



LADY BANKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ambition, togetherness, opportunity, respect, curiosity, happiness



Dear Lady Bankes families,

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of our fourth week at school. It has been wonderful to see all our new pupils in both nursery and reception settle so quickly into their classes and routines. I am so proud of them.

Pupils across the school have made a brilliant start to the new school year and the staff are so pleased with how hard the children are working and how they are all enjoying their new learning.

Thank you to all the families who attended our welcome meetings. It was great to see so many of you join us to hear what the children will be doing during the year and how you can support your child at home.

We have trips and visitors scheduled for the rest of this term including church visits for Year 1, New Scientist Live for some Year 5 and 6 pupils, Chiltern Open Air Museum for Year 3 and the Royal Air Force Museum Hendon for Year 6 before half term alone. These events really enhance the children's learning. We also have sports fixtures for our older pupils taking place.

On Thursday 3rd October we have our first Open Mornings for prospective families. If you know any families who would like to attend they will need to contact the office to book a place- demand has been extremely high and we have now scheduled a session in the afternoon too so they need to be quick.

FOLBA have many events planned for this term including a fantastic Heroes and Villains disco on 18th October which we know the children will thoroughly enjoy.

We have our first parent consultation meetings scheduled for the 22nd and 23rd October. Further details will follow. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, hear how well they are doing and about things you can support them with at home. We hope that you will all attend. Nursery parent meetings will take place after half term.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing the children safely back to school on Monday.

It was wonderful to see all the children wearing traditional outfits yesterday when we celebrated the European Day of Languages. The children completed different activities during the day to help celebrate the rich range of languages that we have here at Lady Bankes.

Mrs K Needs

Medical

Please keep the school up to date with any medical issues regarding your child by email to office@ladybankes.school

All medication in school must be prescribed and in the box it was provided in from the pharmacy with instructions on.

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must stay away from school for 48 hours from the last time they were unwell.

Please let the school know of any cases of headlice so that we can make other parents aware to check their children's hair for signs of infestation.

Flu immunisations for children in Reception through to Year 6 will take place in school on Wednesday 27th November. More information will follow nearer the time.

Where possible please try to arrange dentist/doctors appointments outside of school hours.

Sporting Achievements

Special congratulations to Isla M in Year 6 who attends Hillingdon Swimming Club and recently took part in a Swimming Gala.



Isla came 1st in the 200m backstroke, which is her favourite stroke! She also came 3rd in the 200m Individual Medley. She has been swimming for several years and has to get up very early twice a week to attend her training. It looks like all your hard work is paying off. Well done Isla!



Diary Dates

Tuesday 1st October

Tempest Photographer in School Individual & Sibling Photos Years 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 2nd October

Tempest Photographer in School Individual & Sibling Photos Reception, Years 4, 5 & 6

Thursday 3rd October

Tempest Photographer in School Siblings & Nursery 9.30am & 1.30pm Prospective Parents Talk & Tour

Tuesday 8th October

Year 1 Trip to Ruislip Baptist Church (am)

Monday 14th October

New Scientist Trip - 54 children from Year 5 & 6

Tuesday 15th October

5CS Parent Meetings 1.30 - 7.30pm

Wednesday 16th October

Year 3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum

Thursday 17th October

Year 4 Trip to Verulamium, St Albans

Friday 18th October

Year 6 Trip to RAF Hendon
FOLBA Disco - Superheros & Villans

Tuesday 22nd October

Parents Evening 3.30 - 7.30pm

Wednesday 23rd October

Year 1 Trip to St Paul's Church
Parents Evening 3.30 - 5.30pm

Friday 25th October

Training Day School Closed

Monday 28th Oct - Friday 1st Nov

HALF TERM

Wednesday 6th November

4KS Class Assembly @ 9.00am

Thursday 7th November

Year 6 Pilots of the Caribbean Workshop

Wednesday 13th November

4MB Class Assembly @ 9.00am

Thursday 14th November

World Diabetes Day - Wear Blue, donations to Diabetes

Friday 15th November

Year 6 Cinema Trip @ 10am

Saturday 16th November

Ruislip Manor Funday

Monday 18th November

Year 5 Swimming Starts for 2 Weeks
Year 6 Bikeability

Tuesday 19th November

Year 4 Cinema Trip @ 10.00am

House Captains

Congratulation to all our newly appointed House Captains.



