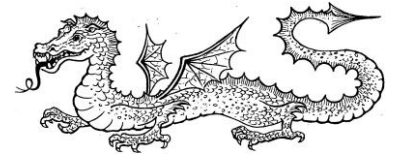


The Newsletter of Lady Bay Primary School
Growing together: caring for ourselves,
each other and the environment



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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for taking the time to read our school newsletter. We have reached the end of another half term and what a half term it has been! We have had so many amazing enrichment opportunities throughout the half term and we are really excited for what Summer 2 will bring.

Be Ready – Assembly this week

I started the assembly this week with the question 'What do you think is the power of music?'. It was really interesting to hear how they feel music can impact people's lives. We discussed how it can help when you are feeling certain emotions and can evoke emotions in people too. We then discussed how music brings people together and focused on Eurovision. I shared the history of Eurovision and why it was started. We discussed why a singing contest would have been used at the end of the Second World War to bring people together. We made the link to the British Values of Tolerance, Mutual Respect and Democracy and also talked about how it links to the Protected Characteristic of Race. A really interesting assembly.



Growing Together – Pierrepont win the Dragon's Reward

Well done to Pierrepont who won the Dragon's reward for this half term. It was very close this half term with only 30 Dragon's Gold between them and Trent. The children were treated to an art session with some ex-students of Lady Bay. They were given the opportunity to take part in a clay workshop. They all tried really hard and enjoyed the workshop. The Rushcliffe Spencer students took them back to school to finish off and then we are hoping the children will be able to take them home next half term.

Be Ready – Year 6 Bright Time

As part of the year 6 Bright Time, we offer the children the opportunity to learn the very important life skill of cycling. The majority of the year group have been signed up to Bikeability and it is a great way to ensure they are ready to travel safely on their bikes whilst on the roads.



Growing Together – OPAL

It has been another exciting week of OPAL. The weather improved as the week went on and it was great to see more of the water play out. There were quite a few children who went back to class a little wet but they had a brilliant time and it cooled them down too. We are looking forward to summer 2 and enjoying OPAL in the lovely weather. The photos this week show the children in foundation enjoying the slide they created and the children having a great time playing in the water play section.



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 – Parent Survey Results

Thank you again to all the parents who took part in the parent survey. Your feedback is really important to us - we use it to shape and guide the decisions we make in school. As shared in the letter which went out with the survey, your feedback last year made direct impacts to changes made in school. We now have a wraparound offering 4 days a week until 6pm and are looking at the potential of making it 5. We introduced OPAL to make lunchtimes more engaging and fun and we have more music provision than we have ever had before.

The feedback this year has again been really useful. We had 91 responses to most of the questions and lots of written feedback, both positive and constructive improvements we can make. We are incredibly happy that 98% of responses stated that their child was happy and they felt safe in school. I would implore the parent who said that their child did not feel safe to come and see me as soon as possible as this is fundamentally important for a child to thrive at school.

From the survey, we plan to carry out a review on how we communicate with parents and see if this can be streamlined further. We plan to create a SEND parent focus group, which will be open to parents of children with SEND and those who are interested in helping us develop our offering further. We will be looking into how we can incorporate more musical performances to parents. We are aware that we have a lovely choir and music provision happening in school and would like to share more of this with parents. I will be speaking to my music lead and music specialist (Mrs. Sture and Mrs. Bennett) to see how we can make this happen.

Growing Together – congratulations to Mrs Flanagan and Mrs Galloway

Some of you may be aware that Mrs Flanagan and Mrs Galloway are pregnant. We are all very excited and happy for them. They will both be starting their maternity leave at the beginning of

September. We have interviewed teachers this week and have been really pleased with the standard of teachers that applied. We have employed Mrs. Quigg who will be working with Mrs. Foster in year 1 from September. Mrs. Quigg has lots of experience and was fantastic during the interview process. We have also employed Mrs. Cooper who will be working in year 3. Mrs. Cooper has just finished her training and was a student here at Lady Bay. She will also be an excellent addition to our team.

Be Ready – Music at Lady Bay

It was great to see the xylophones being used in year 5 this week. The children were given a subject to write about (they talked about Vikings) and then had to write their own notation and words that would fit with the music. It was a real challenge for some of them but they all did really well. Some super songs being created.



Be Ready – Boys' cricket event

The boys thoroughly enjoyed a fabulous afternoon of cricket organised by Nottingham High School. After losing very narrowly by a few runs to Edwalton, they went on to win the next two games very convincingly. A special shout out to Ronald who was awarded player of the afternoon for his excellent bowling. Ms Hewitt said they were all a credit to the school. Well done boys.

Growing Together – New Website

We have been working behind the scenes in preparation for launching a new website. There may be a small period of time this evening when the website is inaccessible but after that, the new website will be live. We have carried over a lot of the material from the last website and we will be looking to add more of what we do and what makes us unique on our site over the summer term.

Be Ready – Lady Bay going to Wembley

A massive thank you to everyone who has supported the boys on their journey to Wembley. Thank you to the parents who supported on the Just Giving page and to all the parents who supported the penalty shootout non uniform day last week. If you have not seen the article on the BBC News Nottingham site, the link is below –

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cwy2v74mr8yo>

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

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)
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
Tuesday 7th July (1.45pm) – Year 1 and 2 Sports Day
Friday 10th July – KS2 Sports day
Wednesday 15th July – Year 6 Leaver's performance – 1.45pm at All Hallows Church
Friday 17th July – Spanish Café
Tuesday 21st July – Year 5 STEM day at Rushcliffe

Be Ready – label school uniform

Having collected 3 large bin bags of un-named lost property this half term, we ask all parents to name their child's uniform – in particular PE hoodies / sweatshirts and school cardigans & sweatshirts.

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

