



## LADY BANKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Newsletter No.2

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a very busy first half term of the year as you can see from the updates for all our year groups. We have had a number of trips to enhance our curriculum including some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils visiting the New Scientist exhibition at the Excel centre, Year 1 visiting Ruislip Baptist Church, Year 5 visiting the Museum of London, Year 6 visiting the RAF museum Hendon and Year 3 visiting the Gunnersbury Park Museum to name a few. The children always thoroughly enjoy learning through these experiences and are a pleasure to take out of school.

Thank you to all our families who attended the first parent meetings of the year this week. We thoroughly enjoyed being able to share with you how well your children are doing and for you to be able to see their books and learning. We had some lovely comments left in our complements books. If you were not able to attend please contact the school office to make an appointment after half term.

Thank you for all the donations for harvest that have kindly been taken to Hillingdon Food Bank by Lawrence Rand Estate Agents. We are very grateful for their help to take all your donations there. I know that the items we have sent will be gratefully received by people in our borough.

A huge thank you to FOLBA for all their hard work this half term. The 'treats, not tricks' Children's Fair today was a huge success. The children had a wonderful time having a go on the different stalls and buying sweets from the Tuck Shop. Thank you so much for sending your children in with money to support this event- they loved it! FOLBA have lots of exciting events coming up after half term for you to enjoy starting with the Neon Glow Party on 4th November.

As well as being awarded the 'Primary Science Quality Mark' earlier in the term, we have been nominated by Hillingdon Music Service as a 'Music Mark School'. This is in recognition of our high-quality music provision and the high value we put on music education here at Lady Banks.

To all our families celebrating Diwali over the half term holiday we hope that you have a wonderful time with your family and friends.

I hope that you all have a relaxing half term and we look forward to our children returning safely to school on Monday 31st October.

Mrs Needs  
Headteacher



Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 5 Swimming starts
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	4BH Class Assembly
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Trip to see The Lion King
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery Parent Workshop 9am & 12.30pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	4KS Class Assembly
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	4BR Class Assembly
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Bikeability for some students in Year 6
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning for Prospective Parents @ 9.30am
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Show @ 9.30am & 1.45pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Show @ 9.30am
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	FOLBA Christmas Movie & Jumper Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Pantomime
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Show @ 9.30am & 2.00pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Show @ 9.30am
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Drama Club & Choir Christmas Show 9.15am & 1.45pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term (finish at 2.00pm)

### Clubs Spring Term 2023

We would like to notify you well in advance that next term all clubs will need to be booked via ParentPay. All clubs that are available to your child will show up on their ParentPay account and you will be able to select and pay for them at the same time. We will notify parents when this has been set up in December and it will then be down to you to log on and select the clubs your child would like to attend. Some places will be reserved and allocated separately for our pupil premium families.

### 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](mailto: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.

## Attendance and Lates

### Best Attendance - KS1 (year 1 & year 2)

2HF - Miss Fraser's class

### Least Lates - KS1 (year 1 & year 2)

2KB - Miss Barr's class

### Best Attendance - KS2 (years 3 to 6)

4BR - Mr Baines/Mrs Raffiq's class

### Least Lates - KS2 (years 3 to 6)

5CS - Miss Stone's class

At this time of year there are more colds, flu etc and we hope that the 'should I send my child to school' leaflet has helped make the decision in bringing your child to school and to keep our school attendance above 95%.

We have also noticed a decrease in late children through the main entrance and again would like to thank you for adhering to the 8.30am school opening times.

Thank you

Mrs Sue Smith, attendance officer

Attendance Matters!



## Sporting News

Both the football teams and the netball team have started the season with victories. The girls' football team beat Newnham 3-1 in their first match which was played at home. They played fantastically against a very good Newnham side. They showed excellent teamwork and determination and thoroughly deserved their victory. We took two boys teams to Harlyn and both teams won their match. Both teams played very well with the A team winning 6-0 and the B team winning 3-1.

The netball team went to their first cluster meeting of the season. In the four matches they played, they won 3 and drew 1 - a great start to the season!

