



LADY BANKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ambition, togetherness, opportunity, respect, curiosity, happiness



I would like to welcome all our new families to Lady Bankes- we have families joining us in Nursery, Reception and across the school. These first four weeks of term seem to have gone very quickly and the children are working so hard.

In these monthly newsletters we share with you all the wonderful things that the children have been learning in school and give you a real insight into life at Lady Bankes. We have already got trips lined up for this half term and talks by visitors to enhance our curriculum. FOLBA are organising some exciting events this term, beginning with 'Penny Wars' this week and the Macmillan Coffee Morning today.

We spent time during the national mourning period completing activities to remember our Queen and some of the children's work was left at Green Park for others to see.

We hope that our families who attended the year group meetings found it helpful to learn about what your children will be doing this year and hear year group specific information. Details will be sent out soon about our parents' evenings which will take place on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th October.

We have an 'Open Door Policy' at school and always request that our families come in and talk to us if you have any worries or concerns. Whilst groups like WhatsApp can be really helpful please can we ask that you talk to the school directly if you do have any concerns. We have a clear 'parental communication policy' that can be viewed in our 'school policies' section of the website. Our website is a fantastic source of information and we recommend that you check it regularly. Year group emails should only be used for curriculum related matters or to let your child's teacher know things relating to that day that are urgent. Any other queries should go to the office@ladybankes.school email please.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing the children back to school on Monday.

Mrs Needs
Headteacher



Wednesday 5 th October	School Open Morning for prospective parents @ 9.30am
Thursday 6 th October	Whole School Individual Photos (including nursery)
Friday 7 th October	Small group of Year 5 & 6 Children to New Scientist School's Day
Thursday 13 th October	Year 5 Trip to the Museum of London
Friday 14 th October	Year 6 Trip to RAF Hendon
Wednesday 19 th October	Reception - Year 6 Flu Immunisation Day
Wednesday 19 th October	Parents Evening 3.15-7.30pm & FOLBA 2 nd Hand Uniform Sale
Thursday 20 th October	Parents Evening 3.15-5.30pm & FOLBA 2 nd Hand Uniform Sale
Friday 21 st October	Non Uniform Day - FOLBA
Monday 24 - Friday 28th	HALF TERM
Monday 31 st October	Year 5 Swimming starts
Wednesday 9 th November	4BH Class Assembly
Wednesday 9 th November	Year 6 Trip to see The Lion King
Thursday 10 th November	Nursery Parent Workshop 9am & 12.30pm
Wednesday 16 th November	4KS Class Assembly
Wednesday 23 rd November	4BR Class Assembly

Secondary School Applications

If your child is in Year 6 you may have been busy visiting secondary schools recently. Please ensure that you make your school applications to www.eAdmissions.org.uk by 31st October 2022 to avoid any disappointment.

Reminders and information

- School is open from 8.30am and gates will be closed at 8.40am prompt so please make sure your child/ren are at school on time. You will be asked to complete an online form for any child who is late through our main reception entrance.
- Please contact the school on 01895 634180 before 10am with a reason for your child's absence ie unwell, medical appointment etc. You can also leave a message on our absence email: absence@ladybankes.school. You will be asked to bring in proof of any medical appointments. **Any child who has vomiting or diarrhoea must be absent from school for 48hrs.**
- Reminder that 95% is our school expected attendance level.
- Please take a look at our school website for any dates or information, we keep this updated at all times.
- Please check your ParentPay account to make sure you have no debt on your account.
- We have an open door policy for any enquiries or issues you may have with any of your child's education, we are here to help.

Nursery

The nursery children are now settling into the nursery routine. Most children are happy to say goodbye to their parents at the beginning of the nursery session. The children are being encouraged to self-register, by finding their name card and then completing a funky finger task. Our carpet sessions are fun and active. The children do a phonics game, sing the days of the week song, talk about the weather, count up to 10, count down from 10, identify shapes and listen to a big book. They enjoy self-choosing activities that are on offer and they are beginning to form some friendships. The children are responding positively to 'our rocket to the stars chart,' which is great news!



Reception

The children are settling well into Reception and are enjoying using our indoor and outdoor learning environments. It is wonderful to see such enthusiasm as many children are starting to explore different and new areas of learning. They especially enjoyed exploring our Nursery Rhymes topic in our outside classroom.



As we have moved onto our topic 'All About Me' Reception have also been exploring all the different activities in the classrooms and thinking about all the things they like to do best.



The children have been thinking about how they are feeling and about things that make them feel happy. They really enjoyed exploring their feelings through our class book *The Colour Monster*.



Year 1

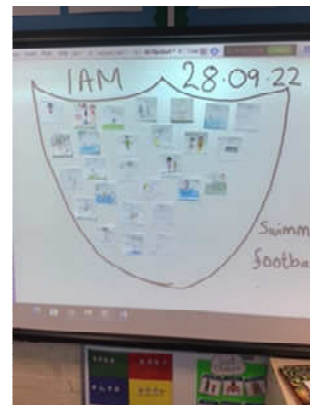
The children have settled well into Year 1 and have really impressed the teachers with their confidence and independence.

