



LADY BANKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Lady Banks Families,

Our first half term of the summer term has been as busy as usual!

We had a wonderful time celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III in school on Friday 5th May. Even though we were not able to have our planned events outside, due to the weather, we did manage to have the concert in the upper hall and the children had great fun and enjoyed sharing with everyone the songs that they had been learning. A huge thank you to FOLBA for the lovely gifts of a pen, seeds and a flag that they purchased for the children to remember this historic event.

We have had lots of exciting learning taking place in and out of the classroom. This half term has trips including Ruislip Lido for Year 1, Wembley stadium for Year 4 and Kidzania for Year 3. Year 2 have had chicks hatching and Year 3 had a shocking fashion day last week to finish their English learning. There were certainly some shockingly fabulous outfits worn by all the children and the staff! I am always so grateful to the staff for organising these great events for the children to enrich their learning. We always have comments from the public about how well behaved our children are, which we always know, and it is lovely to hear that from others.

We are so proud of our Year 2 and 6 pupils who could not have worked any harder when completing their SATs tests over the last few weeks. Year 6 had a fantastic time at Chessington World of Adventures on Monday to celebrate working so hard and Year 2 had a treat afternoon with delicious ice creams!

Year 5 will be going on their school journey during the first week back when we return from the holidays. Part of their trip is to visit Corfe Castle in Dorset where Lady Mary Banks lived. They will also have fun on Bournemouth beach before having a sleepover at Winchester Science Museum. Do follow us on twitter @lady_banks to see their adventures!

Huge congratulations to all the children who took part in the Quad Kids Competitions yesterday. Our Year 3 & 4 B team came 4th, and our A team came 1st in Hillingdon, our Year 5 & 6 B team came 4th and our A team came 1st out of 14 schools, so we are Hillingdon Champions in both competitions. The competition was organised by Ms Taylor and Miss Cronin who did a fantastic job as did all the teachers who helped.

Well done to all our children who have taken part in our sponsored walk for the school council's chosen charity – Crisis. They had great fun and we will hopefully raise lots of money. Thank you in advance for all your donations.

Have a great half term and we look forward to seeing the children safely back to school on Monday 5th June.

Mrs K Needs



Monday 29 th - Friday 2 nd June	Half Term Holiday
Monday 5 th June	Term begins at 8.30am (all clubs resume)
Monday 5 th June	Nursery Group Photo's
Tuesday 6 th June	Scholastic Book Fair 3.00pm Tues, Thurs, Fri & Mon
Thursday 8 th June	Year 5 School Journey till Friday 9 th June
Thursday 8 th June	Year 5 Remaining at school, trip to Go Ape ?????
Wednesday 14 th June	2HF Class Assembly @ 9.00am
Friday 16 th June	FOLBA Family Outdoor Cinema
Monday 19 th June	Reception trip to Hounslow Urban Farm
Wednesday 21 st June	2ED Class Assembly @ 9.00am
Friday 23 rd June	FOLBA Disco for Years 1 - 6
Wednesday 28 th June	2KB Class Assembly @ 9.00am
Thursday 29 th June	Year 6 Enterprise Day
Friday 30 th June	Year 6 Trip to PGL till Sunday 2 nd July
Friday 30 th June	FOLBA Disco for Nursery & Reception
Tuesday 4 th July	Transition Day
Wednesday 5 th July	Talent Show Final
Friday 7 th July	Year 1 Trip to Windsor
Friday 7 th July	FOLBA Summer Fair @ 3.00pm
Monday 10 th July	EYFS Sports Morning
Tuesday 11 th July	Years 1, 2 & 3 Sports Day am
Wednesday 12 th July	Years 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day am
Thursday 13 th July	Year 6 Leavers Show
Friday 14 th July	Year 1 Medieval Day
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Party
Thursday 20 th July	Last Day of Summer Term finish at 2.00pm
Friday 21 st July	Staff Training Day (School Closed)
Wednesday 6 th September	Term Begins at 8.40am (children can come into school from 8.30am)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY - HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT GRANT

Hillingdon Council have been allocated £4 million to support lower income families across the Borough via the Household Support Grant. The scheme was extended in April to run until March 2024. Families must advise school if they are in receipt of any of the eligible benefits so we are able to advise the Support Grant Team and ensure this money is getting to all of our families who are entitled. Please click on the link below for more information and check if you are eligible.

