



Newsletter #08

Thursday 23rd October 2025

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Last week...

What a fantastic effort **Year 6** made to complete their sponsored *Race For The Kids* last Friday! A big thanks to all the staff for arranging this event and to Mr Humphries for setting us up a route! We ran for ten and a bit laps. The children have put in a lot of practice over this term to build up their stamina, and this showed with many running the entire way and all improving their running distances. What was also fantastic is how much enjoyment many gained from this event. The children have raised an incredible **£709** plus £62.50 gift aid for Great Ormond Street Hospital who are building a new cancer ward for children in their care. Thank you so much for your generosity.

"It was very difficult, but honestly it was easier than I thought. I got a stitch on the second lap, but once I got over that, I felt fine! When I finished under 30 minutes. I was very proud!" - Jack T

"It was hard to start with, but as you went on, you push yourself to get to the end and go a little bit quicker. Once you've done it, you feel a lot better! I was very proud of myself after I'd done it." - Autumn

This week...

Year 4 have explored perspective drawing. The children went on a walk around Ladygrove and sketched the Yellow Brick Road. They made sure they identified the horizon and the vanishing point so that their sketches were accurate. It was lovely to see the children so engrossed in being *Artists*. Next, weather depending, we will be taking the children to Didcot Railway Centre to sketch the train tracks.



On Wednesday, **our Foundation Stage** children thoroughly enjoyed their dress up day. The children dressed up in anything that made them happy! The children could express themselves through what they wore. We had children dressed in sparkly outfits, cultural outfits, superhero outfits, favourite clothing and many more. Each child was able to share with the class how their clothes made them feel. We had a very happy day!

It was lovely to see you this week at our **Parent Meetings**. Thanks to everyone for taking the time to come to school to discuss your child's progress at the start of this year. If



you had to postpone, we will ask the teachers to try to find extra time. Please contact them through the office to arrange this.

Assembly

At the end of each half term we announce a Star Reader, Writer and Mathematician for each class. This half term all the children really impressed us with their efforts. Here are the children who received the award this time round:



Star Writers - Natans, Eden, Minsa, Hanin, Mia, Isla, Kinan, Sophia, Evie, Sophie, Chloe, Dylan, Reva and Dimitrija.

Star Mathematicians - Daniel, Douglas, Iker, James, Pranavi, Noya, Emma, Loki, Nicholas, Lexie, Rory, Oliver, Evelyn K and Emily.

Star Reader - Torran, Zakariya, Binok, Hope, Joshua, Evelyn, Filip, Martin, Daneen, Arya, Jamie, Amy, Sam and Zachary.

Pupil Responsibility Groups

This afternoon, our newly appointed **Eco Development Team** were invited by Didcot Town Council to help plant daffodil bulbs along the edge of the playing field at Ladygrove Park. Fortunately, the weather was on their side, and they managed to stay mostly dry (although slightly muddy!) The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this hands-on community activity, which will bring a splash of colour to the park come springtime! Thank you to Mrs Boden and Mrs Burnett for leading them on the activity.



Celebrating Success



Lincoln from Class 10 won the National Clout Archery Tassel Champs in York for his category (U12 Boys) last week. A fantastic achievement, well done Lincoln!

Last Saturday Nathan, Class 14, took part in the Aquila Open Poomsae Championships in London. He competed in a tough individual category and in a pairs category coming away with 2 bronze medals. He is due to compete in the National Championships early next month. Well done Nathan!



Dates for Autumn Term...


Please keep checking these dates for any additions or amendments!

Monday 3rd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Start of Autumn Term 2
Tuesday 4th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 6 Cycle Training (2nd group) - remember bikes and helmets ● Year 5 & 6 Crochet Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4.15pm
Wednesday 5th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm
Monday 10th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Flu Immunisations for all children in Reception - Year 6 - letter here (see Notices below) ● Year 6 Cycle Training (2nd group) - remember bikes and helmets
Tuesday 11th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 6 Cycle Training (1st group) TEST DAY - remember bikes and helmets! ● Year 2 Lego Club (Group 2, selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm ● Year 3 & 4 TTRS Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm ● Year 5 & 6 Crochet Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4.15pm
Wednesday 12th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm
Friday 14th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● World Diabetes Day Non Uniform Day - more details to follow
Tuesday 18th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 6 Cycle Training (2nd group) - remember bikes and helmets ● Year 2 Lego Club (Group 2, selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm ● Year 3 & 4 TTRS Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm ● Year 5 & 6 Crochet Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4.15pm
Wednesday 19th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm

