



LADY BANKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ambition, togetherness, opportunity, respect, curiosity, happiness



Dear Lady Bankes families,

This half term is now in full swing. Apart from all the excellent lessons that the teachers plan and deliver for the children we have had cinema trip visits for all our children from Year 1-6. We've had fantastic class assemblies from our Year 4 pupils to their families showcasing their learning and entertaining us with dancing and singing. We have marked special days and weeks such as World Diabetes Day, Children in Need, Interfaith Week, Parliament Week and Friendship Week. We have also had great sporting success in football, netball and sportshall athletics. Year 6 have been completing the Bikeability course and Year 5 have had two weeks of swimming lessons. We are as busy as ever.

Today we have our Christmas Fair and huge thanks to FOLBA for all their organisation to make this event such a success. They are such an important part of our school community. FOLBA had a stall at Ruislip Manor Christmas Funday on 16th November and raised £1000 for the school. They are always so grateful for the help they receive to make their events run smoothly and for all the kind donations towards today's fair.

Tomorrow some of our children will be singing at Eastcote House Garden Tree Dressing. Thank you to Miss Mackerness for taking the children to this lovely event.

Last week the school had an assessment day and successfully were awarded the 'Wellbeing Award for Schools'. This is a huge achievement as it has validated all the things that we do, or have put in place over the last year, at school to support our community. We have been awarded this by Optimus Education and the National Children's Bureau. Thank you to Mrs Barcessat who has led this award for the school.



Over the next few weeks Year 6 will be going to see The Lion King, we have our Christmas lunches on 6th December and our EYFS and KS1 Christmas shows will be taking place. We have our Christmas jumper and movie day on 13th December and a pantomime for children in KS1 and KS2 at school on 18th December. Term ends on Friday 20th December at the earlier time of 2pm.

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

Mrs K Needs

Ruislip Manor Christmas Fun Day

Well done to our school choir who performed at this event, they sang beautifully and enjoyed the stardom on stage. Congratulations also to Charlie W 4KB who was chosen to perform a modern solo at the event with the Maria Anderson School of Dance. He was super excited to take part and everyone enjoyed his performance.

Also a big thank you to FOLBA who helped organise this amazing event for our local community.



This Christmas 2024 we will be collecting for Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Charity.

MVCC Hospitals Charity fundraise in the community to provide extra equipment, facilities, research and staff development, which complement services provided by the NHS.

There will be a bucket for any donations in the main reception area in December or send in an envelope clearly marked MVCC.

Thank you

School Uniform Reminder

We would like to take this opportunity of reminding parents of our correct uniform.

Children should wear a brown jumper/cardigan and grey trousers or skirt, with a white shirt/polo and tie. Shoes should be black and NOT trainers. If you are unsure please look on the school website for guidance.



Saturday 30th November

Tree Dressing at Eastcote House Gardens 1.30pm

Wednesday 4th December

Year 6 Theatre trip to see The Lion King

Friday 6th December

Culinera Christmas Lunches

Monday 9th December

Internet Safety Presentation to All Parents 1.45 - 2.45pm

Wednesday 11th December

KS1 Christmas Show @ 1.30pm

Thursday 12th December

KS1 Christmas Show @ 9.30pm

Friday 13th December

Christmas Jumper Day & FOLBA Movie Day

Monday 16th December

EYFS Christmas Show @ 9.30am

Tuesday 17th December

EYFS Christmas Show @ 9.30am

Wednesday 18th December

Jack & The Beanstalk Panto for Children am
EYFS Christmas Show @ 1.30pm
Flu Immunisations for Year 3 & 5

Thursday 19th December

Child Exploitation, grooming & county lines talk to Year 5
& 6 parents only 9.00 - 10.00am

Friday 20th December

End of Term @ 2.00pm



Special Achievement

Congratulations to Edward A in Year 5 on his certificate of Achievement from St Johns MTC Sunday School. He successfully passed the Diocesan Sunday School exam. He scored 49/50 and was graded an A+. His brother and sister Edwin and Edrea also did this exam and performed extremely well.

Parking Outside School



Please can we remind our families to be considerate to our neighbours, by not parking over their driveways when dropping off and collecting children from school.

E-Safety

One of the key objectives we teach the children during their computing lessons is how and why it is important to use the internet safely, responsibly and respectfully. We would encourage parents and carers to continue to reinforce this important message at home to ensure your child/children use the internet appropriately, in turn keeping them safe.

