



LADY BANKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ambition, togetherness, opportunity, respect, curiosity, happiness



Dear Lady Bankes families,

This last half term of the school year is already flying by!

We have been extremely busy with trips, visitors and workshops to enhance our curriculum. Activities have been diverse and varied- from Year 1's visit to Windsor Castle to Year 5 developing their art skills with a graffiti workshop.

Mrs Sathyaroban organised an excellent virtual workshop with the V&A last week which some children from across the school thoroughly enjoyed taking part in. On Sunday the school will be entering the schools' competition at Ruislip Central Horticultural Society show- we are very varied in our activities!

Our Sports Days have been rearranged to the following dates:

Nursery and Reception- Tuesday 14th July at 9am

Years 1,2 and 3- Monday 6th July at 9am

Years 4, 5 and 6- Friday 17th July at 9am

Reception's trip to Hounslow Urban Farm will now take place on Friday 10th July.

Thank you for your understanding in these unprecedented temperatures this week and please make a note of any changes of dates that apply to your child/ren.

A huge thank you to FOLBA for organising the Champions Discos- Years 1-6 had a great time last week in the sunshine. Nursery and Reception's disco will take place next Friday. Thank you to all the parents who come to help at these events and to the fantastic FOLBA team who work so hard representing all our parents to raise money to enhance your children's experiences at Lady Bankes.

Next week we have Year 6 Enterprise on Tuesday. The children have been working hard on their stalls to sell items to the rest of the school to raise money for their Leavers' Party. Year 6 children will be going to PGL on Wednesday and children who are not going have exciting activities planned for them.

Miss Watson, one of our SMSA team, had a little girl at the start of June. We send all our love and congratulations to her on the new addition to her family.

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

Mrs Needs



Diary Dates

Monday 29th June

Year 4 Pedestrian Training
Year 2 Scooter Training

Tuesday 30th June

Year 2 Scooter Training
Year 6 Enterprise Day

Wednesday 1st July

Year 6 School Journey to Marchant's Hill PGL
Year 3 Pedestrian Training

Thursday 2nd July

Year 2 Pedestrian Training

Friday 3rd July

Year 1 Assembly at 9.00am
Year 6 School Journey return pm
Nursery & Reception Summer Party 3.00 – 4.15pm

Monday 6th July

Year 1, 2 & 3 Sports Day 9am
SCARF Visit to Year 6

Tuesday 7th July

Transition Day

Thursday 9th July

Year 6 Production 9.30am & 5.30pm

Friday 10th July

Year 5 & 6 Careers Day
Reception Trip to Hounslow Urban Farm

Tuesday 14th July

Reception & Nursery Sports Day 9am
TT Rock Stars Final

Wednesday 15th July

Year 6 KISS Workshop am

Thursday 16th July

Year 6 Sorted Workshop am

Friday 17th July

Year 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day 9am

Monday 20th July

Year 6 Leavers Party 3.00 – 5.00pm

Tuesday 21st July

End of Term at 2.00pm

Sunflowers

For those families who have brought sunflower seeds to enter the competition, please send a photo of your child with their sunflower and the height of the flower to science@ladybankes.school .

Please put your child's name and class as the subject header and send it by 1st July. Thank you.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025

We received a thank you from Eastcote Royal British Legion for raising £799.04 raised from the collection tins and novelty toys.



Wizard of Oz



On Tuesday 8th July at 5:30pm, Ruislip High School will be hosting our Key Stage 3 production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

Attached is the promotional poster and the ticket link.

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				8AM - 6PM	MON 10 TH - FRI 13 TH AUG
				£35.00	MON 17 TH - FRI 21 ST AUG
					MON 24 TH - FRI 28 TH AUG

Sporting News

The Sports Teams have been busy recently with a team of Year 6 boys playing in a cluster at Harlyn. They played really well and were very resilient, coming back from 2-0 down in their last match to draw 2-2.

Both the boys and girls who played in the Hillingdon Cricket Competition came home with silver medals - well done.

The Y6 Athletics Team won the West London Quadjkids final scoring over 2000 points and beating the next best team by over 200!

The Athletics Squad with children from Year 4,5 and 6 also won the District Sports competition taking part in a range of field events and races. Special mention to Frankie in Y6 for her enormous 47m vortex throw - a district record which will no doubt last for a very long time!