Well done to everyone who took part.





## Nursery



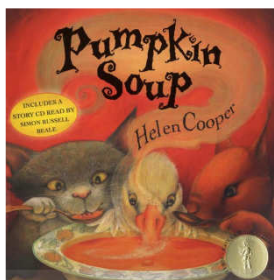
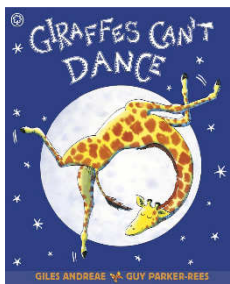
The nursery children have really settled in to the nursery routine. They enjoyed learning about their topic 'Ourselves'. Here is a selection of their wonderful artwork. They painted their head and body parts. The children painted their faces. They drew their family and themselves in their school uniform.



The children like their fruit and milk time. They have learnt a song about fruit and vegetables keeping them healthy. The full-time children are really enthusiastic about having the hot food on offer from the school diner during lunch-time. Some children still prefer to bring in their own pack lunch boxes too!



## Reception



The children have been very busy recently enjoying lots of stories and thinking about how they have all changed since they were babies. We have been celebrating all the things that they can now do and have learnt since they were born. The children thought of lots of ideas including running, jumping, reading and writing. They are looking forward to driving a car, getting a job and buying new ipads (amongst other things!) when they grow up.

The children have also been having fun exploring Autumn. They looked for signs of Autumn in the world around them and enjoyed exploring conkers, acorns, autumn leaves and pumpkins. They also had great fun harvesting vegetables and making their own vegetable soup which they mostly agreed tasted delicious!



## Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about how Christians belong to the church. We have visited two local churches, St. Pauls Church and Ruislip Baptist Church. We have learned how Christians use some symbols to show that they belong to their faith and how Christians in a Baptist church show they belong.



We have been learning maths in the outdoor environment. We have been ordering objects from the greatest to the fewest.

## Year 2

The last few weeks in Year 2 have been very busy and have mostly revolved around food! We created 'Healthy Pizza Posters' which enabled an opportunity for children to design and create their very own 'Healthy Pitta Pizzas'. The children's (and teacher's) favourite part was eating them of course! In Art, the children have used their line drawing skills to complete magnificent pictures of cars, ensuring that they use shading, texture and pattern to make their cars look as realistic as possible! We are also really looking forward to starting our new topic after half term 'The Great Fire of London'. As well as partaking in some very exciting Science experiments, the children will be drawing maps, exploring the History of London and creating some brilliant Fire of London artwork ☺



## Year 3



The children have continued working hard this term and have settled into their weekly routines. During the past couple of weeks, we have been discovering more about Stone Age life in Britain. In class we have produced some excellent Stone Age huts and these are currently on display. You'll probably spot them when you pop along for Parent's Evening. In addition, all three classes recently had the opportunity to visit Gunnersbury Park Museum and really liked viewing the wide range of exhibits and trying out costumes, seeing primary artefacts and trying to build a life sized Stone Age hut!

## Year 4

We are very much enjoying life in Year 4! We are looking forward to our Roman trip to the Verulamium in November and our upcoming class assemblies to share with the parents and carers. In Year 4 we have really enjoyed taking part in PE. We have enjoyed Tag Rugby, Football, Netball and Sportshall Athletics so far this year. 😊



## Year 5

Our visit to the Museum of London yesterday was a huge success. I am sure you will join us in thanking those parents who volunteered to come along and help supervise! The recent trip that some of us made to the New Scientist School's Day was also most enjoyable.

We are now eagerly anticipating our swimming lessons, which begin after half term for 5CF and half of 5GM, and on November 14<sup>th</sup> for 5CS and the remainder of 5GM. Please note the slightly later pick up time of 3:30pm on the days your child is swimming.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any matters arising via [year5@ladybankes.school](mailto:year5@ladybankes.school)



# Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic week, immersing themselves in our topic of World War 2. We have designed shelters, baked rationed cookies and visited RAF Hendon.