Here are some helpful tips:

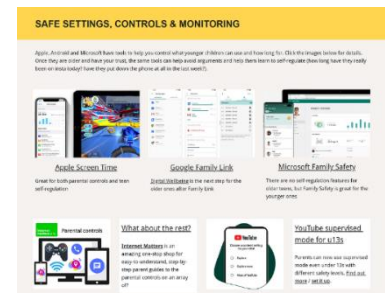
- Talk to your children about their online activity.
- Model good practice.
- Set fair and consistent rules in relation to your child's internet use at home.
- Be a good digital citizen, remember that anything put online is there forever.
- Observe the age limits on apps, and do not panic if your child encounters something inappropriate but be calm and deal with this.

We would encourage you to visit ParentSafe who provide support, guidance and information on internet safety as well as highlighting the importance of parental controls online.

Privacy Settings

All mobiles, tablets and computers have parental control settings, which can differ between devices, these include:

- Allowing or disallowing in-game or in-app purchases.
- Settings such as location settings and what information your child is sharing.
- Wellbeing settings to help with limiting screen time.





November 2024

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

We have noticed an increase in lateness to school this month, school starts at 8.30am, please be prompt.

When reporting your child's absence, please include their name and class in any email or message. This saves us a lot of time and is much appreciated.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

Tell the school in advance of any medical appointments and these must be accompanied with a proof of appointment which you can either send to us by email or bring a letter to the main reception.

We request that, where possible, routine medical and dentist appointments are arranged outside school hours as these appointments will affect your child's percentage attendance.

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)

4KS – Miss Seabrook's Class

Least Lates – KS2 (Years 3 to 6)

Mrs Barcessat & Mrs Sathyarooban's Class

Year group		Current %
Nursery	EYFS	86.9%
Reception	EYFS	92.2%
Year 1	KS1	94.4%
Year 2	KS1	95.8%
Year 3	KS2	95.6%
Year 4	KS2	95.5%
Year 5	KS2	95.4%
Year 6	KS2	94.2%

Our whole school attendance is
95%

Mrs Sue Smith, Attendance Officer

Attend Today
Achieve Tomorrow



Sports Update

The girls' football team came second in the Hillingdon Borough finals this week narrowly losing on penalties in the final.

Our athletics team are Hillingdon Sportshall Athletics champions for the fourth year running following winning their event at Swakeley's last week. The team competed in a range of races and field events and won the event with 874 points over Newnham in second with 814 and Whiteheath in 3rd with 762. Seventeen schools competed in the competition and we are very proud to have won. The team will now represent Team Hillingdon in the West London finals in the new year.

We took three netball teams to Newnham last week to compete. It was the first time for many of the girls to compete against other schools and they all played amazingly.

The boys' football team played at Wealdstone in a match against Sacred Heart winning 4-1. The team were 1-0 down at the start of the second half, but worked hard to get back into the game.

Well done to everyone who has taken part in sports competitions recently. We look forward to an upcoming tournament for the boy's footballers, more netball matches and a swimming gala in the coming weeks.



Nursery



It has been a very busy half-term! The Nursery children are having an amazing time! There has been so much teaching and learning about their topic 'Colours'. It all started with the Autumn walk and looking at the different colour leaves. Then the children did paintings, colourings, drawings and collages of Elmer the patch work elephant and Rainbow Fish. The children had a fantastic time mixing colours with paint to make new colours. The local Librarian visited the nursery to read a variety of stories about colour. The children particularly enjoyed listening to a story about Peppa Pig being an artistic painter. The Librarian was very impressed that the children knew their primary colours and how to make other colours including orange, green, purple and brown. We are still continuing with the colour theme looking at pink, yellow, red and green in the forthcoming weeks.



The children celebrated special events including Remembrance Day, Bonfire night, World Diabetes Day, Friendship week and Children in Need. Just recently, the nursery children created some lovely Christmas cards so that they can be shared out in our community.



As from next week, the children will be practising their Christmas songs for their very first stage performance with the Reception classes.