[Household Support Fund - Hillingdon Council](#)

If you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed on the Hillingdon website and haven't advised us, please contact us so we can update our records.

Attendance and Lates end of May 2023

Best Attendance - KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2)

2KB – Miss Barr's class

Least Lates - KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2)

2KB – Miss Barr's class

Best Attendance - KS2 (Years 3 to 6)

5CS – Miss Stone's class

Least Lates – KS2 (Years 3 to 6)

3JN – Mrs Neagle's class

5CS – Miss Stone's class

6KC – Miss Cronin's class

Attendance and Punctuality Matters!

Going to school regularly is important for your child's future. Parents are responsible for making sure their children receive full-time education.

Attendance letters will be sent on a monthly basis if your child's attendance is below 90%. The purpose of these letters is to highlight any drop in a child's attendance so that we can work with parents/carers to improve school attendance.

Please be aware that our current whole school attendance has decreased from 94.3% to 94.2% so let us work together to improve our whole school attendance.

We would like to say a big thank you to Gibbs Gillespie Estate Agents in Ruislip Manor who have kindly donated £120 towards our end of year attendance vouchers.

Thank you, Mrs Sue Smith, Attendance Officer



Place2Be

From everyone here at Place2Be, I'd like to say a huge thank to Lady Bankes Primary School for joining the Children's Mental Health Week 2023 community and helping to raise £855.12. We were blown away with the incredible support we received, which included:

- Children and young people from over **1,468 schools** across the country joined the Dress to Express fun, sporting incredible costumes including superheroes, pirates and sporting superstars.
- Little ones from **222 nurseries** celebrated making connections together.
- **224 fundraising legends** took on their own personal challenge, whilst family and colleagues came together to make a vital difference at **173 businesses and community groups**.

Whether providing counselling and support to children when they need it most, working with parents who may be struggling or providing invaluable mental health training to teachers and school staff – every single penny that you raised is helping to make a tangible difference right now to the lives of children and young people.

Sporting News

Congratulations to Oscar B in 3CL. Oscar is a very talented footballer and was lucky enough to sign a contract with QPR. He is following in his big brother's footsteps.



Congratulations also go to Maya R in 6BM who regularly attends Target Taekwondo club outside of school. Maya has recently gained her Black Belt 2nd Dann, which is a fantastic achievement.

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST OUTDOOR CINEMA

**FRIDAY
16 JUNE**



**MOVIE
AT 5 PM**



**£5
ENTRY**



DOORS OPEN AT 4PM

Please allow enough time to get settled before the film showing at 5 pm.
Please bring your own blankets, outdoor or garden chairs or cushions.

This is a family event and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Entry fee of £5 per person includes £2.50 movie ticket fee and £2.50
booking fee to FOLBA. Children under 2 go free.

Drinks, BBQ, movie snacks and novelties will be available
to purchase on the night.

Please note the movie has a 1 hour and 45 minutes show time.

To book please log onto www.pta-event.co.uk/folba

NURSERY



The Nursery children have had fun learning about what animals live on the farm. We have been introducing more sensory tubs to enhance the children's curiosity and develop their imaginative skills. They have been making up stories on the farm, mark marking using talc powder, squirting the numbers with water, enjoying playing with the dinosaurs in the small world area and having a great time learning about the King's Coronation liked to a variety of themed activities.



RECEPTION

The weather has finally turned warm and Reception have been making the most of the sunny days and outdoor learning. We have been looking at insects and bugs and learning about their habitat and where they live. This half term we have been looking at 'How living things change?' We have been looking at plants, animals and insects. All three classes have been growing things within the classroom and it has to be said, we are all quite the gardeners ☺. Each class were given some caterpillars to observe. They watched the caterpillars eat and then change into their chrysalis. We are now all eagerly waiting for them to hatch into butterflies. It has been very exciting to watch the process. We have been so amazed at how hard the caterpillars have to work.

