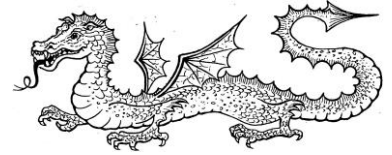


The Newsletter of Lady Bay Primary School
Growing together: caring for ourselves,
each other and the environment



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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for taking the time to read our school newsletter. It has been a lovely weather this week and we have seen lots of amazing play at lunchtime and some super enrichment activities in school.

Be Kind – Assembly this week

This week, our senior leader assembly was focussed on the positive and negative impacts of screen time. As you can imagine, lots of children had a view on this and it sparked a really good discussion in the assembly. We thought about the positives that using screens can bring. The main positives were: using it for research, watching something to find out more about a subject that you enjoy, for talking and playing with friends and helps when they are bored. The main drawbacks were: the impact on your eyes, people spending too much time on them and becoming addicted. George, in year 3, stated, “Too much screen time can affect your eyes and can mean you don’t go out and play with your friends’.



Be Ready – Lady Bay going to Wembley

As you will no doubt be aware, the boys’ football team have had an incredible season and remain unbeaten. Winning the regional finals in March booked their place to play at Wembley on Monday 25th May. The EFL have said that they can pay £850 towards the transport costs, however, the coach there and back is going to cost us £2000. We are hoping over the next couple of weeks to run a fundraising event to support the cost for the parents. If you are in a position to support this, please do. In addition to this, we have set up a JustGiving page which Notts County have agreed to share on their channels. If you are in a position to be able to help and would like to do so, the link is below. Thank you in advance from the boys as they are very excited. <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ladybay-primaryschoolwembley>

In addition to this, they played Ruddington St Peters in the Rushcliffe Large School cup on Monday. The boys were excellent again. They convincingly won the game 3-0 and are now in both school cup semi-finals. Well done boys.



Growing together – OPAL

We were very excited this week to welcome parents in to hear about the benefits of OPAL play, see how lunchtimes are set up and to play with their children. Thank you to the Behaviour and Curriculum leaders who also spoke to the parents about their experience of OPAL on the day. It was a really positive event and we had really good attendance on both days. It was also great to speak to parents as they explored the various play activities on the playgrounds and to hear what they thought. Thank you to all the parents who took the time to fill in the feedback book too.

There were so many amazing comments and it shows how much everyone is valuing high quality play at Lady Bay.



We are still accepting any donations you may have. If you have any old suitcases, push chairs or any small world items, they would be gladly received.

Growing together - Community Art Project

All the children are taking part in a community art project over the next two weeks. The children are designing links which are going to be fastened together to create a long chain. The chain will be used to decorate the new pedestrian bridge when it is opened. We really enjoy engaging with the team from the Arts Trail and we looking forward to the trail weekend in June.



Growing together – Parent survey

You will have received an email today with a link to a parent survey. There is also an accompanying letter. Please do read it as it outlines the importance of parent surveys and the actions we have taken since the last survey in June 2025. The survey will only take a few minutes, so please do give us your feedback, both positive and constructive. We shape how we move the school forward based on this, so it couldn't be more important.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QKJJCZT>



Caring for each other – Guide Dogs fundraising

A huge well done and good luck to Ollie for his upcoming charity ride. Ollie usually rides 5 miles but he is extending this to a 33-mile ride for charity. Ollie will be cycling back from Grantham along the canal. He has been so inspired by Terry coming in to talk to the children that he is raising money for the Guide Dogs. Ollie had a target of £200 but has smashed that and is already on over £550. Go Ollie!!

Caring for each other – RSPCA fundraising

Well done to the girls in year 6 who set up a bake sale outside their house to raise money for the RSPCA. The girls were very proud to raise £92 for the RSPCA and were invited into the centre to pick up their certificates. Well done girls – another amazing effort.

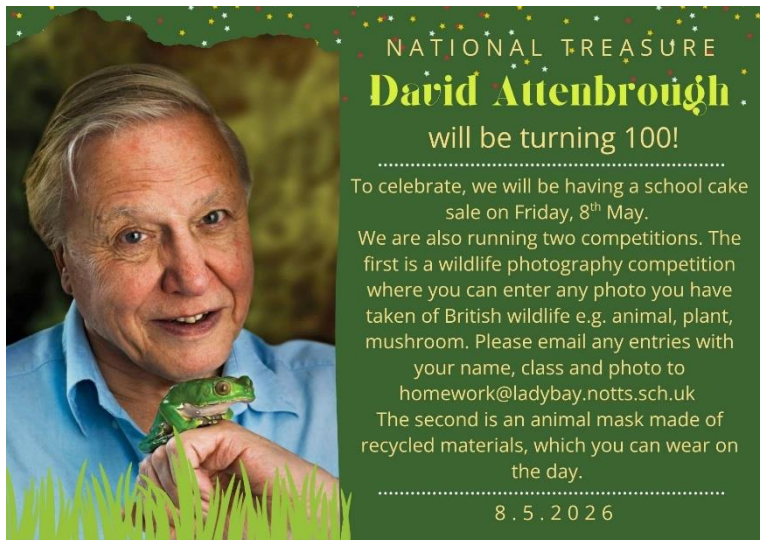


Be Ready – year 5 making bread

The children in year 5 had a great time this week making bread. This was part of their Greek food topic. They learnt how to make pitta breads. They worked collaboratively to follow the instructions and the outcomes were brilliant. This leads into their topic on Ancient Greeks for history and myths for English. Well done year 5 – looks delicious.

Reminder - Caring for the environment – David Attenborough turning 100

The Eco Committee met before Easter to reflect on what they had achieved so far and what their next steps were. They decided that they wanted to celebrate the fact that David Attenborough was turning 100, with a cake sale on Friday 8th May and two competitions.



Reminder - Growing together – A message from the LBSA

Please see the poster from the LBSA. It shows the upcoming events. We have the school discos on Friday 8th May, the Arts Trail café on 16th /17th May, Safari Sale on 7th June and the Family Fun Day and Campover on 11th July. Thanks, as always, for the LBSA's ongoing support of the school.

Growing together – request for Reading Volunteers

We are looking for more Reading Volunteers in school – please see the attached flyer. You will need a volunteer DBS for school, which the office can assist you with.

Important dates for Summer term (these will likely be added to –

Tuesday 5th May – Height and Weight check (foundation and year 6)

Wednesday 6th May – Year 1 Warwick Castle trip

Friday 8th May – Cake sale, photo competition and mask competition

Monday 11th May – Year 6 SATs week

Tuesday 12th May – Year 2 music session start (Bright Time)

Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th May – Lady Bay Arts Festival

Monday 18th May – Year 6 cycle training starts

Friday 22nd May – End of summer 1 term

Monday 1st June – Summer 2 term starts

Monday 8th June – School council meeting

Wednesday 10th June – class and team photos

Monday 15th - 17th June – Year 6 residential

Tuesday 23rd June – Sue Hendra visit to year 1 (Bright Time)

Wednesday 24th June – Year 3 trip to the Hindu Temple

Thursday 25th June – Selected year 1 and 2 All Stars to Trent Bridge (Flag bearing)

Wednesday 1st July – Summer Fair (details TBC)

Monday 6th July – Wellness Week
Friday 10th July – Sports Day
Wednesday 15th July – Year 6 Leaver's performance
Friday 17th July – Spanish Café
Tuesday 21st July – Year 5 STEM day at Rushcliffe

If you have any questions, or would like to offer any feedback, please email me on the following email

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

Kindest and warmest regards,

Steve Border

