

Well, that's it for another year! It seems that this year lasted about 6 months. Where did the time go? Thank you from us all at LPPS for the cards, gifts, lovely comments and treats, they are very much appreciated!

We have added dates for the Autumn term below. Please also check the Standard Termly Reminders (at the link above) if you need guidance on any school procedures.

This week...

Class 1 had a wonderful time at their Splash Party on Wednesday! The children thoroughly enjoyed splashing in the paddling pool, chasing bubbles, and taking part in a friendly water fight. The day ended with a well-deserved ice pop. It was a fantastic way to celebrate the end of term!



Huge congratulations to **Year 6** who had an amazing last week in which they demonstrated again their motivation and engagement with school. "I'm an 11 year old, get me out of here!" was a marvel. It was a play brought alive by Year 6s who were confident and, most importantly, excited to show their acting, singing and musical skills. The Leavers Assembly was a tear-jerker with videos, letters, songs and musical performances. It ended with the parents being led by Year 6 to the courtyard to see all the things they had achieved this year laid out there. Year 6 then played a big game of hide-and-seek and got their shirts signed. After some lunchtime treats, to end their special day, they were taken to Willowbrook Leisure Centre for some fun activities. We all wish them the best of luck on their next chapter at secondary!



We are delighted to share that Charlotte and Sam from **Year 5** are both winners of the WiN Global Primary School STEM Competition! Out of hundreds of posters, theirs were first selected as part of the top twenty finalists and displayed at the WiN Global Conference in London this week (see photo left). Nearly 140 conference delegates voted for their top three favourites, resulting in eight winning entries—including Charlotte and Sam's. They received certificates and a few small tokens of appreciation in recognition of the creativity and innovation shown in their posters. Additionally, we received a £100 electronic book token for school to purchase

books that inspire curiosity, creativity, and a love of reading. Thank you to Elina from the UKAEA for the opportunity to take part.

On Thursday, every pupil and member of staff was delighted by a visit from our favourite ice-cream man - Mr Whippy (aka John!), who generously provided ice-cream treats for everyone. The treats were very much appreciated and brought smiles all around. A heartfelt thank you to John for his generosity and thoughtfulness! If you see him in the summer, please do say thank you!



Congratulations to Hanin, Brynmor, Parker, Harper-Grace, Gabriel, Sophie, Amia, Emelyn, Vaibhavika, Niamh, Filip and Ellie who were all invited to join Mr Markham for the **Headteachers Tea Party** yesterday. The children were nominated by staff this term for showing the values kindness, consideration, politeness, or have been a good role model, a good character or shown good listening. Well done everyone!

Pupil Responsibility Groups

Our **Big Battery Hunt** has come to an end and we are overwhelmed with how many batteries you brought it. The school managed to fill the container to the top and it was so heavy Kev had to use a loading trolley to transport it! The Eco Team did a wonderful job of counting the batteries and we can now reveal the school has managed to recycle a total of **2573** batteries, approximately the same weight as a male grey wolf! Inevitably some of these batteries would have ended up going into landfill so we appreciate all your efforts. The Eco Team ran a competition to see who could guess the number of batteries and Amelia in Class 14 was our winner!
A message from the Eco Team: *'Please remember that you can recycle your batteries by putting them in a small plastic bag on top of your recycling bin on bin day.'*

The Year 5 Peer Mentors, joined by Elsie and Amelia from Year 6, gave a fantastic presentation to Year 1 about the Ladygrove Standard. They delivered it with confidence and enthusiasm.
Amelia and Elsie said *“Don’t be frightened to speak about your opinions”*
“It was really nice to work with new people and not just the same friend groups. It’s nice to lead because you feel like you’ve helped them be themselves, to develop their speaking and find out about yourself as well”.

Running Club

Well done to the Running Club who spent their last session on Wednesday doing a marketing video for next year’s Year 3!

For the first time ever, the **House Captains** had a special tea party. We agreed to this because this year’s group of House Captains had brought a special set of skills to the job which allowed us to take a new step in creating the ‘Ladygrove News’ for the school. This is a recreation of the Celebration Assembly of old. It is now a professional news report which covers all the achievements and awards of the week as well as looking ahead to the next week. I couldn’t have achieved the vision of a weekly professional news broadcast without being able to rely on the excitement and engagement of the Year 6s.

And the winning House this year is...

Willow with a total of 54,077 house points. Congratulations and well done!

In 2023 the final points ranged between 25 and 26k, in 2024 this jumped to a range between 34 and 35k. This year the final totals are:

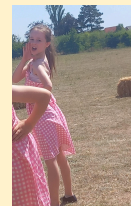
Beech 53,090	Oak 53,106	Willow 54,077
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Celebrating Success

Felicity and her Stagecoach dance troupe performed a Barbie themed dance routine at Aureus school fête last Saturday. It was very hot but the dancing was amazing. Well done Felicity and friends!