FOLBA (Friends of Lady Bankes Association)

FOLBA do lots of amazing fun things for our children in order to raise money to spend on things for our children. You can keep updated of everything that FOLBA do by the following:

Our website is: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/folba/#.Y4fZFHbP0dU>

and our Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/FoLBPS>

email address: folba@hotmail.co.uk

Harvest donations for Hillingdon Foodbank

Lady Bankes will be collecting items for Hillingdon Foodbank again this year when celebrating harvest across the school this half term.



The Hillingdon Foodbank provides short term and emergency food to families in the borough going through difficult times and crises. The Hillingdon Foodbank is built on compassion, integrity and commitment to restore dignity and give hope. It was the first food bank in London when it launched in 2009.

Lawrence Rand Estate Agents will be collecting our donations on Wednesday 9th October.

We would be very grateful for any donations to be brought into school before this date.

Some of the urgent items the foodbank are requesting are:

- Potatoes
- Noodles
- Jam
- Sugar
- Cooking sauces
- Juice
- Rice
- Toilet roll
- Fruit
- Puddings

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Uniform

Please remember to mark every item of your child's uniform clearly with their name so that it can be returned when lost.

At the end of every term all unnamed items in the lost property box will be either donated to FOLBA or recycled. 2nd hand uniform can be purchased or donated from FOLBA.

Please contact FOLBA folba@hotmail.co.uk with any requests regarding 2nd hand uniform.



We all want to keep our children safe around our school so here are some top tips on how you can make a difference.

How can you help?

Make sure your child leaves and enters your vehicle safely from the pavement

Check for pedestrians and cyclists before opening car doors

Leave enough room on pavements for pedestrians, prams and wheelchair users

Please park considerately around our school and keep our children safe!

Do not double park

Take care when reversing

Turn your engine off if leaving your vehicle

Is engine idling illegal?

Yes. Under Section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, engine idling is an offence.





Every student. Every day.

Attendance Sept 2024

Every child is entitled to access full time education every day, attendance matters, let's help our children reach their full potential'

Our whole school attendance for Sept 2024 is 95.6% which is slightly lower than last years percentage of 96.2%.

However we can still improve our attendance!

We hope that this academic year every child will strive to attend school every day.

Going to school regularly is important for your child's future.

Parents are responsible for making sure their children receive full-time education.

Please still follow the 'should my child go to school' guidelines, which has been updated and sent out on a separate email.

Thank you

Mrs Sue Smith, Attendance Officer

Year group		Current %
Nursery	EYFS	94.2
Reception	EYFS	95.7
Year 1	KS1	96.1
Year 2	KS1	94.3
Year 3	KS2	96.2
Year 4	KS2	95.8
Year 5	KS2	95.9
Year 6	KS2	95.4

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Attend Today

Achieve Tomorrow



Nursery



The nursery children are learning to access a variety of activities. They are playing alongside their friends and beginning to follow instructions. The children are building up their relationships with their group leaders. This half-term, the children will be answering the key question 'Who am I?'



