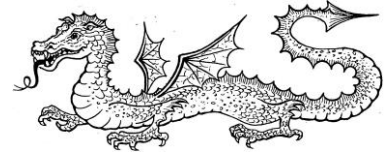


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The Newsletter of Lady Bay Primary School
Growing together: caring for ourselves,
each other and the environment



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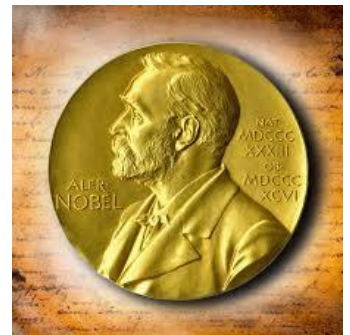
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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. It is certainly beginning to feel a lot like Christmas at Lady Bay. The decorations are up in classrooms and around school and the children are busily practising for their performances or learning their songs. Please note, there are 2 attachments from the LBSA and two from Mrs James about reading. Please do have a look.

Be Kind – Assembly this week

In our assembly this week, we asked the children to think about what their life would be like if they were told that they were not allowed to go to school. It generated lots of interesting discussion and most came around to the idea that it might be nice to be at home for a while, but they would eventually get bored and want to learn again. We then asked them to think about what it would be like if only girls were not allowed to go to school. This raised a lot of debate and they were quick to reference the fact that this would be discriminating against the protected characteristic of sex. We then made the link to the fact that it is Nobel Peace Prize day on the 10th December and we showed them what happened to Malala Yousafzai. The children were amazed that only 13 years ago girls were not allowed to go to school in this region in Pakistan and even more that 215 million children worldwide do not go to school. A powerful assembly and one that provoked a lot of discussion and reflection.



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Be Ready – Year 3 Egyptian Day

Wow, what a fantastic day year 3 had this week and what a great way to bring the subject to life. The children were all very excited for their Egyptian day. Cleopatra lead the day and told the children about what sorts of things they would have been doing if they were a boy or girl in Ancient Egyptian times. They learnt how to mummify a body and what process the Ancient Egyptians took to mummify pharaoh. The children also made papayas paper and played a game from Ancient Egyptian times. A super day and it

was great to hear how much the children enjoyed it too. Well done year 3.



Growing together – OPAL

We have started to make progress on removing the outdoor stage. The stage was becoming a hazard as it was very slippery when it was wet. We are going to be adding a sand pit in its place. We have also started to make some space behind the lower school building, where the small world equipment is going to be. We have redesigned the map of activities and the zones and are looking forward to sharing the new sections with the children soon.



Be Ready – Year 6 Maya Museum

Wow, another fantastic Mayan museum. Thank you to all the year 6 parents who came to the museum. The level of work and effort from the children was truly outstanding. They were all so knowledgeable about their subject areas and they all have clearly learnt a lot about the Mayans. It was clear to see the parents really enjoying all the games that the children had created. Another super leadership and presentation opportunity for the children and a great way of ensuring the children retain what they are learning. Thanks to the year 6 team for organising the event.



Be ready – Year 5 and 6 Boys' football

The boys' football team attended a Notts County tournament this week at the University of Nottingham. The prize for being the winners was to represent Notts County in a regional tournament in the Spring term. The winners of that get to play at Wembley (very exciting). The boys played some outstanding football. They won all their group games, won the semi-final 3-0 and then the final 2-0 – in fact they didn't concede a goal all afternoon. They are all very excited to represent Notts County in the tournament in spring – well done boys.



Be ready – Year 5 and 6 Girls' football

Well done to the girls' football team this week. The girls team and the development team played St Edmund Campion. The team put in a great performance winning the match 12-0. Sophie scored 4, Natalie scored 3, Sophia scored 2 and Hannah, Thea and Juliette all scored won. A superb performance. The development team impressed Ms Hewitt with great team work as well as some brilliant individual displays of football too. They finished the game 1-0 winners too. What a great afternoon of football.



Be Ready – Communications from school are changing

Many of you have the Scholarpack App on your phones and tablets, which enables you to report absences, reply to messages from school and check on your child's attendance. Scholarpack is being discontinued, and replaced by a new system called Arbor. We have transferred all our pupil information over into Arbor and we're now ready to invite you to download the Arbor App to use instead of Scholarpack. There is also a parent portal that can be viewed from pc's and laptops. You will still be able to report absences, and check your child's attendance – there will also be other bits of information available for you to see, and as we expand our usage of Arbor, in about a years time, we will be asking you to use Arbor to book your school meals, clubs and pay for trips. For now, these remain in ParentPay.

Watch out for the introductory email about moving to Arbor, and then an email with your log in details. Any problems, please contact the office.

Reminder - 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 delighted to announce the return of our much-loved RAINBOW HAMPERS for this year's festive raffle. They're back — brighter, bolder, and ready to be won by anyone feeling lucky (or simply very determined).

Raffle tickets are now available online, so you can enter from the comfort of your sofa.

Buy yours here: <https://lady-bay-school-association.sumupstore.com/products>

The draw will take place after school on the 16th of December in the junior playground — fingers crossed the weather behaves.

Don't forget to bring your rainbow items by the 12th of December. If you have a business and would like to donate a voucher or prize, we'd be absolutely thrilled. Please get in touch at:

ladybayschoolassoc@gmail.com

Prizes so far include:

- 10 x Rainbow Hampers
- 2 x Trent Bridge Cricket Tickets for the 2026 Season
- 1 x Family Entry to the Lady Bay Arts Festival

More prizes will be added, and these can be found at: <https://ladybayprimary.secure-primariesite.net/lbsa-events-and-news/>

Growing together – Christmas at All Hallows

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

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

We are really excited about the new Dragon's Den for our Dragons after school club. We have been really pleased with the uptake so far. Please note, there are still 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 further with the new building too so if you need breakfast provision, please book on through Parent Pay.

Important dates this half term –

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

