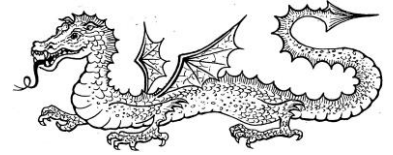


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The Newsletter of Lady Bay Primary School
Growing together: caring for ourselves,
each other and the environment

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to all our parents and a very warm welcome to our new foundation parents. We all hope you have had a super summer and had lots of opportunities for family time. I am so pleased with how well the children have settled back into school. There is lots of important information in the newsletter today.

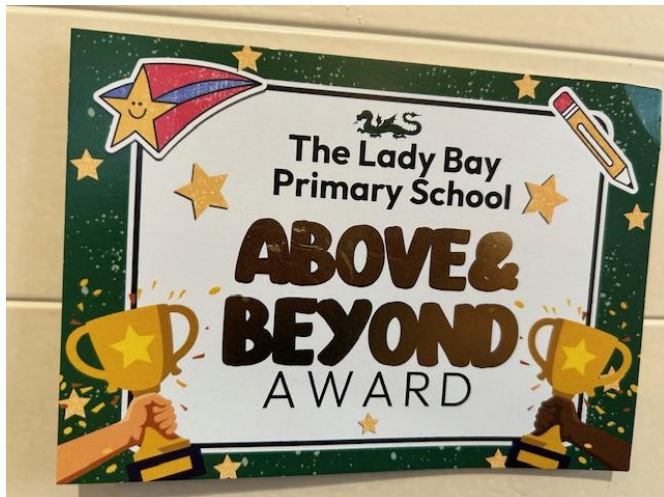
Be Ready and Growing Together - 3 Simple rules – Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Ready

I wanted to start by reminding you of our 3 simple rules which, coupled with our motto, make up our school values. We ask our children to remember our 3 simple values and to display them at all times during the school day. We ask our children to Be Safe at all times. Whether this is walking down the corridor, safe in their play outside or walking to/from school, we want them to ensure they are safe at all times. We ask them to Be Kind. Again, this is in every interaction in the school day. This could be in the way they talk to their teacher, their peers, other children during playtime on the playground or the words they choose to use around school. Finally, we ask our children to Be Ready. This ensures our children are ready during assemblies and ready for learning at all times. The children will continue to receive Dragon's Gold as a reward for showing these values around school.

Be Kind – changes to our behaviour policy

We have rewritten our behaviour policy to further enhance the positive strategies teachers are employing. The new policy will be available on the school website next week. The missed play system has changed and will now be called reflection time. This will continue to be held at break or lunch play and will focus on restorative practice and ensuring children have time to reflect on their behaviour choices and try to ensure that behaviour is not repeated. The house that collects the most Dragon's Gold will continue to have a half-termly reward and we are thankful that the LBSA have said they will continue to fund this.

We will also be sending more 'Above and Beyond Awards' out this year. These are delivered in the post and should reflect children who have shown exceptional effort or shown selfless actions to help others. Staff also have some post cards to drop in the children's bags who have really impressed them with a piece of work or something they have done at school. These are in addition to the weekly certificates.



Determination and Collaboration – Our priorities this year

We were incredibly pleased with the outcomes last year and had another set of excellent data in year 6. It is great to receive the Local Authority comparisons for the KS2 data against the other 255 schools in Nottinghamshire. We are incredibly proud to say that we had the 5 best greater depth results in reading across Nottinghamshire, and the 13th best maths at greater depth. Overall, for reading, writing and maths combined at the age-related standard we were 20th and 7th for greater depth combined. A truly outstanding and exceptional set of results last year and shows how much we strive for all children to reach their potential.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support in your child's journey though Lady Bay. I would also like to thank the staff for their dedication and the children for their determination shown all last year. We have 3 priorities for the school year ahead (these will be on the school website too)

Priority 1 – Further developing research-backed teaching for children with SEND

Priority 2 – Further developing the teaching in the wider curriculum to ensure high-quality, research-backed teaching

Priority 3 – Further developing personal development at school including children's leadership and understanding of the British Values and Protected Characteristics

Growing together - Special Educational Needs at Lady Bay

Our SENCO (Miss Baylis prev. Mrs Oakes) will have SEN time on Tuesdays this year. She will be on the KS1 yard on Tuesday mornings as well in case you have any queries. Please use the email address senco@ladybay.notts.sch.uk if you need to contact her. Please make sure you speak to your child's class teacher as a first port of call before contacting the SENCO. Kindly note that Provision maps will now be referred to as support plans, in line with government guidance.

Growing together – OPAL

The children were all very excited about OPAL this week and getting back outside with their friends. We haven't had the best start with the weather and we had some wet children on Thursday as they were caught in the inclement weather. Please do ask your child to bring a coat as we would like the children to be outside as much as possible.



