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Headteachers message

We have come to an end of another half term and look forward to a restful break over the bank holiday and week ahead. I am so proud to inform you that a recent visitor to our school had much praise for our pupils and their attitudes to learning. We have seen a significant improvement in the work our learners are producing in their books and I am sure you will be impressed too when we have our parents consultation afternoon in July.

Well done to our year 6 for working extremely hard during their SATs earlier this month. I am sure we will see the evidence in the results in July.

It is a privilege to lead Ladypool school and I am pleased that parents are recognising our contribution strive towards excellence. Your feedback is valuable to us and inform our development. Please take time to read the results of our survey attached and on our website. To follow this up we will be organising coffee mornings with Governors and the Senior Leadership team over the next half term.

Many thanks again
Mrs H.Asalam

Birmingham Royal ballet

We had nine year one children who went to the second audition for a potential place in the Royal Ballet Dance Track programme. It has now been confirmed that four children have been given places on the programme. This is an amazing achievement!

They have done so well to get this far and the staff were very pleased with their behaviour on the day.



Yr 6 Residential

From 23rd to 25th May year six embarked on their annual residential trip to the fun packed Condover Hall in Shropshire. Their is no shortage of amazing activities at this glorious venue and our year six pupils enjoyed them all.

The children enjoyed a fun filled day which included Aerial Trek, Abseiling, Laser Maze, Sensory Trail, Archery and much more!



Attendance

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Nur -82.5
1L -96.3
1P - 93.9
2L - 93.8
2P - 94.4
3L - 94.9
3P - 95.0
4P - 92.2
4L - 95.4
5L - 96.9
5P - 94.6
5S - 9305
6L - 94.1
6P - 93.2
6S - 95.7
RL - 86.1
RP - 87.5

Chicks

We're Hatching Our Own Eggs!! Ladypool children are lucky to have the opportunity to monitor some eggs as they develop from embryo stage to hatching as chicks and they are so adorable. Our website has been following the development stages and the photos have been uploaded for all to see. The children have very much enjoyed seeing the chicks hatch and grow.



Ladypool's Got Talent

We all know that Ladypool School is brimming with talent and over the years we have discovered amazing voices, dancers and gymnasts to name but a few. We are sure that this year will be no exception and we are actively encouraging a whole range of new and different talents to be shared too: from cartoon drawing, to magic tricks and a presentation on how to be a successful gardener. We look forward to seeing and celebrating these in our class heats and to being amazed and astonished at the Ladypool's Got Talent Final which will be in front of the whole school on Friday 27th May.



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Important Dates for your diary 2016

W/B 30th May - Half term
6th June - Teacher Training day
W/B 6th June—Ramadhan begins
7th June—school opens to pupils
19th June - Fathers day
W/B 4th July—Eid ul Fitr
11th July—Parents consultation afternoon.
19th July—Yr 6 Graduation

'Our Route' Heritage Project Exhibition

Last year 10 children from Year 3 took part in a heritage project, working with artists from SAMPAD (South Asian Arts Company) looking at the history of Stratford Road and as part of that project created stain glass panels which have been part of a larger exhibition in the city. Over the next few weeks the panels will be returning to be exhibited here at school so look out for them in our reception area.

Simple conversations to keep you safe



Child abuse is any action by another person – adult or child – that causes significant harm to a child. It can be physical, sexual or emotional, but can just as often be about a lack of love, care and attention. We know that neglect, whatever form it takes, can be just as damaging to a child as physical abuse. An abused child will often experience more than one type of abuse, as well as other difficulties in their lives. It often happens over a period of time, rather than being a one-off event., and it can increasingly happen online.

Ex Cathedra

As part of our commitment to creative approaches to learning, A member of Ex Cathedra has visited the school and delivered two hugely enjoyable half day music workshops focusing on Literacy and Numeracy with Year 2 as part of their Singing Connections programme. On May 16th she will be coming in again to work with Year 3.

Our links with King Edwards School (KES)

At Ladypool we are aspirational and we strive to give our children as many opportunities as we can to have new experiences and learn from others. This year we have developed a strong link with King Edwards School and we are pleased to be working with their Outreach Team on a range of events. Before Christmas four 6th Formers came and delivered an Astronomy Workshop to an enthusiastic group from Year 5 who had been chosen as they had shown a particular interest in their 'Stargazing' topic.

This half term we will have a 'Concert Party' for Year 4, where a group of KES students who have continued with their music studies will play a number of pieces and hopefully inspire some of our students to continue with their Violin and Cello lessons next Year.

Half of Year 5 will take part in a 'Debating, afternoon; a skill which should hold them in good stead next year whilst the other half will visit King Edward's School in June to take part in a Science focused. 'Challenge Activities' afternoon.