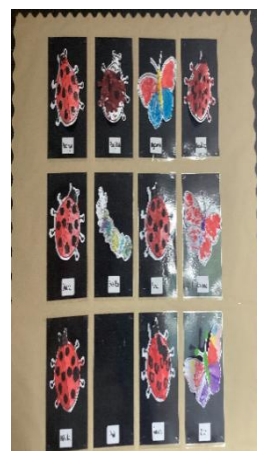


Nursery

The Nursery children have started their last half-term in Nursery with their key question 'What makes Summer fun?'. They have enjoyed learning facts about garden bugs including their life cycles.

They have listened to a variety of songs and stories about different types of summer picnics and have loved making their honey and jam sandwiches. We have had a Turtle themed day and a World Cup Football themed day. The children have been using their imagination pretending to go on summer day trips out to the zoo, the park, the sea-life centre, a boat ride and London town.

This week, we have set up a beach theme and had fun on the school field celebrating sport's day. There is more to come, celebrating Summer in different countries and our very first EYFS disco joining up with the Reception year group. These children are getting the most amazing experiences!



Reception

June has been a busy and exciting month in our classroom! The children have thoroughly enjoyed observing the life cycle of caterpillars, watching them grow, form chrysalises, and eventually emerge as beautiful butterflies. It was a wonderful experience to release the butterflies into the wild and watch them begin their new adventure.

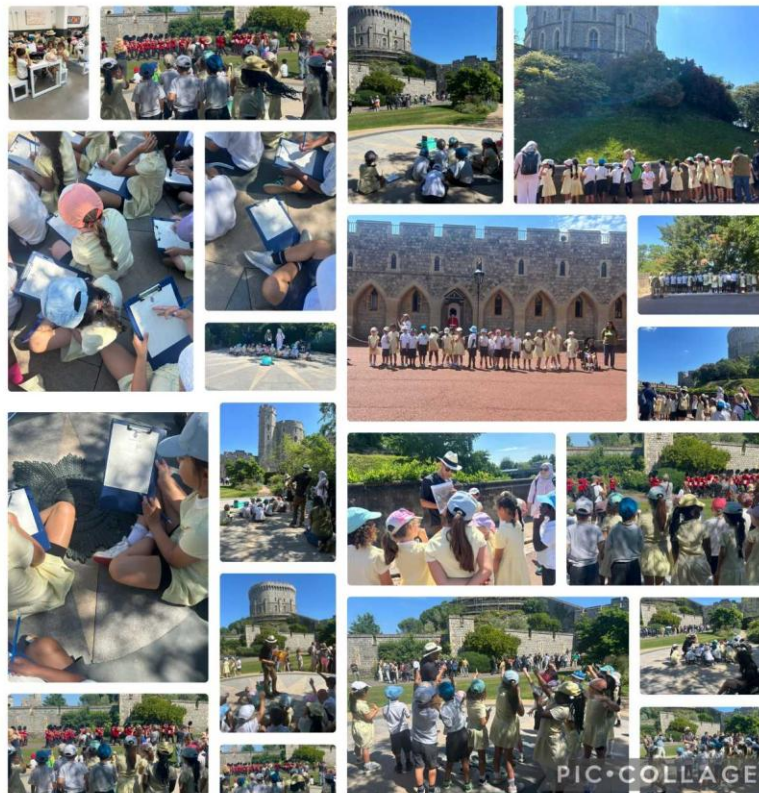
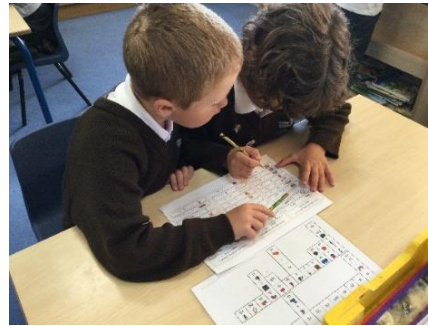
This term, our new topic is *"Where Do Different Animals Live?"* We have been exploring a variety of animal habitats and learning about the different environments animals call home around the world. We were also very fortunate to welcome a visiting dentist, who spoke to the children about the importance of looking after their teeth and maintaining good oral hygiene. The children listened carefully and enjoyed learning how to keep their smiles healthy!



Year 1

In Year 1, the children have been busy building castles and they have enjoyed their trip to Windsor castle. The children saw the royal standard flag flying so were very excited to see if they could see the King! They were excellent role models and demonstrated the school values throughout their visit.

Children in Year 1 have been doing really well practising their medieval assembly in the heat and are looking forward to showing their families on Friday 3rd July!




