



## LADY BANKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

The children have had a great start to the summer term.

All classes from nursery to Year 5 have had a visit from the Life Base- this is part of PSHCE curriculum and the children really impressed the Life Base teachers with their knowledge and empathy.

Some pupils in Year 5 and 6 have completed a Junior Maths Challenge this week- we look forward to hearing how well they have done.

Reception have visited Ruislip Manor library and Year 5 had an excellent trip to the Science Museum. We are so lucky to have such fantastic places to visit. Nursery have the farm visiting today as well to find out more about the animals they are learning all about in their sessions.

We had another well-attended Open Morning for prospective families yesterday- our next one is Thursday 15th June.

We have lots more activities planned this term for our children both in and out of the classroom and FOLBA have some excellent events planned for the school community. Do make sure you have read their newsletter and booked your tickets!

We are looking forward to our Coronation celebrations in school on Friday next week. I am sure that the sun will be shining!

Our pupils in Year 2 and 6 will be taking their SATs tests over the next few weeks. We are so proud of how hard the children have been working and know that they will all do their very best.

We look forward to seeing the children back to school on Tuesday and hope that the sun is shining for the Bank Holiday.

Mrs K Needs



Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday to mark the Kings Coronation (School Closed)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	1DA Trip to Ruislip Lido
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	1US Trip to Ruislip Lido
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	4BH Trip to Wembley
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	4KS & 4BR Trip to Wembley
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	1AM Trip to Ruislip Lido
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Theatre Company in for Year 5
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	3JN & 3CL to Kidzania
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	3MB to Kidzania
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Training Day (School Closed)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Term begins at 8.30am (all clubs resume)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Group Photo's
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Scholastic Book Fair 3.00pm Tues, Thurs, Fri & Mon
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 School Journey till Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Remaining at school, trip to Go Ape
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	2HF Class Assembly @ 9.00am
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	FOLBA Family Outdoor Cinema
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Hounslow Urban Farm to visit Reception
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	2ED Class Assembly @ 9.00am
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	FOLBA Disco Year 1 - 6
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	2KB Class Assembly @ 9.00am
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Enterprise Day
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Trip to PGL till Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	FOLBA Disco - Nursery & Reception
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 Trip to Windsor
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	FOLBA Summer Fair @ 3.00pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Sports Morning
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 1, 2 & 3 Sports Day am
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day am
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Show
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 Medieval Day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Party
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Summer Term finish at 2.00pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Staff Training Day (School Closed)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Term Begins at 8.40am (children can come into school from 8.30am)

# Attendance and Lates end of April 2023

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

2KB – Miss Barr’s class

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

2HF – Miss Fraser’s class

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

3CL – Mrs Lock’s class

4KS – Miss Seabrook’s class

5CS – Miss Stone’s class

## Least Lates – KS2 (Years 3 to 6)

3JN – Mrs Neagle’s class

4BR – Mr Baines and Mrs Raffiq’s class

5GM – Mr McInroy’s class

5CF - Miss Foreman’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.



Thank you, Mrs Sue Smith, Attendance Officer



## Polio and MMR Vaccinations for Children Aged 1 to 11 in London

Following detections of polio virus in sewage samples in London in 2022, children aged 1-9 in London were offered an additional booster (or catch-up if not up to date) of the polio vaccine to ensure they were fully protected. Although phase 1 of this campaign enabled a large volume of vaccinations to be delivered, data from the programme highlights continuing inequities in uptake.

Polio virus is circulating in the population of North London. Even though no one has yet developed paralysis from it in UK (they have in USA and Israel), people who are not fully immunised (children and adults) are at risk of doing so."

The NHS will be contacting the parents of children who are not fully vaccinated to book an appointment at their GP practice. However, the situation in London is serious with many children under-vaccinated and unprotected. We are therefore helping to raise awareness of the importance of routine childhood vaccinations amongst the school community.

Please check your child's health record (red book) to see if they are upto date on all their routine immunisations.

For more information visit [nhs.uk/polio](https://nhs.uk/polio) you can also search 'NHS Child Vaccines' or visit [nhs.uk/child-vaccines](https://nhs.uk/child-vaccines)

Parents can also contact their GP if they have any questions

## LBPS Has Got Talent



Huge congratulations to Megan W and Ibuken A in Year 6 who both recently took their Grade 1 Piano exam. They both passed with a Meritt!!

During the Easter holidays, some of our Year 2 children who attend Spotlight School of Dance took a primary exam in Modern dance. Congratulations to Harper, Connie, Ella and Charlotte in 2HF and Sofia B, Sofia M and Poppy in 2KB who all did extremely well and passed with distinctions and merits.