Year 6 'Words of Peace' Project.

Ladypool school were chosen to take part in a special Peace Project as part of our continuing relationship with SAMPAD.

Year 6 worked with a dancer and a facilitator over two days in May to look at archives from World War I and explore the meaning and expressions of 'peace' both then and now.

The project culminated with a visit to a peace garden alongside other schools who also participated in this project.



Our Community

We have had a fantastic half term with a lot of events and workshops happening for our parents. We will be continuing the great work throughout the Summer term so look out for information inviting you all to attend throughout the rest of the term. Below are a few success stories I would like to share.

**WE ARE A
COMMUNITY**

FAST CLUB:

Since the beginning of the summer term we started the FAST (Families and Schools Together) Club with ten of our Year One families. FAST is a parental empowerment programme linked with Save the Children and Middlesex University for the whole family to enjoy. Our families enjoyed being apart of the FAST Club and undertaking all of the activities within the session, and it was great to see the bonds formed amongst our parents.

We sadly came to the end of the 8 week programme with our last graduation session due to take place on June 2nd.

Mosaic Mentoring Programme:

One of the other great programmes we have run is the very successful Mosaic Mentoring programme with a group of our year 5 girls and their mothers. The programme ran for a nine week period where the young girls and their moms worked together learning about the opportunities available to them. It was great to see the positive changes within the team and how much they enjoyed the programme. I would just like to say a massive well done to all who participated and am looking forward to enjoying their graduation with them on June 8th at Birmingham City University.

Also on Saturday 23rd April Ladypool school helped facilitate a Community event in partnership with the office of the West Midlands Police Commissioner, The Muslim Women's Network and two other local schools. The event was hosted at Chandos school where there were many fun activities as well as stands by organisations to offer support on Health, Housing, Immigration and many more. It was a fantastic event and was great to see many of our families attend and enjoy.

Rights respecting school award

As you may already be aware Ladypool School has signed up to the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools



Award. Your children have been learning about their Human Rights as stated in the United Nations Children's Human Rights Convention, and what this means for them as global citizens.

This month they learnt about Article 31:

'Every child has the right to relax, play, and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities'

Our right of the month for June will be Article 12. Where your children will be learning that:

'Every child has a right to have a say in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously'

For more information please speak to Mrs Mockbil or visit our schools website.

Botanical Gardens

Our Year 5 Trip to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens was really fascinating and provided our pupils a glimpse of plant environments across the world. They learnt about tropical climates and the types of plants that grow there. The tropical rainforest green house was very exciting as we felt the humid atmosphere and could see how plants grew well in this environment. During our visit we saw the luscious, colossal plants that dwarfed the carp fish in the green house and a variety of beautiful birds in the aviary. We also adored the different types of foliage, which were a variety of shapes and colours.

The Botanical Garden staff were very impressed with the children's behaviour and sent a letter to Mrs Aslam commenting very positively on the children's manners on the day. Well done year 5!

Caterpillars

In EYFS we are learning all about mini-beasts. The children have been hunting for mini-beasts in the outdoor learning environment. They have also been taking part in bug themed reading and writing activities. We even had the opportunity to watch our own caterpillars grow into butterflies.



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Authors of the month - April

KS1 Author of the Month - Mick Inkpen

Mick Inkpen is the creator of the wonderful character Kipper and many, many more who light up the pages of his brilliantly written stories. Other characters include Wibbly Pig, Billy and the beautiful Threadbear. His stories have been translated into over twenty different languages and his books have sold over 4 million copies.



The Blue Balloon was one of his most famous books that children across the world have been reading for nearly 30 years. It holds wonder and mystery over an old soggy balloon that can have children's imaginations going into over drive.

It isn't a surprise that Mick Inkpen has won many awards for his lovely books. Why don't you have a look at his books, decide on your favourite and give it the award for the best Mick Inkpen book! Happy reading!

Key Stage 2 was thrilled to have David Walliams as our Author of the Month for April.

David Walliams, born August 20 1971, is an English comedian, actor, television personality and a brilliant author. Both children and adults love his books because of the mixture of comedy, tragedy and feelings. His books really do appeal to our boy readers so come on parents, get your boys reading David Walliams.



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

To find out more about David Walliams and his collection of works visit: <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/>

Author of the month - May

Both KS1 and KS2 are pleased to announce Anthony Browne as the Author of the Month for May.

Anthony Browne was born in 1946, he is a British writer and illustrator of children's books, with nearly forty titles to his name! He is most famous for his beautiful illustrations in the book titled Gorilla.

Why we love his books is because they tell beautiful stories which keep us in touch with our feelings. Alongside this his books are beautifully illustrated with fantastical surreal touches. Submerge yourself into an Anthony Browne book with your child.



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