In English, they have been reading the class focused text 'I want a Party!' and have really shown their amazing writing skills. They have been busy writing shopping lists using their initial sounds and extending their lists using adjectives in their writing. In order to develop fine motor skills, the children have made paper chains, bunting and party hats for the year group party.

In RE, the children have been learning about what it means to belong to a club, family or faith. They have drawn pictures of their own family and used their phonics to label their family members.

In Science, the children have had fun learning all about the parts of the human body, through songs, games and exploring drawing around each other in our outdoor quad area.

In Art, the children have been mark making using different materials and learning how to draw a self-portrait focusing on shading and position.



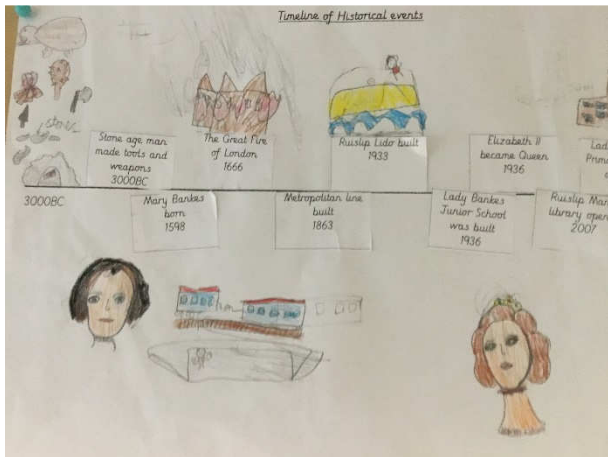
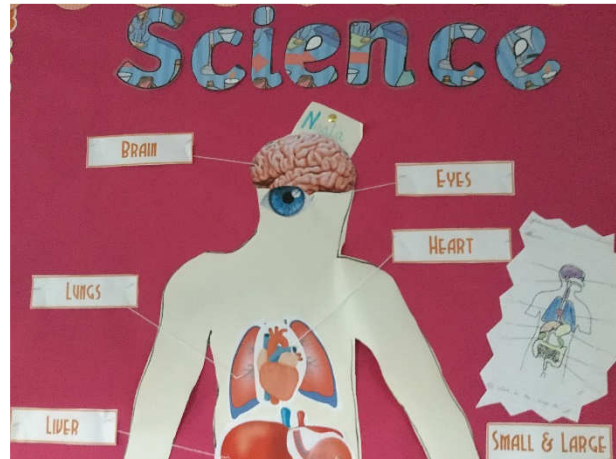
Year 2

In Year 2 we have been remembering the amazing life and work of Queen Elizabeth II. We have been using our Art skills to draw her portrait. We have also been having a fantastic time exploring our History topic over the last two weeks in Year 2! We have been comparing what seaside holidays in the past looked like compared to now. The children were so surprised to learn that 'holidays abroad' and trips via aeroplane just didn't really happen in the past and that often you would have to take a verryyyyyy long bus ride to get to the seaside!

In English we have been retelling the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and we had a bread tasting morning which was delicious!



Year 3



It's been a very busy start to the term in Year 3 and we've undertaken lots of practical inquiries. In Science we have started looking at the Human Body and have been looking at key organs and parts!

In all our Maths classes we've been investigating numbers and working with number lines both great and small. In Topic - studying the Stone Age - we've been investigating Time Lines and seeing if we can discover more about the past. We've also started our book displays and encouraging all the Year 3 children to discover new and interesting books.

Year 4

We have had fabulous start to life in Year 4. In Topic, we have been learning all about the Romans: Vidi Vici Veni! (I came, I saw, I conquered!) We will be looking forward to our trip to the Verulamium Museum in Watford in November to learn more and handle some real Roman artefacts.

In Science, we have been learning about the human body and its digestive system. The children were particularly enthralled and disgusted by our digestive system experiment! They experienced food making its way through the digestive organs of the body. Please see some pictures below. We hope that they can tell you all about it!



In English we have been learning about Christophe's Story. The book has let us explore some interesting and thought provoking topics. We particularly enjoyed role-playing and writing a play script of an alternative ending to the first chapter.



Year 5

Year 5 have settled very well into their new classes, and have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the fascinating world of Greek Mythology, as part of our history and English studies. Apart from reading, activities have involved drama, art and creative writing. All of our maths sets have also settled into a positive and productive routine. What a fantastic year group!

We are eagerly anticipating our trip to The Museum of London on Friday 20th October, and details of our Winchester residential in June were sent out this week.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any matters arising via year5@ladybankes.school

Thank you for all your support over these first few weeks of term!



Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy few weeks back. We have begun our study of World War Two by looking at which countries were involved in the war and a timeline of the events that took place.



In English, we have begun reading the book *Friend or Foe* by Michael Morpurgo. This story links to our study of the war as it follows the life of two evacuees from London. The children have written some lovely setting descriptions and diary entries in the role of the main character David.

We have also had a visit from our local Police this week for their annual talk to our Year 6 children.

As part of our work on remembering the life of the Queen, the children produced excellent pieces of art. Here are some of the brilliant examples:



By Isla



By Sophie