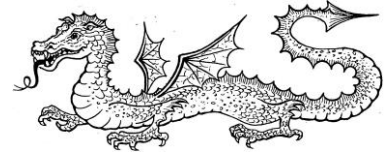


# LADY BAY FOCUS

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. Happy New Year to you all, I hope you had a lovely Christmas and plenty of time with your families. We are very much looking forward to another busy term with lots planned to engage our children.

Please do let me know if you have any feedback both positive and constructive. We are constantly reviewing our practice in school and your feedback helps us to shape changes as we move forward.

## Be Kind – Assembly this week

In our assembly this week, we welcomed the children back to school and reminded them of the school values (Be Safe, Be Kind and Be Ready) and how they can show them around school. We paid particular attention to what this looked like at break time and how they can show all three during OPAL. Linking with British Values and traditions, we also talked to the children about New Year and what traditions their families have. We discussed what we did and then talked about what people from this country traditionally do on New Years Eve. We also shared and explored what other countries do on New Years Eve. The children were particularly interested in the Danish and Romanian celebrations.



## Be Ready – Year 3 food tasting

As part of their D and T work and linked to their topic on the Mediterranean, the children in year 3 were tasting food this week. They looked at a variety of different foods traditionally eaten or grown in countries in the Mediterranean and had to rate their taste. The children tried olives, sundried tomatoes, brie, tzatziki, hummus and breads from different countries. It was a great session and a great way to introduce their new topic.

## Growing together – OPAL

We have been straight back into OPAL this week with the children enjoying their experiences at lunchtime. The children have behaved brilliantly this week after our reminder during assembly and have worked hard supporting each other. It is so lovely to see so many of our older children supporting the younger ones with their play.



In the photo this week, you can see the clever use of the slide. The children used pallets to create their own platform and then used this to create their own slide. The dens this week have also been amazing as we have moved all the den making equipment onto the lower school playground.

**We are still accepting any donations you may have. Please do send in any unwanted small world items, plus suitcases, pushchairs, scooters or other wheeled toys.**

## Be Ready – Rearranged Trent reward

As the parents of Trent children will know, we had to cancel the Dragon reward before Christmas due to inclement weather. We were delighted that we are able to rearrange it for this week and the weather was kind to us. The children thoroughly enjoyed a skateboard and scooter session led by a professional skateboarder. There were lots of happy faces and they clearly enjoyed the reward. For some, it was their first experience of skateboarding and for others they were able to show off their skills. A super Dragon reward.



## Growing together – A message from the LBSA

🍷 Fantastic news from Lady Bay School Association 🍷

The Lady Bay School Association was absolutely thrilled to receive a call from the Co-op Community Fund this week with some brilliant news. A lucky winner in the Co-op's monthly Members Prize Draw not only won £500 for themselves, but has nominated Lady Bay School Association as their Community Fund Cause to receive an incredible £5,000!

The LBSA said:

We'll be working closely with the school to make the very most of this amazing support for our children and community.

The Lady Bay School Association is one of the Co-op Community Fund Local Causes for 2025–



26. This means we can continue to receive funding throughout the year when Co-op members choose us as their cause and shop in Co-op stores.

If you're not already a Co-op member, please consider signing up online or on the app and selecting Lady Bay School Association as your chosen cause. Members enjoy in-store discounts, can enter monthly prize draws via the app, and—best of all—help support our school every time they shop. 💖

Thank you for helping us make a real difference and to the person who nominated us - thank you so much!

### **Growing together – Reading books**

Today we have emailed out some information about reading books and birthdays. Please do have a read. Mrs James has done a super job at revamping the two library spaces and we are so grateful to every parent who has donated books. We are really excited to start to replace the reading scheme books in key stage 2 and introduce a new assessment system. This should allow the children to pick an appropriate book at a higher-level whilst also picking a book for reading for pleasure.

### **Growing together – Healthy Family Team newsletter**

I have attached a correspondence from the Healthy Family Team. The newsletter gives information on SEND provision, speech and language and also shares the number for an advice line should you need it.

### **Reminder - Growing together – Smartphone free childhood**

The members of the Lady Bay Smartphone Free Childhood group would like to invite you to a webinar of January 13<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 20:30. The group aims to support parents to navigate the difficult issues that arise when is the right time to give children a smartphone. The webinar is centred around this question. Please use the link below to register for the event.

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/9Ld5ujbeRZS1\\_CM35Najsw](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/9Ld5ujbeRZS1_CM35Najsw).



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

We are still awaiting some furniture for the Dragons' Den, however, Miss Bloodworth used the room for the first time this week. It is a lovely space and we are so pleased to have it finished. Dragons' after school club continues to grow in popularity so if you do want your child to attend, please book early to avoid disappointment.

Important dates for Spring term –

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January – School council

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January – Year 5 National Civil War Museum

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Girls' football tournament

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Gurdwara visit

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Disco date

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Young Voices

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 showcase of learning (2.30pm at All Hallows)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – INSET day

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – 5-year-old dental survey

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – School council

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 trip to National Space Centre

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book day

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Science week (visits from parents)  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Roman Day  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 India Day  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Balfour Beatty Bridge Project with year 4  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Odd Socks Day (Downs Syndrome Awareness)  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Year 2 trip to Beaumanor  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Foundation Parents' evening  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' evening  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' evening  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of Spring term

If you have any questions, or would like to offer any feedback, please email me on the following email [head@ladybay.notts.sch.uk](mailto:head@ladybay.notts.sch.uk)

Thank you once again for your ongoing support – it truly makes a difference.

Kindest and warmest regards,

Steve Border