Reception

★ What a Busy Month We've Had! ★

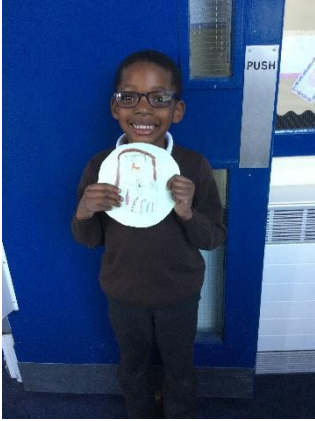
The children have had an exciting and active month, learning and exploring both indoors and outdoors! They've been diving headfirst into phonics, and we're incredibly proud of the progress they've made—well done, everyone!

This term, we've been exploring the big question: *What do we celebrate?* So far, we've enjoyed learning about Halloween, Fireworks, Diwali, and Weddings. It's been wonderful to see the children so engaged and curious as they discover the traditions and meanings behind these special occasions.

Here's to even more learning and fun as the term continues! 🌟🌟

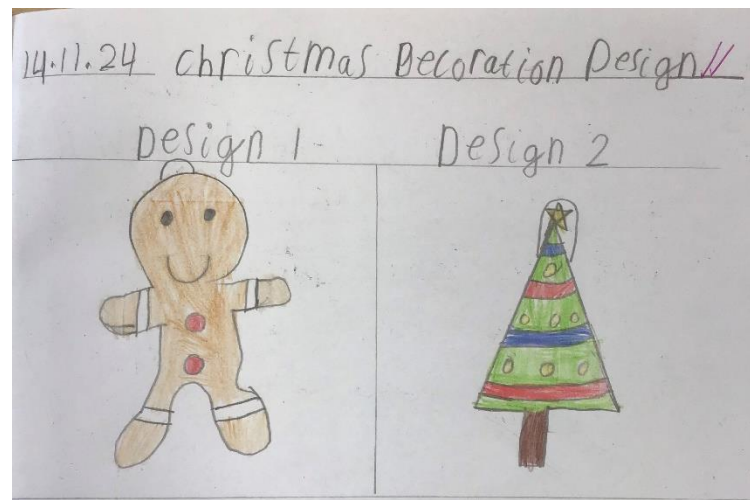
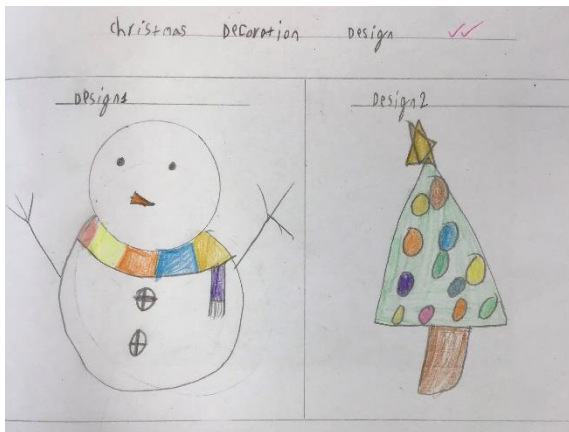
Year 1

Time is flying by in Year 1! The children are busy practising their Christmas performances and we have had many exciting things happening in class too. This week, we have visited the cinema and had a nurse come to visit us to talk about her job. We have also had a National Gallery workshop where we made some fantastic clay sculptures. We celebrated Children in Need and made our own Pudsey Bear masks. Another exciting activity we have completed is making moving pictures in DT.



Year 2

We have been having a fantastic time writing letters to the Lord Mayor of London in 1666, complaining about how he handled the GFOL at the time! Did you know that the Mayor Thomas Bloodworth delayed the use of firebreaks, which had a devastating impact on the damage to London? Next week the children will be moving on to writing their own versions of 'The Snowman'. This is always a very well loved topic as the music is so moving and really tells a magnificent story. In DT, the children have been designing our famous Year 2 Christmas decorations! We have been blown away by the quality of the designs and stunning artwork this year. It has been very difficult to help the children decide which one they would like to make, as they are all so good! Watch this space for when the designs turn into beautiful felt decorations very soon 😊



Year 3

We have had a fabulous time in Year 3. We have been enjoying learning about the Stone Age. Thank you for your cardboard donations! We loved designing, making and evaluating our Stone houses and scenes. We experimented independently with a mix of materials to create these master pieces. We have also visited the Cinema to see Garfield as a part of the Into Film Festival. The children had a great time with their friends. Thank you to all the parents/carers who helped us get to and from the cinema safely.



