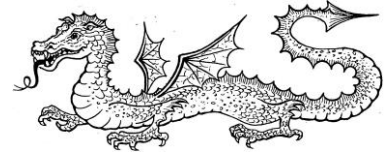


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The Newsletter of Lady Bay Primary School
Growing together: caring for ourselves,
each other and the environment



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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. The newsletter is a little shorter than usual this week as I have not been able to collect as many of the amazing things happening in school due to our work with our visitors this week.

Be Ready – Assembly this week

In our assembly this week, Mrs. Keane talked to the children about the protected characteristic of disability. The children looked at the lives of some children living with a disability. They looked at two sisters living with brittle bone disease and at a child called Tamilore living with sickle cell anaemia. The children discussed the challenges the children must have to face on a daily basis and what we could do if they were in our school and how we could ensure they felt included. A really powerful assembly and a great way for us to challenge the children to break down barriers around disability.

Be Ready – Boys' tournament at Ruddington St Peters

A huge well done to the boys who attended the Ruddington St Peters tournament last Saturday. Mr. Shelley said they were all brilliant sportsman and had positive attitudes throughout. They won the group stages after winning two games and drawing 2 games. They then won the semi-final 2-0 and won the final 2-0. An incredible performance and the first time we have won the boys' autumn tournament for 14 years. Thank you to Mr. Shelley for giving up his time to support the boys at the weekend (and for his managerial decisions). Thank you to the parents for their support and thanks to the boys for their incredible efforts.



Be Ready – Our visitors this week

As you will hopefully be aware, we welcomed Ofsted into school this week to carry out a pilot for their new inspection framework. We were asked to consider participating in the visit as we met the criteria they were looking for. After consultation with staff, we felt that it would be a great opportunity and great CPD so we agreed to take part. It was a very intense two days but we took so much from the experience. We are not allowed to share with you the indicative grades as they will not be published but I wanted to share with you the main highlights.

Firstly, I wanted to say how amazing the children were. It was no surprise to us that they were highly complementary about the children, their effort levels, their behaviour, the way they treat each other and the way they make a positive contribution to the school community. They said that behaviour in school was a massive strength and saw nothing over the two days that even resembled children making the wrong choices.

Ofsted stated that we met all our safeguarding requirement and that we are all vigilant and have robust and rigorous systems in place to support our children.

They saw some excellent teaching over the two days and they were really happy with how we support and include our children with SEND. They felt we have an ambitious curriculum that helps our children strive to succeed.

They felt the EYFS was a real strength in school and had lots of positives to say about the way we support children when they first start school. They said that leadership was positive at all levels in school and we have an environment where CPD is important and that staff feel well-supported. They said that achievement for all children was very good and this was reflected in our end of year outcomes. They also said that our personal development and well-being agenda for children was very strong. They loved the leadership opportunities we give children in school and they really liked the work we do to try to make our children global citizens for the future. They were also very insightful with some next steps for us, which we will be reflecting on over the next week.

Although I probably wasn't the most popular headteacher when we agreed to take part in the visit, all in all, we have had a very positive few days. It has really reassured us of the strengths we knew we had in school and also given us some clear next steps too.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff for the ongoing tremendous effort with our children and to all the children for their ongoing hard work.

Caring for the environment – Sunflower competition

To try to encourage the children to understand the importance of growing plants as food sources for bees, we asked the children in key stage 1 to take part in a sunflower competition. The competition was run by Luxfer. They offered prizes for the school who grew the most impressive sunflowers and individual prizes too. Due to the effort from the families and children, we won the school competition and will receive a £250 gift card to spend on the school garden. We also had 3 individual winners. Anna won the prize for the largest sunflower, Leonie won the prize for the best-looking sunflower and Jessica won the prize for the biggest sunflower head. The girls all received a certificate and a £20 voucher to spend at Smyths Toys. Thank you to Miss Hutchinson for running the competition. Miss Stubbs is looking forward to working with the eco committee to decide what to spend the money on. Thanks to all the parents and children for supporting the competition.



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

Monday 29th September – LBSA AGM 7pm
Monday 6th October – EYFS phonics meeting 4pm
Friday 10th October – LBSA disco x 2
Tuesday 14th October – Parents' evening (not 3K)
Wednesday 15th October – Parents' evening (not 3K)
Friday 17th October – 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 – Year 1 and 2 nativity
Thursday 11th December – Year 1 and 2 nativity
Friday 12th December – Year 6 Cadbury World trip
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





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