Newsletter of Lady Bay Primary School
Growing together: caring for ourselves,
each other and the environment



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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for taking the time to read our school newsletter. What a fantastic week! We have had so many amazing enrichment opportunities this week. We were so pleased to invite in Miles who talked to use about Downs Syndrome and also we had some children who earned their way to play at Wembley.



Be Safe and Be Kind – Assembly this week

This week, we were extremely pleased to welcome Miles in to talk to the children. We talked to the children about the protected characteristic of disability and the fact that it is World Downs Syndrome day on Saturday 21st March. Miles is a friend of the school and he came to talk to the children about his experiences as an adult with Downs Syndrome. The children were all amazingly respectful and genuinely interested in what Miles had to say. They asked amazing questions and were truly engaged throughout. A super way to raise awareness during neuro-diversity week. We are

looking forward to raising awareness of more neuro-diversities in the near future.

Be Ready – Easter Egg competition and hunt

Thank you to all the children who entered the Easter Egg competition this year. There were some truly outstanding entries and it was clear that the children had tried really hard with them. Thank you to the parents for supporting this too. It was great to see such creative ideas and it was incredibly hard to judge. We invited back Mrs. Wilson to pick who she felt were the best or most creative designs. Thank you also to all the parents who came to see the eggs at 3pm. The children thoroughly enjoyed seeing them and we hope you did too. Also, a final thank you to all parents who supported the Egg hunt. The LBSA did a fantastic job creating clues and making the hunt interesting and I am sure families enjoyed walking round the area in the sunshine.



We gave out the prizes to the winners today – well done to all those who entered.

Caring for each other – Odd Socks Day and Comic Relief

Thank you to the children who came in red and wore odd socks today. We spoke to the children about the importance of Comic Relief in the assembly today and the amazing work they do for charities. Thank you to all parents who made an online donation. We also reminded the children why we are wearing odd socks and why it is World Down's Syndrome Day on the 21st of March each year. As mentioned above, it was so fantastic to invite Miles into school and we were so happy that he was able to share his experiences as an adult with Down's Syndrome.

Growing together – OPAL

What a lovely week of weather. It has been so great to see many children enjoying the sunshine and loving all that OPAL offers. We met this week as an OPAL team (including our parent representatives) and have created a plan for OPAL. We are excited to keep developing the different zones. Below you can see a picture of Leo and Maxwell enjoying the fancy dress



We are still accepting any donations you may have. If you have any old suitcases, push chairs or any small world items, they would be gladly received.



Be Ready – Boys' football

The boys' football team represented Notts County at the regional finals this week in Chesterfield. It was a very long day with ten 12-minute matches played in a group stage. The boys were incredible winning 9 and drawing 1 and topping the group. They then won the semi-final 1-0. It was a very nervy final which went to penalties. The boys were victorious 3-1 on penalties and now will be representing Notts County in the nation finals to be played at Wembley. A truly outstanding effort from the boys and a magnificent prize.

Be Kind – Year 3 India day

It was lovely to welcome Sunita back to work with the year 3 children this week. The children took part in an India day where they learnt about Indian culture. They had the opportunity to dress up and learnt an Indian dance too. A great way for the children to reinforce their understanding of their Hinduism topic.



Be Ready – Baffour Beatty visit to school

Thank you to Balfour Beatty for coming in to talk to the children in year 4 this week about the new footbridge. The staff explained the purpose of the bridge and why it was important for the community. They talked about the bridge's construction and what materials had been used. The children were then set the project of creating their very own bridges. A super day. We are also looking forward to going to the opening of the bridge with our year 4 children in the summer term.



Be Safe – Foundation fire engine visit

To support the children in Foundation with their understanding of people who help us, we invited the fire service in this week. The team talked to the children about fire safety and how a smoke alarm works. They reminded them of what to do in an emergency and also let them spray the fire hose too. What a super day!

Growing together – information from the Local Authority

I have attached to the newsletter two pieces of information that the LA wanted us to send directly to parents. This is in response to some people raising concerns about the meningitis outbreak. Please do read the information provided.

Reminder - Growing together – SEND coffee morning

Ms Baylis and I would also 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 24th 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.

Reminder - Growing together – Communication with parents



Arbor

Thank you to all the parents who have downloaded the Arbor App – we use the app to send short messages to parents, and you can reply to us. Please help us by starting your reply with a word or short phrase that signposts to us what your reply is about. For example, if we've sent out a message requesting a parent helper for swimming, please reply: Swimming – I can help. Did you know that you can report your child's absence on the Arbor App?



ParentPay

For trips and activities we continue to use ParentPay – to email you out the details and for parent payments. Newsletters are also emailed out through ParentPay. Meal bookings and Wraparound Care bookings are also remaining on ParentPay.



Seesaw

Communications/ photos with parents for Foundation and Year 1

Important dates for Spring term –

Monday 23rd March – Year 2 trip to Beaumanor

Monday 23rd March – Foundation & 1FJ Parents' evening

Tuesday 24th March – Parents' evening

Tuesday 24th March – SEND coffee morning

Wednesday 25th March – Parents' evening

Thursday 26th March – Year 1 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Friday 27th March – Year 4 showcase of learning 2pm All Hallows

Friday 27th 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

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

Steve Border

