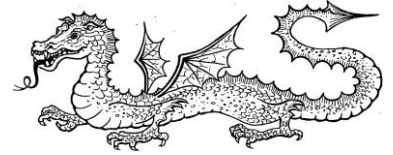


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Growing together: caring for ourselves,
each other and the environment



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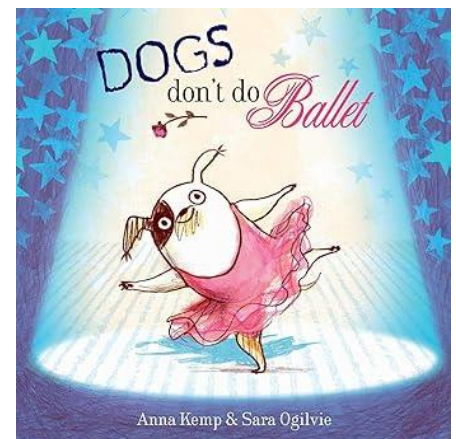
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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

Be Kind – Assembly this week

In our assembly this week, we talked to the children about gender stereotypes. This complemented the children's understanding of the protected characteristic of sex. I started by reading the book, "Dogs don't do Ballet" to try to get them to understand and think about the limitations put on the dog in the story. Firstly, we thought about what a stereotype is and tried to define it and then discussed what a gender stereotype might be. The children were really good at sharing about different examples of gender stereotypes. We looked at the history of gender stereotypes and where they came from and why they do not have place in society today. A really interesting assembly and one that sparked lots of interesting discussion.



Be Ready – Year 5 World War 2 day

Wow, what a fantastic day year 5 had yesterday. We invited Jason King and Chris Reynolds to deliver an action-packed World War 2 day to the children. Jason brought in a range of artefacts for the children to explore. The focus of the day was on the Blitz and what to do in an air raid. They looked at information from the day, they were able to try on different outfits from the war and find out what it was like to be an air raid warden. They found out information about actual people who lived during the war and what happened to them during the Blitz and then visited the air raid shelter in Lady Bay. What a fantastic day and what a super way to enrich their topic.



Growing together – OPAL

The OPAL team are meeting on Monday to discuss ways of giving it a refresh. We are going to discuss the games on offer and how to keep all of our children engaged at lunchtime. If you have any suggestions, please do email as we are always looking for ways to ensure OPAL appeals to as many children as possible. This week's photos show a den built by year 1, an amazing tower made using the wooded blocks and year 6 girls finding another use for the tyres.



Growing together – KS2 library

We are looking at revamping the KS2 library over the next year and at the way we assess children's book bands in KS2. Mrs. James will be arranging different ways to raise money for the library to ensure we have more books at the appropriate level for the children. As part of the process, Mrs. James asked the children in school council which books they would like in school. She has put an attachment with the newsletter today asking for any donations of books they were interested in reading. If your child has any of these books and have finished with them and you are happy to donate them to Lady Bay, please bring them to the school office for Mrs. James to sort. I have snipped the attachment so you can see the books here too.

Book Donations

We need to replenish our KS2 library!

If you have any of the following, suggested by our wonderful School Council, that you are happy to donate, please bring them to the Office.

- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Isadora Moon
- Mirabelle
- Emerald
- Thirteen Stories
- Beast Quest
- Detective books
- Comic Books
- Danni Binns
- Historical Story

Any other age appropriate books would also be very welcome!

Thank you.
Mrs. James

Growing together – a few messages from the LBSA

Year 6 Leavers Party

Year 6 Leavers Party - 17th of July 2026 - Lady Bay Rugby Club times tbc

LBSA Festive Raffle

The Lady Bay School Association is excited to announce the return of the Rainbow Hampers for our festive raffle

This year, we're asking families to help us build colourful hampers by donating an item that matches your year group's colour theme.

Think sweets, drinks, snacks, chocolate, toiletries—anything fun, festive, or tasty... as long as it matches your colour!

Please drop off your goodies at school by the 12th of December 2025



Foundation	Pink
Year 1	Red
Year 2	Orange
Year 3	Yellow
Year 4	Green
Year 5	Blue
Year 6	Purple

Raffle tickets will be available online so everyone gets a chance to win, and there will be lots of other prizes to win, not just the hampers.

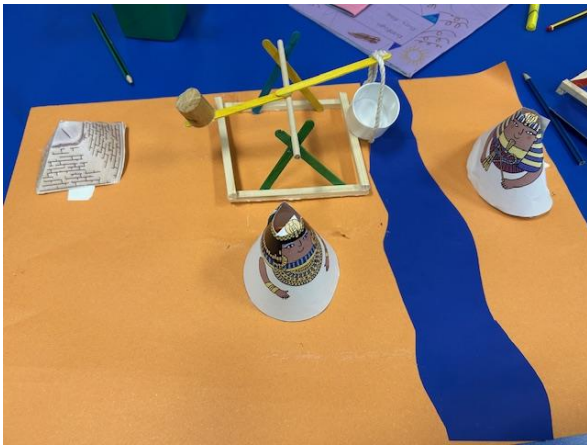
The draw will be held after school on the 16th of December in the junior playground.

If anyone has a business that would like to donate a voucher or other prizes please get in touch ladybayschoolassoc@gmail.com

Be Ready – Year 6 rowing festival

Mrs Davie took a group of year 6 children to a rowing festival this week. She said that they were such a lovely group to take out of school. She said, “the emphasis of the whole event was on team work as both the boys and girls had to work together to improve their performance across a range of speed and endurance relays. Because they cooperated so well and encouraged each other, both teams beat their initial time and distance. It was great to see the progress but also watch them having an enjoyable time.” Sounds like a super event.





Be Ready – Year 3 making Shadufs

The children in year 3 have been learning about Ancient Egypt in their topic work this half term. They have learnt lots about mummification, who the famous explorers were and where Egypt is in relation to where they live. This week, the children have been learning about Egyptian tools and how they used Shadufs to collect water from the Nile. They have really enjoyed the topic and they particularly enjoyed making Shadufs in D and T this week. They had to think about different lever mechanisms and plan how they would make their own. The end products were really good and I am sure they will enjoy evaluating their

effectiveness next week.

(Reminder) Growing together – Dragons after school and breakfast club

The new Dragon's Den for our Dragons after school club will be ready to use in January. The club is currently using a variety of spaces across the week (hall / classrooms) and despite not having it's own space, we have been really pleased with the uptake so far. Please note, there are still a few spaces if you would like to use it. The feedback from parents has been really positive. We also have some spaces for breakfast club too. We will be able to expand our provision for breakfast further with the new building so if you need breakfast provision, please book on through ParentPay.

Growing together – Christmas at All Hallows

Please see the message below from Nikki at All Hallows:

Celebrate Christmas at Lady Bay Church!

Families are warmly invited to our festive services:

🏰 **Christingle** – Dec 7th at 4pm

★ **Nativity For All** – Dec 24th at 3pm & 5pm

Come enjoy carols, candlelight, and the wonder of the Christmas story. Everyone welcome!

Important dates this half term –

Monday 1st December – Year 4 residential Parents Meeting – 4pm

Wednesday 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 – Christmas dinner day

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 – 3F 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

