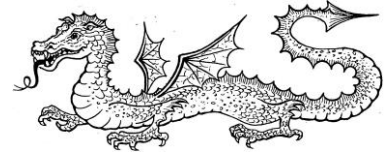


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The Newsletter of Lady Bay Primary School
Growing together: caring for ourselves,
each other and the environment



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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

Be Ready – Assembly this week

In our assembly this week, we talked to the children about the protected characteristic of Religion or belief. We talked to the children about what different religions they knew and which they have learnt about in school. We discussed with the children why they believed it was important not to discriminate against someone because of their religion or beliefs. We also had a visit from Imran who talked to the children about the work that the charity Muslim Hands do to support those in need in Nottingham. We will be supporting Muslim Hands with donations for the harvest this year, as well as a local foodbank. If you have any harvest donations, please bring them to your child's classroom on Monday or Tuesday.

Suggested items –

Rice

Pasta

Tinned tuna

Canned vegetables or fruit

Cereals

Crisps

Sauces in packets or jars

Soups

Biscuits, chocolate or other snacks.

Caring for each other – Wear red for dyslexia awareness

Thank you to everyone who came in red today to raise the profile of dyslexia awareness in school. On Monday, it is the start of dyslexia awareness week and we always spend time during assemblies talking to the children about it. We have quite a few children in school who have been diagnosed with dyslexia and raising awareness allows them to know that they are not alone and that they will be supported whilst in school. We also like to show them the vast variety of business people and celebrities who



are dyslexic and have made huge successes in their lives. Thank you again for supporting an important awareness day.

Growing together – OPAL

We reach the end of another week of OPAL play. I wanted to say thank you to Nikki from the church as she has volunteered to come in and support lunchtime this week.

We are in the process of evaluating the best sand pit and, with the LBSA's support, we will start the process of creating a sand area on the playground. We are very excited to get the ball rolling with this.

We are still open to any donations as we are constantly trying to refresh what the children have access to.

This week's photos show den building in the lower school playground and the children playing with the small world/roleplay items on the playground.



Growing together – volunteers needed for the Nature Nurture garden

Miss Litchfield runs a Nature Nurture group for children who need a bit of extra support on a Tuesday afternoon. The group is based on activities undertaken during Forest Schools. We are looking to make the space behind the foundation unit usable for the group. If anyone is free on Tuesday afternoon between 1.15 and 3.15pm and can bring some gloves (and secateurs / loppers if you have them) you would be more than welcome. We need to cut the bushes back and make the space more open and accessible for the children. Please could you let the office know if you are available to help. Thank you in advance.

A note from the LBSA - Be Ready – School Disco next Friday

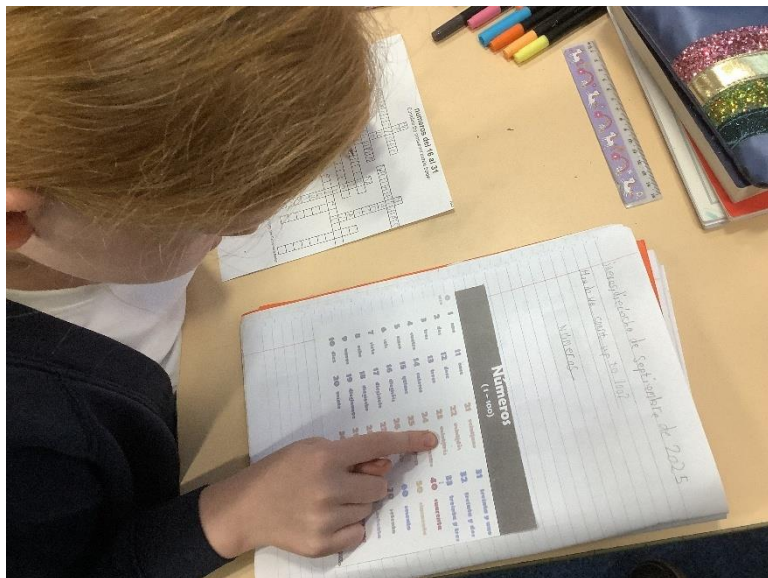
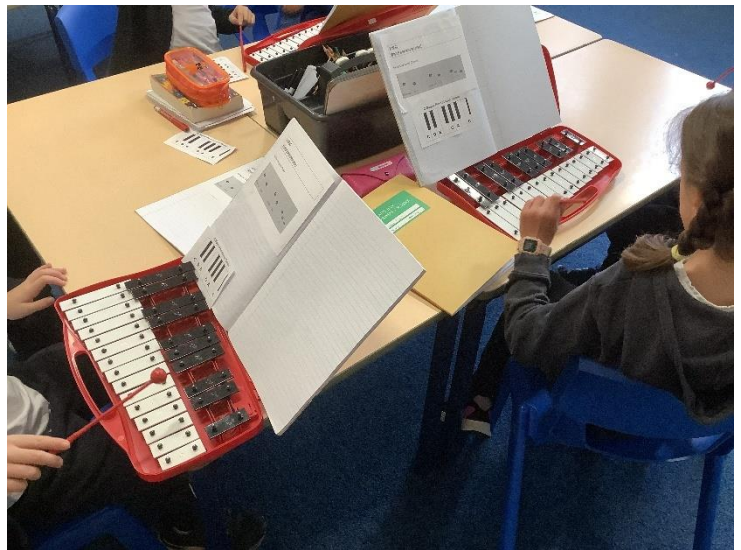
A reminder that it is the school disco next Friday. We are really excited to invite back the person who ran the year 6 disco in July as she was brilliant. I am sure the children are going to have a great time at the disco. Tickets can be purchased on ParentPay until Tuesday.