Please keep us updated of your children's achievements outside of school, we love to hear about them!  
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## NURSERY



Our nursery children have started their new topic about farm life. This week, the children have been learning about the different sounds the farm animals make. They are singing 'Old MacDonald had a farm' and other songs related to farm animals. The nursery children are making observational paintings and drawings of the animals. They are counting and matching numerals to groups of farm animals. The children are looking forward to meeting the real animals.



The children met 'Harold the giraffe puppet' from the 'Life Base'. They helped Harold to be less shy when he went to visit his nursery for the very first time. The children answered questions about keeping fit and healthy.



## RECEPTION

Our final term of Reception has begun with a bang. We can hardly believe that we are already into our third term. During these last two weeks, we have had a visit from the Life Bus and been on a school trip to the Library. Our topic this half term is 'How do living things change?' We have spent the last two weeks growing a variety of plants, vegetables and flowers, including cress and have been amazed at the changes a seed goes through. Amazingly, we found some magic beans in our classroom and decided to plant them to see if they would grow. You can imagine our surprise when we arrived at school the next day to find enormous beanstalks growing. We did wonder if a giant was going to come down to visit and we were a little apprehensive but thankfully all was quiet.



## YEAR 1

In Year 1, we have been very busy since returning! We have started learning about Ruislip Woods and Lido. We have watched videos of the Lido in the past and thought about what is there now. The children and adults are very excited, as we will be visiting there in May! In Mathematics, we have been learning about arrays and have been using counters and cubes to practically make these.

We have also finished our Peter Rabbit Masterchef unit, as part of DT, which we created a healthy dish. We have been also learning about plants in Science and drawn some observational drawings of these in Art. We have also had a visit from the SCARF who even brought along their friend Harold to help us learn how to look after our bodies.



## YEAR 2

The children have come back from their Easter holidays, well rested and excited to continue their learning.

We have started our new topic of living things and the children have very much enjoyed learning about animals and the habitats that they are suited to, as well as enjoying a visit from the Life Bus. In English we have been learning to write riddles, which the children have been so good at! The children have begun to make their animal sculptures in Art and we are really impressed with them so far. Our next steps are to paint and add accessories! We have also introduced our new topic of Queen Elizabeth 1 and Queen Victoria and the children have been fascinated to learn about the turbulent reign of the Tudors! As we move into next week the children will be preparing for the King's coronation and will be creating some magnificent stained glass windows as well as performing the Queen classic 'We will rock you' to the rest of the school.



## YEAR 3

Spring has sprung and Year 3 have all started the new term with great anticipation. Just before the break we held our annual Easter bonnet parade and it was great to see so many enthusiastic entries. You can see a small selection in the accompanying photograph. This term we start our new topic Why is Ruislip such a desirable place to live? Over the coming weeks the children will investigate this question and reflect upon some of their initial ideas. It should prove to be very interesting.

We have also had a visit from the Life Bus team and they have been sharing useful knowledge about how the human body works and the children discussed the importance of exercising both the mind and the body, on a regular basis. It proved to be a very informative presentation.



## YEAR 4

We have been enjoying getting back to school and starting the summer term! We have already had a visit from LifeBase. LifeBase is a PSHE initiative from our PSHE partner Coram Education. In this lesson we learnt all about the human body and how to stay healthy. We were also lucky enough to also meet Harold the giraffe and some of his friends!

In Geography we have been learning about urban and rural places. We have partnered with Bridport Primary school in Dorset with the help of some familiar faces (Miss Baines). Last week we organised a live video link up with Bridport Primary school, the year 4 classes met each other and asked each other questions to understand the similarities and difference of living in either an urban and rural area. We had some interesting questions and answers!



## YEAR 5

We have enjoyed a very positive start to the new term. Our trip to the Science Museum was a great success – a thoroughly enjoyable and beneficial experience for the children. Sincere thanks to those parents who were able to come and help – we couldn't have done it without you.

Our Bournemouth and Winchester residential is now fast approaching. It was great to see so many of you attending the information meeting. The children are very excited about it – some to the point of creating countdown calendars in the classroom. Arrangements for those children not participating in the residential will be finalised in the next two weeks. We do still have a limited number of places available. If your child would like a place, please email Mr McInroy on [year5@ladybankes.school](mailto:year5@ladybankes.school) early next week.

Enjoy the Bank Holidays!



## YEAR 6

Year 6 are working so hard towards their SATs tests, which will be taking place from the 9<sup>th</sup> May. We are so proud of them all!

In topic lessons, we have been learning about the human and physical impacts of storms, volcanoes and drought.



In science, we have been continuing to learn about blood and also the circulatory system.

We are continuing our study of William Morris and have designed stamp templates. We will be creating stamps to create repeated patterns in the style of William Morris.