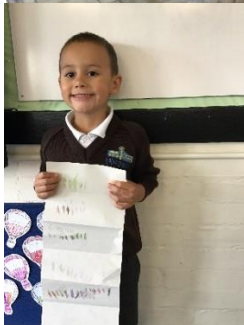
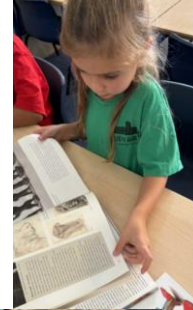
Reception

As the school term progresses, it's hard to believe we have already reached week 4. Reception class students have settled in wonderfully, and staff have enjoyed getting to know each child's unique personality and character. The children are adjusting well to their new environment, learning routines, and engaging in both indoor and outdoor activities. Teachers are proud of the progress they are seeing as the students explore their surroundings, adapt, and thrive in their early school days. This half-term, the class is focusing on the topic "How Am I Changing?" As part of this exploration, the children have created self-portraits, expressing their individuality through art. Additionally, they have been participating in classroom activities that showcase their favourite things to do. Guided reading sessions also began this week, with students eagerly diving into their books, marking another exciting milestone in their learning journey.



Year 1

We have been learning and getting used to the routines of Key Stage 1 and we are very proud of how the children have settled in. We have been busy planting plants in the QUAD and we are so thankful to FOLBA for our new equipment outside. As part of our PSHE learning, we had a visit from Hillingdon Road Safety team to learn about how to safely cross the road. In Science, we have been completing experiments using our senses and we are looking forward to supporting our RE learning by going to visit two local churches. As part of our Art topic, we have been drawing portraits and experimenting with chalk and oil pastels. In the next couple of weeks, we will be getting to seeing a Toy Expert and asking him many questions.



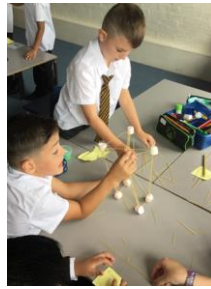
Year 2

We have been exploring our Key Question 'Did the Great Fire make London a better place to live?' So far, we have created timelines, researched Thomas Farriner and discovered the importance of Samuel Pepys! In English, we have been retelling the story of 'The Little Red Hen'; we have been working in groups to change the ending of the story and in Maths, we have been working on refreshing our knowledge of place value! The children have very much settled into Year 2 life and we are proud of their brilliant start ☺



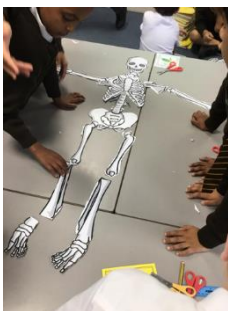
Year 3

We have had a fabulous start to life in Year 3. We started the first week with some team building games. We learnt how to work together and have fun. In class table groups we tried to build the tallest free standing tower using spaghetti and marshmallows.... We had some interesting creations.



In Topic, we have been learning all about the Stone Age, we are focusing on our Key Question: How did Hunter Gathers survive in the prehistoric period? We will be looking forward to our trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum in October to learn more about life in the Stone Age.

In Science, we have been learning about Animals including humans. This unit recaps the children's learning from Year 2 about how animals survive and stay healthy and helps children to learn more about what makes a healthy, balanced diet. They enjoyed learning about bones and working in groups to put together their own human skeleton!



Year 4

It has been a busy start to the new school year and the children are working incredibly hard. We have already started to think about how we can answer our Topic key question:

How have the Romans influenced our lives today?

We acted the story of Romulus and Remus and discussed who built Rome. We have also mapped the Roman Empire - located how the Roman Empire grew and why they did not invade particular areas. Did you know the Roman Empire spanned across 3 continents and 50 modern day countries!



In English we have started to read Christophe's Story - the story of a refugee and the struggles he may face. We are enjoying this powerful story and through drama we retold the story.



You can find this text on Bug Club if you would like to continue to read this at home.

Year 5

In Year 5 we have enjoyed celebrating different cultures which make up our Year 5 team!

We've also really enjoyed working together in different role play activities during class time, and practising our skills in PE.



Year 6

We have made a great start to the year and have all settled in well. We have started our WW2 topic, which the children are super interested in. We have also been learning about fossils, the work of Mary Anning and Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. We would like to congratulate the new house captains, but also say a huge well done to all the children who put themselves forward for the votes – it is such a brave thing to do.

In the picture below, we celebrated European Day of Languages – where some of the children came in wearing clothes from their culture.