Vivaan from Class 7 participated in the Didcot Junior Chess Tournament on 16th July and won the best performance award. He has been playing and practicing chess with the Didcot Chess Club getting ready for the tournament. Well done Vivaan!



Dates for Autumn Term...

Please keep checking these dates as new dates do regularly get added.


Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● INSET DAYS - School Closed
Wednesday 3rd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Start of Autumn Term 1
Thursday 11th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 5 & 6 Aureus Parent Meeting, 3.15pm at LPPS
Monday 22nd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reception & Year 1 PERFORM Drama Workshop, in school
Friday 3rd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Poetry Day, activities in school
Monday 6th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Individual Photos
Tuesday 7th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 1 and Year 3 PC Ben Talk, in school
Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 6 PGL Residential
Thursday 24rd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last day of Term 1
Monday 3rd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Start of Autumn Term 2
Monday 10th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Flu Immunisations for Reception - Year 6
Friday 14th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● World Diabetes Day Non Uniform Day - more details to follow
Thursday 11th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last day of Term 2

Notices

School Jotter 3



Over the summer holidays, our website is having a refresh! In preparation for this, please could we ask you to download and install the School Jotter 3 App from [Google Play](#) or the [Apple App Store](#). Click on the links or scan the QR code below. Once installed, select *Guest Login* and then search for Ladygrove Park Primary School. Ensure that Notifications are enabled. Once installed, you can remove the old School Jotter app.

School Meals - Price increase	Please note that from September, the cost of our school meals will increase to £3.20 . The menu remains the same as this term and can be found on our website here - https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/contact/school-menu
Extended Schools - Price increase	From September, the pricing for our Extended Schools services will be: Nursery Wraparound Sessions: £2.50 Breakfast Club: £5.75 After School Club: £13.50
Please Check and Settle Your ParentPay Account	Please could you check your ParentPay account and settle any outstanding payments. This may include payments for trips, school lunches, Breakfast Club, and After School Club. Many thanks.
Current Year 5 - PGL Residential	A reminder to those that have yet to pay the balance, this is due on Thursday 31st July . A copy of the letter can be found here - https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/downloadfile/20630514?open=true
SJ Multisports - August Holiday Camp	<p>Limited Spaces Available! Mr Humphries is running a multi sports holiday camp in the summer holidays for Ladygrove Park Primary School children in Years 1 - 6. This will take place at school on various dates throughout August. To book a place, scan the QR code in the poster at the end of this newsletter or visit https://sj-multisports.classforkids.io</p> <p>If you have queries, please email sjmultisportscamp@gmail.com</p> 
Attendance	<p>If your child is not in school, you must notify us by leaving a message on our answer phone or by emailing office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk before 9am on each day of their absence. Email is preferable as we are finding it increasingly hard to understand due to unclear messages and poor telephone signal.</p> <p>Please state clearly and concisely your child's full name, class and their reason for absence - <u>being specific about the illness or medical needs</u>. You must inform the school in advance by email above, if you need to take your child for an educational setting visit, religious observance or similar. These absences will need to be pre agreed by us. No birthdays, cheaper holidays, altered holiday arrangements or similar will be agreed. In line with strict government legislation, they will be recorded as unauthorised on your child's attendance record.</p>
External Clubs and Activities	If you are looking for external clubs and activities taking place in the local area, or for Summer holiday clubs, please visit this page on our website - https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/contact/external-clubs-activities



Summer Events

at Didcot Library - July

Science with Sam!

Saturday 12th July, 10.30am-11.30am

Join a local scientist for 'painting with light' Ask your questions and learn about light! For ages 5-10. Booking required via Didcot Library.



LEGO Club

Tuesday 22nd July 3.30pm - 5pm

Take a challenge card or build your own creation with the ultimate brick. Drop in. For ages 4+



'A Betsy Buglove story' and minibeast activities with Sutton Courtenay Education Centre!

Wednesday 23rd July, 10.30am-Noon

Ages 3-7 are invited to drop in to the library garden for a minibeast hunt, stories and craft with a Learning Officer from the Education Centre



Helping Wild Bees with Wild Oxfordshire!

Tuesday 29th July, 2pm

Drop in for bee-themed activities led by Wild Oxfordshire's Nature Recovery Engagement Officer. For ages 4-10.



LEGO Club

Tuesday 29th July 3.30pm - 5pm

Drop in for fun with the ultimate brick. For ages 4+



Children must be accompanied by an adult at all of the above events.

Where booking is required, please email Didcot.Library@oxfordshire.gov.uk or phone 01865 815140 with names and ages.

Don't forget the library is here all summer holidays and offering the **Story Garden Summer Reading Challenge** - stickers and a prize draw!

