



March 2016 - Edition 5

Message from the Headteacher - Mrs Aslam

Dear parents, this has been a very busy term for all of us and we are all looking forward to a well earned rest this Easter. Pupils have been playing an active role in making the school even better. Our school council is making a big difference and we are all very proud of our ambassadors.

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Khan & Miss Robinson who have worked hard during their time at Ladypool and contributed a great deal to our school. They are invaluable members of our staff and their enthusiasm and support for our pupils will be missed. We wish them every success as they move on to a new chapter in their lives.

We are disappointed that we have been unable to provide the children with hot lunches for two weeks now due to the boiler breakdown in the kitchen. Please rest assured we are doing everything we can to address this but due to the grade 2 listed status of our building this is quite a lengthy process. We aim to have hot lunches back again by W/B 18th April or even sooner if things go well.

This weekend is one of the most important festivals for Christians all around the world. It marks the end of Lent (fast) and the Christian's belief of the resurrection of Christ. We hope everyone enjoys the festivities this holiday.

Attendance

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

**22nd February
to 24th March
2016**

1 L - 92.4%

1P - 93.1%

2P - 92.3%

2L - 93.8%

3P - 91.8%

4P - 90.7%

4L - 92.4%

5L - 94.1%

5P - 93.9%

5S - 90.9%

6L - 93.8%

6P - 89.4%

6S - 94.8%

RL—88.7%

RP - 85.7%

Sign 2 sing

Following our whole school sponsored sign 2 sing event last half term we have raised £200 to support the work of Sign Health, a charity who work with vulnerable deaf and hearing impaired children and young people both in the UK and abroad; providing opportunities for education and access to a range of activities.

Footage of this event was on the news and you can find the link here <http://www.itv.com/news/central/update/2016-02-03/ladypool-primary-get-the-signing-bug/>

Thank you everyone for your generosity.



Pupil Voice

Ladypool School recently surveyed pupils to find out how they feel about our school. Here are the results:

90 % of our children enjoy coming to school

89 % of our children said they feel school is safe

87.5% said they learn about different cultures and religions

Pupils also said they would like:

more Clubs for summer term,
for us to revise our school mission statement, for us to listen to children even more and to improve our behaviour system further.

We will all work together to achieve these steps!

Our new logo and website!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new website and logo. The new website will offer much more information about life at Ladypool School and will feature a class blog which will showcase pupil's work and put you, the parents, at the centre of our learning. As the school moves forward, this is a very exciting time for us at Ladypool as our goal with this new website is to provide our visitors, parents and children an easier way to learn about what happens in our school as well as to inform you further about your child's education. Last year children from each class were given the opportunity to design a brand new school logo, which would represent Ladypool School's ethos and our school mission statement. School council members and Mrs Aslam had the difficult job to shortlist potential new logos created by our children.

Shortlisted logos were then sent to each class, whereby each individual adult and child were asked to cast their vote, on their favourite shortlisted school logo.

Once again school council had a tough position of calculating all the votes and were happy to announce Summaya Miah from 5S was the overall School Logo winner.





Ladypool Primary School

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Newsletter March 2016

Important Dates for your diary 2016

11th April - School opens for all pupils.
18th April - Passover
20th April - Full Governing body meeting
23rd April - Shakespeare day
23rd May - Year 6 Residential
W/B 30th May - Half term
6th June - Teacher Training day
19th June - Fathers day

Mosaic Project

We have started the very successful Mosaic Mentoring programme with a group of our year five girls and their mothers. The first few sessions went off with a bang and it was great to see all of our young girls and their mothers benefiting from and enjoying the experience.

Our young girls whilst working with their mothers are all learning about the importance of education and understanding all of the great opportunities that will be available to them. The programme will run until May and we are looking forward to the graduation ceremony.

E-Safety

At Ladypool Primary School, we take the safety of our children very seriously. This includes their on-line safety. We will shortly introduce a new and robust e-safety procedure to our school. As part of this we will require anyone using our school network to sign acceptable use agreements. If you attend any of our courses for parents which involve the use of our ICT equipment, you will be asked to sign a document.

After half term the children will be taking their user agreements home so that parents can counter-sign them. Please ensure that these are returned by the deadline given with an attached letter.