Growing Together – Parents' meeting next week

Please note the times of the parents' meetings in the list of dates below. We always hold the meetings at the start of the year so you can meet the team working with your child and also hear about all the interesting and fun things they will learn about this year. The staff will tell you about important dates and give you hints and tips on how you can best support your child at home. It is also your opportunity to ask the team anything. Please do attend if you can, it would be great to see as many of you there as possible.

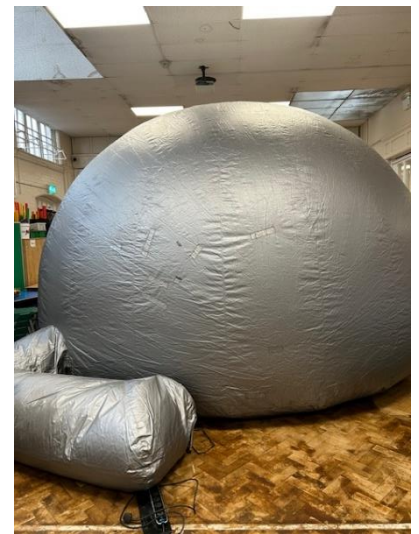
Determination – Foundation new starters

A huge well done to the foundation children who started this week. They have had a really calm and settled start at Lady Bay. They have been working hard and making new friends already. It was great to see them staying for lunch today. We are looking forward to having them for full days from next week.



Be Ready – Year 2 Planetarium

Wow, what a way to launch their topic! The children in year 2 had a visit from the Planetarium yesterday. There were lots of excited faces on the way in and they all thoroughly enjoyed learning about Space. The children saw the solar system, looked at all the planets and even found lots of different constellations. A fantastic way to enrich their work and a super start to the year. Well done year 2.



Be Safe - Flu Vaccinations (nasal puff)

We have the school vaccination team coming in on Wednesday 17th September for flu vaccinations for all year groups.

Parents need to book their child in for the vaccination on the online consent form. For more information please see the NHS leaflet attached to this newsletter

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/3edd4d9f>

If you don't want your child to have the vaccination at school you can use the same link and complete the "No consent" form

The online consent forms are only available until Sunday 14th September, so please ensure that you have completed it by then.

If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please disregard this message.

If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 4, option 2.

Caring for the environment – Eco Committee competition

A yellow poster with autumn leaves at the top. The text is in black and white. There is a circular illustration of a conker with a red cap and a brown body, surrounded by yellow sparkles.

Conker Competition!
(not for fighting)

Miss Stubbs is running a conker competition this half term with prizes for the biggest and smallest conkers found. They don't have to be found in school - keep your eyes peeled wherever you are!

Please bring any entries to 4S. You can have one entry per child, no changes after you have entered. Winners will be judged by the Eco Committee

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

- Monday 8th September – Year 2 parents' meeting (4pm)
- Tuesday 9th September – Year 3 parents' meeting (4pm)
- Wednesday 10th September – Year 5 and year 6 Parents' meeting (both at 4pm)
- Thursday 11th September – Year 4 parents' meeting (4pm)
- Thursday 11th September – Year 1 parents' meeting (4.30pm)
- Friday 12th September – 3S start swimming
- Monday 15th September – Year 6 trip to Safety Zone
- Tuesday 17th September – Year 4 trip to Conisbrough Castle
- Wednesday 17th September – Flu vaccinations
- Friday 19th September – Wear something colourful fundraiser
- Friday 26th September – Foundation open afternoon (2-3pm)
- Monday 29th September – LBSA AGM (timings TBC)
- Monday 6th October – EYFS phonics meeting
- Thursday 9th October – LBSA disco (TBC)
- Tuesday 14th October – Parents' evening
- Wednesday 15th October – 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
- Friday 21st November – School photos – individual & 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

Growing together – The passing of Vanessa Oxspring

It is with incredible sadness that I write to tell you about the passing of Vanessa. Vanessa's impact on the school and the community is immeasurable. V Create has been running at Lady Bay for at least 8 years and hundreds of children have benefited from Vanessa's dance sessions. Vanessa had a long battle with cancer. During the whole time that I knew Vanessa, she never let her light dim and never let her illness define who she was. She always came in with such enthusiasm and energy and truly cared about the children she worked with. Her passion for the arts will forever live on at Lady Bay through our continued work in the Arts Award. Both her daughters (Bibi and Clem) attended Lady Bay and we will hopefully continue our relationship with the family through V Create.

Vanessa's funeral is at 10.50 on Friday 19th September at Rushcliffe Oaks. The wake will be held at the Poppy and Pint from 11.30. Bibi and Clem have asked for all attendees to wear pretty dresses and bright colours to represent Vanessa's personality.

The family will be raising money for cancer research and we are asking if you will help to support this. Children can pay £1 to wear pretty dresses and bright colours on the day and all proceeds will be donated to the charity.

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