Thursday 20th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roving Bookshop in school, more details to follow
Tuesday 25th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Cycle Training (2nd group) - remember bikes and helmets • Year 2 Lego Club (Group 2, selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm • Year 3 & 4 TTRS Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm • Year 5 & 6 Crochet Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4.15pm
Wednesday 26th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm
Tuesday 2nd December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Cycle Training (2nd group) Written Test - remember bikes and helmets
Wednesday 3rd December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm
Friday 5th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Christmas Sing (Choir pupils) - refer to letter here
Monday 8th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 Production, 9.15am and 1.30pm - details to follow
Tuesday 9th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Cycle Training (2nd group) TEST DAY - remember bikes and helmets
Wednesday 10th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Didcot Town Carol Concert (Choir pupils) - more details to follow
Thursday 11th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery and Reception Christmas Lunches - details to follow
Tuesday 16th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 & 2 Christmas Lunches - details to follow
Wednesday 17th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 & 4 Christmas Lunches - details to follow
Thursday 18th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5 & 6 Christmas Lunches - details to follow
Friday 19th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of Term 2

Notices

<p>Attendance</p> <p>Please email the school office. <u>Do not</u> email the year group.</p>	<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>
<p>Flu Vaccinations</p> <p>Monday 10th November</p>	<p>A reminder that Flu Vaccinations will be taking place in school for children in Years Reception to Year 6 on Monday 10th November. A letter was sent home on ParentPay last week containing further information and a consent form. Please complete the consent form whether you wish for your child to have the vaccine or not by <u>Thursday 6th November</u>. A copy of the letter can be found here.</p>
<p>Autumn/Winter Lunch Menu</p>	<p>After half term, we have a new Autumn/Winter lunch menu. You can find it at the end of the newsletter, or on our website here - https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/parents/school-lunches</p>
<p>ParentPay Payments</p>	<p>Please ensure to login to ParentPay to make any outstanding payments for school lunches, extended schools and trips.</p>

<p>Year 6 Secondary Applications REMINDER TO APPLY!</p>	<p>Year 6 parents can now apply online for secondary schools and the closing date is 31st October 2025. To ensure your child transfers to the school that you consider most appropriate, you must apply before the closing date.</p> <p>Remember to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Apply online and on time. Without an on time application you will not get an offer on national offer day on the 2nd March 2026. It will also reduce your chances of getting a place at your preferred school in the 2nd allocation. Deadline for applications is 31st October 2025. ● Addresses: If you are moving house or have recently moved please make sure you upload proof of address – tenancy agreement or a contract of exchange document. ● Preferences: Provide more than one preference. ● Remember to add details of siblings. Please note that if you are applying for a place at DGS and have a son at St Birinus, this counts as a sibling and vice versa. <p>Please visit secondary schools websites for information about open events/tours. Click on this link for easy access to the OCC website.</p> <p>For transport information click on this link https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/travelling-school</p>
<p>Poppy Appeal</p> 	<p>From Monday 3rd November, children (and parents/carers) can purchase a poppy or other accessories from the school office. Items include paper poppies, festival bracelets, reflectors and stickers.</p> <p>Suggested donation of £1 for a poppy and £2 for other items (cash only please!)</p>
<p>External Clubs and Activities</p>	<p>If you are looking for external clubs and activities taking place in the local area, or for any upcoming holiday camps, please visit this page on our website - https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/parents/external-clubs-activities</p> <p>New additions this week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ DIDCOT UKULELE ORCHESTRA (DUO)

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY


FRIDAY

WEEK ONE

03/11/25
24/11/25
15/12/25
19/01/26
09/02/26
09/03/26

Option One

Creamy Coconut & Chickpea Curry Served with Rice

Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread 

Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy

BBQ Chicken Pasta

Fishfingers with Chips

Option Two

Vegetable Curry served with Rice

Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread

Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy


BBQ Quorn Pasta

Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips

Vegetables

Vegetables of the Day

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Fruit Medley

Vegetables of the Day

Baked Beans

Dessert

Cheese and Crackers

NEW Apple Crumb Cake

Fruit Medley


Jelly with Mandarins

Cookie

WEEK TWO


10/11/25
01/12/25
05/01/26
26/01/26
23/02/26
16/03/26

Option One

Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges 

Spaghetti Bolognaise

 **CHICKEN SHACK**
Roast Chicken or Quorn Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice 


Fishfingers with Chips

Option Two

Vegetable Pizza with wedges


Vegan Spaghetti Bolognaise

Vegetables of the Day

Plant Balls in a Tomato Sauce with Rice 

Cheese Whirl with Chips

Vegetables

Vegetables of the Day 

Vegetables of the Day

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Vegetables of the Day 

Peas


Dessert

NEW Gingerbread Cookie

Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce

Fruit Salad

Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble

Vanilla Shortbread 

WEEK THREE


17/11/25
08/12/25
12/01/26
02/02/26
02/03/26
23/03/26

Option One

Jacket Potato served with Cheese

Beef Pasta Bolognaise

Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy


 Mild Caribbean Chicken with Rice


Fishfingers with Chips

Option Two

Jacket Potato served with Baked Beans

Tomato Pasta


Quorn Roast and Roast Potatoes and Gravy 

Caribbean Stew with Rice 

Cheese Omelette with Chips

Vegetables

Vegetables of the Day

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Baked Beans

Dessert

Oaty Cookie 

Pear Crumble

Fruit Salad

NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake

Cookie

MENU KEY



Added Plant Protein



Wholemeal



Vegan



Chef's Special

ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.