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Headteacher's message

This is the busiest time of the year at school as we are finishing off this year and preparing for the next. I hope you are all pleased with your child's end of year reports. Our cultural diversity week has gone extremely well including our carnival where we raised £405 for our charities. Sports day was also a great success and it was lovely to see our children competing in sports they don't usually participate in.

Another year has gone by and this has been one of our most successful years yet. The standards across the school have gone up considerably, demonstrating that we give our pupils the best start in life and prepare them well in reading, writing and mathematics as well as in all other foundation subjects and areas. This year our results have been described by members in the local authority as 'outstanding'.

We are very pleased that in mathematics we reached 10% above national and our combined results are 14% above the local average. Ladypool school is on the up and all our pupils know they need to work hard to succeed. Well done to all our pupils, staff and parents for their commitment and dedication, long may it continue.

Attendance
%

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

RP - 86.7
RL - 90.3
IL - 91.7
1P - 88.4
2L - 90.7
2P - 89.5
3L - 91.0
3P - 93.1
4L - 92.5
4P - 92.6
5L - 93.6
5P - 93.6
5S - 93.5
6L - 92.6
6P - 92.7
6S - 90.5
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Year 6 leavers & SATS results.

Our fantastic Year 6 leavers did themselves and Ladypool school proud. These results speak volumes for the dedication of the staff here at Ladypool as well as the effort put in by pupils and parents in preparation for the tests. Our sincere thanks to all the dedicated staff at the school, parents for their unfailing support and of course the children themselves who have worked so hard this year.

From all the teachers, a great well done to year 6. They worked extremely hard, developed an excellent attitude to learning and achieved some great results. They all have a bright future ahead them. Good luck in their new schools and keep working hard.



Important Dates for your diary 2016

5th September—Teacher Training day
6th September—Teacher training day
7th September—school starts for pupils
9th September - Eid Party
21st September - Full Governing Body meeting
29th September—Photographer in school
W/B 26th September - Harvest festival
6th October - National Poetry day

Town hall History hunt

This term the drama club got to participate in two half day workshops run by Birmingham Town Hall's Education Department. They became detectives and worked with performers from Needless Allies Theatre company to find clues; whilst at the same time learning about the history of the Town Hall and its famous organ.

Pokemon GO - A Parent's guide

Pokémon Go is a game where you collect and trade cute creatures called Pokémon (Pocket Monsters).

It's one of the first popular games to use "augmented reality" - a kind of cross between real life and an online world. The game makes it look like Pokémon appear in real life places by using the GPS and camera on your phone.

NSPCC has a dedicated page to offer advice on the game at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/pokemon-go-parents-guide/>

Diversity week & our Carnival

As a community, it is our duty to recognise and celebrate the cultural diversity of the global society in which we live and work. This week gave children the opportunity to learn about new cultures and build tolerance. Each year group learnt about a different culture. They looked at cultural art, created models and costumes and cooked national dishes. Children explored native songs and performed them with traditional dances. Some pupils also learnt how to write their names, and how to have a simple conversation in a different language.

To celebrate everything we learnt throughout the week, we had our very own Ladypool Cultural Parade. Each child created flags, masks and costumes to represent the culture they learnt about. The entire school then took the parade outside of school grounds onto Stratford Road to show that we are a diverse community and this should be celebrated.

During the afternoon, we organised a carnival to allow the community to come together and celebrate diversity with us. There were various activities ranging from bouncy castles, rides, candy floss, mehndi, face painting and food. In addition to this, each teacher organised their own activity stall to add to the entertainment. All proceeds from the carnival will be shared between our two school charities which are Birmingham Children's Hospital and Water Aid.

As a community, we raised £405 in total which is a fantastic amount for an afternoon's event.

We would like to thank you for your support during the carnival and hope you enjoyed our first ever Cultural Diversity Carnival. Watch this space for next year's carnival!

Our community

It has been a very busy and eventful year in our community room and we just wanted to say a very big thank you to all the parents who participated in any of the activities, courses, coffee mornings and workshops that we have held throughout the year.

In our community room setting we continuously try and improve our service to you, the community and parents. Should you have any feedback or comments please speak to Mrs Mockbil.

I am looking forward to all of the activities we have planned for the new academic year.

Nursery admissions

At Ladypool School we currently offer part time places for 3 and 4 year olds. Most children start Nursery in the September after they are 3, however, from September 2016 we are pleased to announce that we will be taking children on in January and April. This is because we believe we can give them a really good start in education even sooner.