Year 2


In Year 2, the children have been working really hard in all curriculum areas especially during the heatwave. They have enjoyed learning all about the Victorian era and have had some interesting debates surrounding the British Empire. As part of their science and PSHE work, they have been thinking about healthy diets and the importance of exercise. The classes have been writers and illustrators by retelling a Winnie the Witch story. They have also been artists, creating some impressive watercolour under the sea paintings, using techniques they had learnt in previous lessons. Next week, the children are looking forward to completing a scooter training workshop and they have pedestrian training too!

Characters Winnie Wilbur Witch Dragon	Sentences Exclamation ! Question ?	because, if, that, when, and, or, but, quickly, wand, spell what, how	Settings House Roof
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One pitch-black and spooky night Winnie was comfortable in her warm, old bed




Suddenly out of nowhere Wilbur heard a funny noise so she got out of bed and peering eyes were peering out.



Winnie waved her magic wand and soon saw a dragon but came out from the dragon nose!

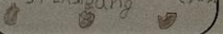


Winnie waved her wand and in the sky was glowing clouds.



Crash went the Winnie's best bowl! Bang went the cat food! Splash went the magic potion!

SPLASH bang crash





Year 3

We had a fantastic trip to Hobbledown Heath. Despite the horrendous rain, the children had a wonderful time exploring and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the animal workshop, where they learned lots of interesting facts about different animals.

The Year group also visited St Martin's Church, which was a valuable learning experience. The children discovered more about the local history of the church and had the opportunity to see where Lady Mary Banks was laid to rest, bringing their history learning to life. Father Robert was particularly impressed by the children's inquisitive nature, thoughtful questions, and excellent knowledge throughout the visit, making it an engaging and memorable experience for everyone.



Year 4

It has been another busy month in Year 4 where we have continued to work hard, explore new learning and enjoy lots of exciting opportunities together.

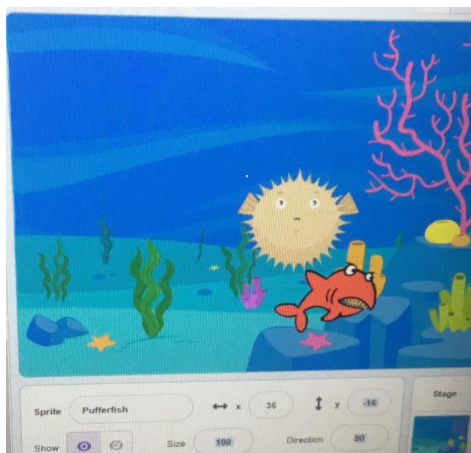
We are incredibly proud of all the children for completing their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) with such confidence and determination. They have worked hard to develop their times table knowledge and showed great focus and resilience when completing the check. Well done to everyone for the effort you have put in!



Last week, we were treated to our Year 4 Talent Show auditions, which showcased the incredible creativity, confidence and talents of the children. It was wonderful to see so many pupils take part and share their skills with their peers. A huge congratulations to all the children who auditioned – we were so impressed by their bravery and enthusiasm. Our finalists were Henry, who got the crowd moving by playing the drums, and Amisha, who entertained us with her fantastic piano skills.



We have also been enjoying our new Computing unit, where we are developing our programming skills using Scratch. We are learning how to create and control different elements within a program, building our knowledge and confidence as we work towards designing and creating our own game.



At the end of last half term, we celebrated **No Pens Day**, where we took part in fun hands-on activities that encouraged communication and creativity without using writing. We enjoyed decorating a biscuit with colourful toppings and making a delicious chocolate Rice Krispie cake. These activities were a great way to develop our speaking, listening, and teamwork skills while having fun together.



Year 5

In Year 5, we have had a very busy half term. We really enjoyed finishing our Street Art topic by creating our own stencils and using spray paints.



This week, we have also enjoyed Pedestrian training and revising the Green Cross Code.



We also enjoyed our trips to the Tower of London and Paultons Park.



Year 6

Year 6 Production

Year 6 are preparing for our Year 6 Production which we will be performing to the children in school in the coming weeks. Year 6 parents will have the opportunity to watch our show on Thursday 9th July at 9.30am and 5.30pm.



Enterprise

Year 6 have been working hard, creating their own business ideas, for Enterprise on Tuesday 30th June. Please send in your money to spend as it will go towards the Year 6 children's Leavers' Party and a charity.