Today we had our sponsored movement task and all Reception children participated in this. A lot of fun was had by all. We hope you have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing the children in a week.

Outside



The Very Hungry Caterpillar



Sponsored Walk



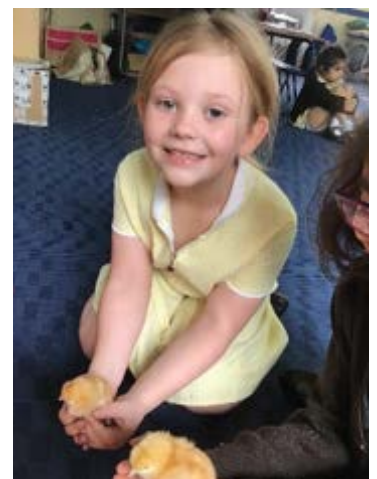
YEAR 1



We have had some brilliant adventures recently in Year One! We have been writing a magical box story and we did some acting to enhance our writing. As part of our computing, we have been programming and using BeeBots. Last week, we visited and explored Ruislip Lido and Woods which everybody loved! We completed a plant and tree hunt, followed a map, compared old photos of the lido to now and played on the play equipment.

YEAR 2

Last week the children took part in their final SATs tests and we are extremely proud of all their hard work. The children really enjoyed their treats, particularly their ice cream and movie afternoon! We have also been raising our nine chicks, this half term, that arrived last Monday. The children have observed them hatching, taking their first few steps and growing into very lively little chicks! As you can imagine we have had a few tears from the children when saying their goodbyes, they have loved having our little visitors in school and enjoyed all the cuddles we have been giving them. Next term the children are particularly excited about our Whipsnade Zoo trip and learning a little more about animals, including humans.



YEAR 3



Our children continue to amaze us with the wide range of different pastimes they pursue. It's always great when they bring along certificates and awards they have received outside school and can share this with others. We are always keen to hear about things that are happening, so if you have any news or upcoming events, do please let your teacher know.

In Science we have just moved onto the topic of Light. However, we have also been growing broad beans in each of the classes and measuring their progress in different locations. The children have recorded these results into their books and they will eventually plot growth charts into their Maths books. Our best growing beans have just passed the 60cm marker and one of them is even covered in flowers! We shall let you know things go as we move into the warmer months of the summer term.

YEAR 4

Year 4 have been working incredibly hard and experienced some wonderful opportunities to explore the curriculum further.

We had an amazing time on our recent school trip to Wembley Stadium. We went on a tour of the stadium where we saw lots of memorabilia, visited the home and away changing rooms, saw the pitch, walked out of the tunnel and even sat in the Royal Box!

We then took part in a Maths workshop using our problem solving skills to create a cost effective team!



Did you know that Wembley Stadium is working hard to be green and they have created 3 lions using materials which would ordinarily



have been thrown away after an event. Mrs Raffiq, Mrs Bull and the green team would be pleased!

Can you guess what material has been used here?



This term, in Science we have been learning about electricity.

We took part in some practical activities where we created series and parallel circuits. We then became scientists when investigating conductors and insulators.



YEAR 5

This half term seems to have flown by in year 5. The children are engaging enthusiastically with their summer term topics, and working hard across the board. Keep up the great work Year 5!

Our Winchester residential and activity days for those children not participating in the residential are on the 8th and 9th of June. Please remember that the children going to Winchester need to be at school at 7:15 on the Thursday 8th.

Our highlight this week was the highly informative and entertaining visit from The Riot Act Theatre Company, which focussed on road safety.

Have a great half term!



YEAR 6

Year 6 have been working extremely hard this half term in preparation for their SATs. As a reward for all their hard work, resilience and perseverance during SATs week, we have had lots of fun: making phone cases, baking corn bread, making Mayan soup and end of SATs celebration.

This week some of the children went on a trip to Chessington and some of the children had fun doing pottery and baking.