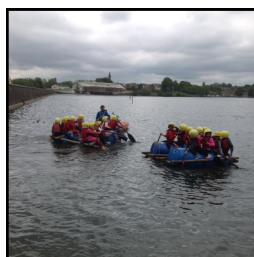
If you have a very young child yourself or you know someone else who may have, we encourage everyone to complete a form at the school office.

SAMPAD

Fourteen children from Year 6 represented the school at the Birmingham Peace Gardens as part of an on-going collaboration with the South Asian Arts Organisation, SAMPAD. They participated in a number of activities and wrote messages of peace to be hung on a tree as a lasting legacy of the project.

Edgbaston Reservoir

As part of our Land Ahoy topic, the year 2 children went on a trip to Edgbaston Reservoir to take part in a raft building workshop and to explore the local environment.



The children worked in small teams to build a raft using four barrels, six logs, and some rope. All of the groups made a raft that was suitable for sailing. After getting kitted out in helmets and life jackets, and with a paddle each, the children set sail out onto the reservoir.

The children learned some valuable lessons about teamwork and problem solving. We set off for a wildlife spotting adventure around the reservoir. The children were excited to see ducks with their ducklings, and coots with their babies swimming at the edge of the water. We spotted dragonflies, squirrels, and lots of other wildlife. Some children even found some beautiful, orange fungi growing on a tree.

King Edwards Summer school

Last week four Year 5 children were selected to go on a 4 day Summer School at the prestigious King Edwards School in Edgbaston. They took part in a range of learning opportunities alongside children from across the region, with included meeting the author Alan Gibbons. The Summer School finished with a prize giving which families were invited to attend. This was the first time our school was invited to attend the Summer School and we hope that this might become a regular event.

Visit to Aston University Aim Higher

Year 6 primary were invited to visit the campus on one of Aston Universities pre-set Aspiration Raising Days. The days are designed to introduce the idea of Higher Education to Key Stage 2 pupils. Aimhigher West Midlands is a partnership of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), schools, academies and colleges. Together, we want to make sure that young people from less advantaged backgrounds have access to high quality, exciting and challenging experiences that enhance their careers education, motivate, inspire and provide accurate and impartial information, advice and guidance about higher education.

Safari Park

Years four and five had a lovely time at the Safari Park. They enjoyed a fantastic guided tour around the animals where they got to see lots of different animals. As well as the tour on the coach the children had a walking tour seeing the elephants, giraffes and meercats. They were very lucky and got to see the elephants being fed by the keepers as well.

A fantastic day was had by all.

Year one Conkers

Year 1 went on a brilliant trip to Conkers Adventure area. We loved exploring different habitats and areas of the forest. We saw so many different types of animals and wildlife. We loved our outdoor picnic and the train ride too.



Year one superheroes

Year One have been learning about superheroes and had some real life superheroes come into school. The children learnt all about road safety, stranger danger and how their uniform and equipment keeps them safe. We had so much fun and got to ask lots of questions.



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Authors of the month –June

For our June Author of the Month Key stage 2 are excited to introduce Philip Pullman.

Philip Pullman was born in Norwich on the 19th October 1946 is an English writer. He is the author of several best-selling books, most notably the fantasy trilogy His Dark Materials .

The Times named Pullman one of the "50 greatest British writers since 1945".

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

Find out about Philip Pullman and all his books on: <http://www.philip-pullman.com/>



Author of the month for KS1 is Jill Murphy.

Jill is probably best known for the 'large family' picture books. These stories are considered by younger children as engaging and relevant to family life. One of the most popular stories is 'Five minutes peace'. It is about a mother who just wants five minutes on her own. As parents I am sure we can all relate to that!

Enjoy reading her books with your child.



Poetry - July

This month is poetry month at Ladypool school. It's a wonderful opportunity for parents, teachers and children to share and discuss their favourite poets and poems. Poetry should unlock a variety of powerful emotions. It can make you laugh, cry feel motivated, thoughtful and joyous.



This month talk to your child about their favourite poem.

Uniform

For girls:

- Badged Purple jumper/ cardigan
- White shirt and Ladypool tie
- Black dress/ trousers/ skirt
- Black shoes
- No heels
- Black or dark purple balaclava head scarf
- Badged sweatshirt

Uniform

For boys

- Badged Purple jumper
- White shirt and Ladypool tie
- Black trousers
- Black shoes
- Badged sweatshirt