Additionally, thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the LBSA AGM this week. It was great to see familiar (and new) faces at the meeting. We are always grateful to all the parents who give up their time to support the school. Without their dedication to fundraising activities, we would not be able to offer the additional enrichment activities that makes our curriculum special and unique.

I would like to thank Victoria for her hard work as chair for the past two years and I look forward to working with Emma and Dee moving forward.

Be Ready – Music at Lady Bay

You may be aware that we have a new music specialist in school (Mrs Bennett).. We are so pleased with the start she has made and the children are loving the music sessions. It was great that Ofsted were able to see the provision too last week. They were very complimentary about the sessions and felt the expectations that we have are very high. During this session, year 4 were learning about at pentatonic scale and were given some notes for Sweet Chariot. They were set the task to work out the rest. A super lesson.



Be Ready – Spanish at Lady Bay

I wanted to add a note about Spanish in the newsletter this week. When Ofsted came in, they were blown away with the quality of the Spanish provision in school. The teaching was excellent and they felt that the standards that the children were reaching at primary school was amazing. Well done to Senora Lopez for her continued effort. In the picture, you can see Annabelle learning numbers in her lesson in year 4.

Be Ready – Year 6 work on the Mayans

In Year 6, we have been working extremely hard to make an information sheet about the ancient Maya. To begin the unit on what the Maya have done for us, we were hooked in by tasting and rating different chocolates - thanks to the Maya! We then worked in groups to research and share our ideas about what the Maya civilization have done for us. We thoroughly researched many subjects, such as: agriculture, calendars, astronomy, sports, writing and chocolate. The class used determination and collaboration to create fantastic pieces of work



Reminder - Caring for the environment – Eco Committee competition



The deadline for the conker competition is Monday 13th October. There will be prizes for the biggest and smallest conker in every year group. There is still time to enter so please bring your conkers to Miss Stubbs in a labelled box/bag for judging.

Be Ready – Christmas Cards and other items to order

Earlier this term, all the children designed their own Christmas Cards, and we've sent home the proof cards today with information about how to place your orders for cards, wrapping paper, mugs, cuddly toys etc, using your child's unique design. Please see the proof card for details of how to order. The online shop closes in 13th October (Monday week) and the cards etc. will be delivered to school just after half term. Every year this activity raises valuable money for the school, which in the past has been spent on playtime toys and sports equipment – thank you!



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

Monday 6th October – EYFS phonics meeting 4pm
Wednesday 8th October – 3K Parents Evening
Thursday 9th October – 3K Parents Evening
Friday 10th October – LBSA disco
Monday 13th October – FG & FB Parents Evening
Tuesday 14th October – Parents' evening (not 3K, FG, FB)
Wednesday 15th October – Parents' evening (not 3K, 1FJ)
Thursday 16th October – 1FJ Parents Evening
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
Thursday 13th November – Y5 National Holocaust Visitors in school
Friday 21st November – School photos – individuals and siblings
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