Year 4

Over the past few weeks, Year 4 have been incredibly busy in and out of the classroom. All three classes have performed their class assemblies to our Lady Bankes families. Thank you to all those who came to support your wonderful children, we were so proud of the children's achievements and the important messages and information they shared during these assemblies.

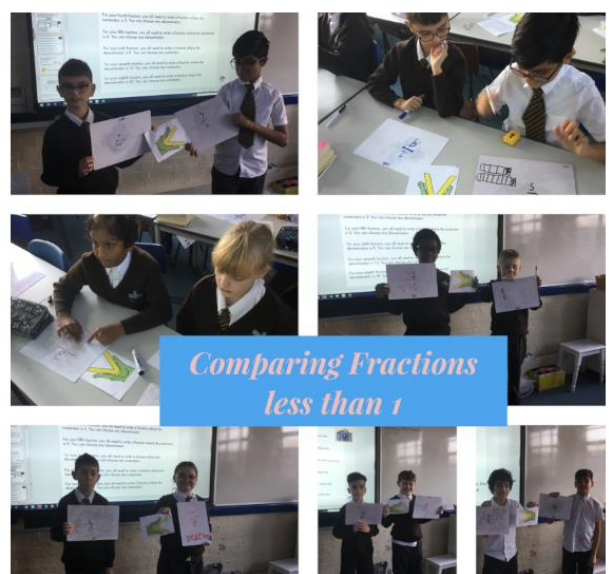
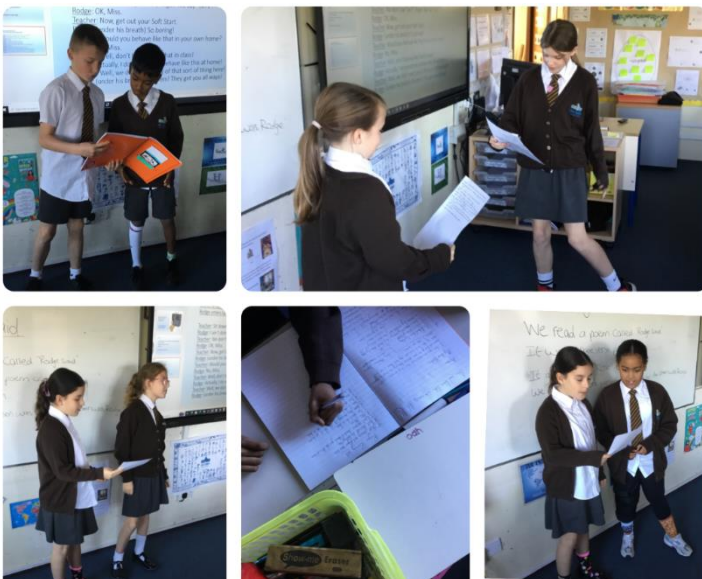


We also enjoyed our trip to the Cinema where we took part in the Into Youth Film festival, we had great fun watching Despicable Me 4, a film we would definitely recommend!



Year 5

Year 5 have had a very busy few weeks with learning in lessons, swimming lessons and a visit to the cinema. In PSHE, they have been discussing the qualities of a good friend. They have been comparing fractions in maths lessons, acting in English using the poem 'Rodge Said' and creating vector drawings in computing.



Year 6

Year 6 have also been busy finishing off our science unit on Evolution and Inheritance with an experiment looking at how beaks have evolved.

Some children were learning about riding their bikes safely on the roads with trainers from Hillingdon. They were so complimentary of the children, of their listening skills and behaviour.

We also had a visit to the cinema to watch Harold and the Purple Crayon.

Next week, we are seeing The Lion King in the theatre.





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Christmas Drawing Competition

Open to children from age 2- 11

Name:

Age:

 **LAWRENCE RAND**

Christmas Drawing Competition

Open to children from age 2- 11

Draw your own Christmasy picture on this poster for your chance to WIN.

All you have to do is take a photo of your drawing and email it to Laura.butler@lawrence-rand.co.uk

Then your drawing will be uploaded to a Facebook album on the Lawrence Rand Estate Agents Facebook page. The drawing with the most legitimate likes (not shares) will win a £100 Smyth's toy voucher. The 2nd most liked picture will win a £50 Smyths toy voucher.

Open from 1st December, closes Friday 27th December at 4pm. WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED Friday 3rd January 2025 at 5pm.

**1st Prize
£100 Voucher**



**2nd Prize
£50 Voucher**



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