Gala concert

This week 22 children from our KS2 choir participated in a Gala Concert at Adrian Boulton Hall. The theme was Music from the Movies and they learnt and sang four songs including 'Food Glorious Food' from the film of the musical 'Oliver' and Skyfall which was the theme tune of a recent James Bond movie of the same name. This is the second concert that the choir have participated in this term and we are delighted with how the children have responded to the more challenging songs.

FAST Programme

The FAST (Families and Schools Together) Club is coming to Ladypool School!

We will be launching our FAST club with a group of our Year 1 families, after the Easter holidays. With the first session taking place on Tuesday 12th April, from 2-4.30pm in the Community room.

The FAST Club is a great opportunity for the whole family to get together and do a great range of activities, for the parents to enjoy some special parents time, as well as for the whole family getting together to enjoy a family meal.

The FAST team are really excited and cannot wait to begin. We look forward to meeting all of our FAST families soon.

National Science week - Who knew Science could be so much fun!

Science Week has gone off with a 'bang' today and there is a great buzz of excitement for all things scientific at Ladypool Primary – perhaps we have some future scientists in the making! We had visitors from the Mad Scientist company in our assembly. Pupils enjoyed amazing science demonstrations and learnt about Science for the future.

In the afternoon every class had a 'hands on' science session. Pupils made a volcano and tested the strength of paper amongst many other engaging activities.



The Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations

The Queen is set to celebrate her 90th birthday on 21st April, and there are lots of celebrations in store to mark the monarch's milestone day. From pageants and street parties to a very special television programme featuring members of the royal family, a number of commemorative events have been arranged that are fit for a Queen.

Queen Elizabeth II became the longest-reigning British monarch on 9 September 2015 when she surpassed the reign of her great great grandmother Victoria and will become the first reigning British Monarch to reach the age of 90.



Library visits

During the last few weeks all of our pupils visited Birmingham Central Library. The Library of Birmingham is located at Centenary Square, the city's most important public open space, in the heart of Birmingham city centre's Westside. The Community Libraries and the Library of Birmingham give you wonderful opportunities to read, learn and enjoy activities in the library and online.

Everyone is welcome to come and experience the Library of Birmingham and there will be plenty on offer for visitors who don't wish to join. But to get full use of all that the Library offers – including free Wi-Fi, borrowing books and music – you need to become a member. We hope that all our pupils will now be regular visitors to their local library and continue their love of reading.

International book week

We had a fantastic week full of reading, raising money for sick children, dressing up and generally enjoying a variety of books. We would like to thank parents for their continued support and effort in promoting the importance of reading. We hope this inspires and a love of reading in your children which continues to flourish and become a long life habit.



Easter Bonnet parade

Years ago, the tradition of wearing an elaborate Easter bonnet came about as people bought new clothes to celebrate the end of Lent (the 40 days of fasting and prayer for Christians that begins on Ash Wednesday). The first social occasion after this sombre period would be a trip to church on Easter Sunday morning. This was the perfect opportunity to show off a new outfit and matching bonnet that would be laden with bows, flowers and trimmings to herald the arrival of spring in the Northern Hemisphere.



Year 6 SATS - Not long to go.....

How can we prepare you to prepare your child?



Authors of the month - March

Key Stage 2 is excited to have Anne Fine as the March Author of the Month.

Anne Fine was born 7th December 1947. She is a well-known British writer and has written more than fifty children's books!

Please encourage your children to visit both the school and public libraries where they will be able to find and enjoy a variety of her books.

We will be focusing on some of her texts in our English and reading sessions in order for children to experience and discover quality texts.



Find out about Anne Fine and all her books on: <http://www.annefine.co.uk>

KS1 Author of the Month - Eric Carle

Eric Carle is one of the most famous American children's authors. His first book was "*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?*" Our children in Nursery and Reception have been enjoying this book for years. Other titles include the *The Very Busy Spider*, *The Bad Tempered Ladybird* and *Little Cloud*.

Eric Carle's books are famous for their creative and eye catching pictures. They are made using a beautiful collage technique where different colours and textures are put next to each other to make the picture. Have a look in the *Hungry Caterpillar* to see how the fruit is made.

Most of Eric Carle's characters are animals and this is because when he was younger he used to go walking in the forest with his father and look at all the insects and animals living there. Maybe you could go and have a walk and write a story about the animals you see.



April's authors of the month will be: Mick Inkpen for KS1 and David Walliams for KS2

