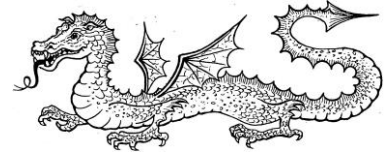


# LADY BAY FOCUS

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 school newsletter. It has been a lovely week of weather 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 World Earth Day 2026 and part of our motto – caring for the environment. I started by asking the children what it means to care for the environment and their understanding of the need to do so. The children identified all the ways in which humans are damaging the environment. Patrick in year 2 stated, “Burning fossil fuels means carbon dioxide and methane go into the atmosphere. It is like a blanket when you go to sleep that is around the earth. This is making it heat up”. A very mature answer. We discussed what we thought the poster meant this year – Our Power, Our Planet. Libby, in year 6, said, “I think it shows the planet is in our hands – it is our job to look after it and our fault if we ruin it”. We then discussed what World Earth Day is and thought about 3 small changes we could make to help the environment. A very thought-provoking assembly and one that the children are always very passionate about.



## Caring for the environment – Year 5 trips this week

Following the Eco theme in assembly this week, the children in year 5 had two Eco trips this week to support their topic on sustainability. On Monday, they walked to the Meadows to visit an Eco house (owned by a grandparent of one of the pupils at Lady Bay). The children were able to look around the house and listen to how it has been made eco-friendly. The children then visited Veolia Recycling Centre on Wednesday in Mansfield, to see what happens to the contents of our blue bins after they've been collected from the Lady Bay kerbside! They learnt all about how the process works, how

they can help at home, and toured the working warehouse. Buddy stated, ‘It was interesting to see how much stuff is recycled just in one county’.



## Growing together – OPAL

We were very excited this week with the delivery of the sand and the sand pit cover. It was quite daunting at first, with 5 tonnes of sand to move. However, we had some very able year 6 helpers, who worked with Steve (site manager) and Mrs Keane to move the sand into the sand pit. Our assembly next week will be looking at how we use the sand pit safely and carefully.

There was some super example of play at lunchtime this week too. There was an excellent obstacle course set up which the children really enjoyed completing. We also had another slide donated which the children were thoroughly enjoying as part of their dens.



**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.**

## Be Safe, Be Kind and Be Ready – year 4 residential

We waved goodbye to the year 4 children on Wednesday morning as they set off for their year 4 residential. There were lots of very excited children. The residential is a great way for the children to spend some time together outside of the school environment and also do some activities that put them outside of their comfort zones. The children took part in a very tall climbing wall, the zip wire, raft building, the high ropes and many more fun experiences. They enjoyed some really lovely food throughout their stay and were exceptionally well-behaved. Thank you to the parents for supporting the trip and providing the children with all they needed, to the staff for giving up their time outside of school hours to make sure the children had a fantastic experience and to the children for their efforts over the past 3 days. A super residential



## **Growing together – Year 1 phonics meeting**

### **Please see a note below from the year 1 team**

After a disappointing attendance/ turn out at the phonic screening check meeting on Thursday, we have made the decision to hold the phonics screening meeting again on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 4.00pm after school.

Phonics is essential for developing early reading skills and we really encourage parents to attend the meeting to find out how best they can support their children at home in preparing for the phonics screen.

We thank you for your ongoing support  
Year 1 team



## **Be Ready – Year 5 and 6 Boys’ football tournament**

Wow, what an afternoon! Mr Oliver led the team to an unprecedented second Rushcliffe tournament win of the season - retaining the Spring tournament trophy for the first time ever. The boys have been excellent all season and have thoroughly deserved all their success. They remain unbeaten and still have the opportunity to win 3 more trophies and the league. It could be the most epic season ever. Thanks to the parents for supporting the boys on the day.

## **Be Ready – Year 3 and 4 hockey festival**

The children had a great time being introduced to the sport and practicing the required skills through a range of fun group activities, playing alongside Radcliffe-on-Trent Juniors in particular.

Hickory’s Smokehouse Gamston gave all the children popcorn to round off the fun event.



## **Be Ready and Growing together – School Council meeting**

The School Council met this week to discuss any issues raised in school. They judged the posters competition entries and decided who were the winners. They also talked about OPAL and what we could add to ensure we meet the needs of all the children. The council felt that opening a few quieter spaces would be beneficial and we are looking at using some of the small reading huts in the Lower School playground to do this.

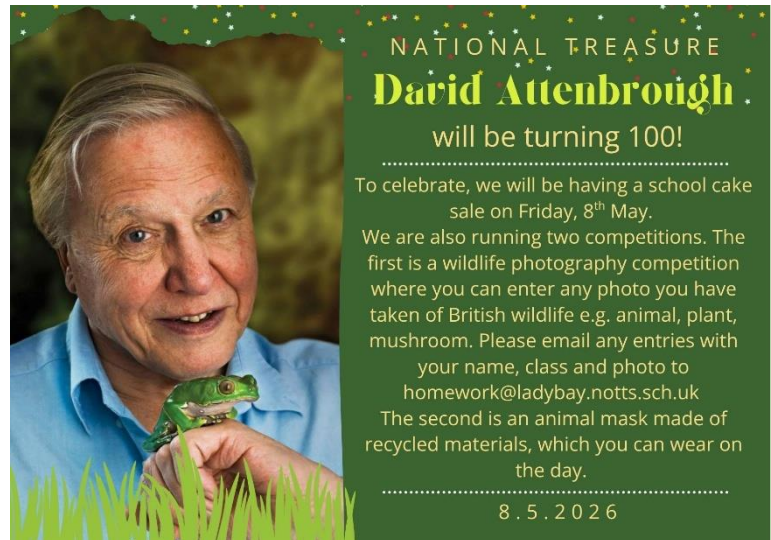


## Growing together – A message from the LBSA

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

## 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. Please see below (and attached) their plans -



## Any girls for cricket?

From next week on Thursdays after school we will be starting a Dynamos cricket coaching course for girls in Years 4, 5 and 6.

Start date: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April for 8 sessions

Upon signing up the girls will all get their very own smart Dynamos T shirt!

We would like to encourage as many girls as possible to join. We have a couple of girl's cricket festivals coming up and we would like to enter a girls team.

**Important dates for Summer term** (these will likely be added to –  
 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 OPAL play morning  
 Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Year 3-6 OPAL play morning  
 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Parent Governor Election vote closes at 10am  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Height and weight check (Foundation and Year 6)  
 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Year 1 Warwick Castle trip  
 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Cake sale, photo competition and mask competition

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – LBSA Disco's 3.35-4.35pm EYFS, Y1 & Y2  
4.50 – 5.50pm Y3-6

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs week

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Parents Sex Ed Meeting 4-5pm in 5B

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3 to Creswell Craggs

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 2 music sessions start (Bright Time)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – 1.15pm Year 5 Space Showcase for parents

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Lady Bay Arts Festival

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 cycle training starts

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – End of summer 1 term

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Summer 2 term starts

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June – 6C swimming starts

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – School council meeting (4.15pm end)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – class and team photos

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 residential

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Sue Hendra visit to year 1 (Bright Time)

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Year 5 Ancient Greek Day

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 trip to the Hindu Temple

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

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – 6DM swimming starts

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Summer fair (details TBC)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Wellness week

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Sports day

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July – LBSA Campover

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leaver's performance

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Spanish Café

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

