

## Headteacher's message

Returning to school in September after such a long holiday is never easy for any of us. Once we got back into the flow of things, following Eid celebrations, we found our pupils extremely eager to learn and excited by their topics covered in their new classes.

We are very pleased to welcome our new staff, shown below, who have already demonstrated they will be assets to our whole school community. We are very pleased with the refurbishments in the nursery which, with the help of the wonderful staff, has helped new pupils settle in. Our Nursery is now full in the mornings but we still have places available in the afternoons including a few places for 2 1/2 year olds. Please encourage friends to join us.

This year our priorities are to improve our pupil's ability to spell correctly. You will find that your children will have regular spellings to learn and you can discuss with them the strategies they are being taught in school. Another area to improve is attendance. Please note I am unable to authorise holidays during the school term. The law expects schools to follow up pupil absence therefore we have a very strict system that we follow to make sure all our children are in school, so please be prepared for a phone call or home visit if your child is not in school for any reason.

We are very lucky to have a larger community area which is now in constant use. We have a few computers for parents to use as well as classes throughout the week. Please take advantage of this valuable resource and let us know what else we can provide to support our community.

Finally I am proud to see our pupils all looking so smart this term. Thank you so much for taking care to ensure your children wear the correct uniform. Thank you also for your generosity towards our Harvest festival. The food collected has now gone to the Sparkhill Food bank to help the needy.

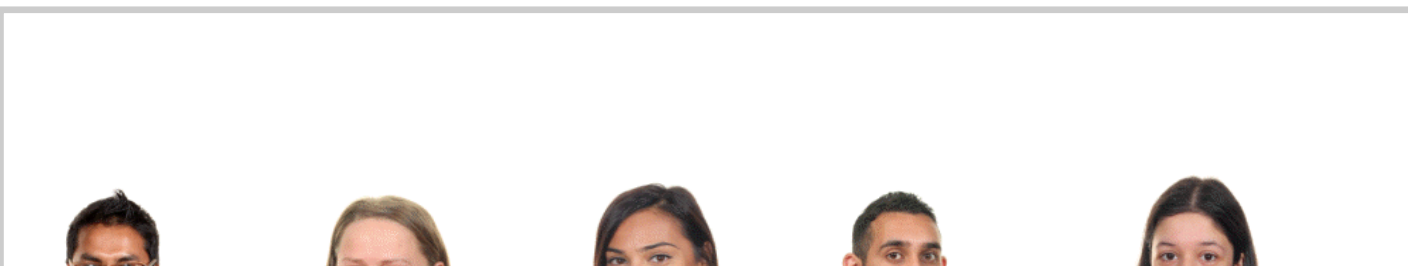
Please enjoy a restful half term with family and friends and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 1st November.

## Attendance %



Nur - 88.2%  
RL - 90.05%  
RP - 93.16%  
1L - 87.51%  
1P - 89.89%  
2L - 92.62%  
2P - 90.97%  
3L - 92.56%  
3P - 93.75%  
4L - 95.20%  
4P - 92.48%  
5L - 94.24%  
5P - 90.78%  
5S - 92.04%  
6L - 96.02%  
6P - 92.58%  
6S - 92.89%

## Welcome to the new staff at Ladypool



During our trip to the jewelry quarter museum the children had a wonderful time learning about the journey of gold. As well as taking a tour around the museum and learning about the different machinery, the children were able to create a shiny medallion for themselves. Well done year 3 you behaved impeccably and did our school proud!



### Year 5 trip BMAG

As part of our topic about Ancient Egypt, year 5 went on a visit to the Museum and Art Gallery.

During the day, the children had the opportunity to view lots of artefacts from throughout history and learn lots of fascinating facts. We saw the Birmingham Qur'an, many paintings from different periods of history, and the Staffordshire Hoard.

The highlight of the day was being able to explore the Ancient Egypt gallery where the children saw examples of funeral objects, items from everyday life in Ancient Egypt, amulets, and even a real mummy or two. Everyone enjoyed the day and learned lots.



### Aston University—Biology week

Last week 10 children from Year 5 attended a special science event at Aston University as part of our

We are proud to announce that the school has been awarded the status of Music Mark for our recognition of and commitment to music being important in developing a broad and balanced curriculum. We were nominated by Services for Education, the music service and this will enable us to continue to provide a range of enrichment opportunities for our young people both within the curriculum and within the city.



### Yr4 Thinktank

The children discovered all about the human body, starting with the teeth and what each of the five food groups does. They also learnt the importance of 'five a day', why our body needs energy, what our bones do and how our muscles work! Children enjoyed their interactive learning, which was packed with surprises and fun activities.

### Year 2 Black Country museum

We are learning about the Victorians. We had the opportunity to go into Victorian houses and see how they are different to our houses today. We played with old Victorian toys and had lots of fun. We even saw a Victorian police officer. We really enjoyed our visit



Chase to learn about WW2. We learnt about evacuation and its effects on children. We experienced being in a blitz and explored many artefacts from the war.



31st October - Teacher training day

9th November - Parents Evening

W/B 7th November - Anti Bullying week

14th November - Remembrance Sunday

W/B 21st November - Yr 2 & Yr 6 SATs mocks

W/B 21st November - Road safety week

W/B 28th November - British Values week

### Eid parties

The children and parents celebrated Eid - ul Adha in style at Ladypool Primary school. They all looked fantastic in their Eid clothes.

The festival, also known as the Greater Eid, is the second most important in the Muslim calendar. It remembers the Prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son when God ordered him to. The afternoon was enjoyable and the children and staff were entertained by a clown! Equally the parent's party was also a success with a number of parents enjoying themselves.

The partying continued long into the afternoon with fun, games and delicious party food kindly supplied by parents.

### Dropping off children

Parents dropping children off to school especially for breakfast club, must do an exchange of care which means parents need to come into the playground and see a member of staff before leaving. It is not acceptable to just leave children in the playground as they are unsupervised. Please do not drop children off on Ladypool road to walk in alone as this is unsafe. Again we don't know if your child has made it safely into school.

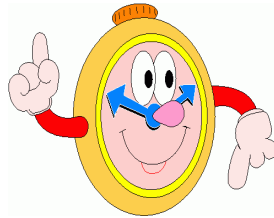
### Nut free zone

Please note we have growing numbers of pupils with nut allergies and must try to prevent exposure to nuts and nut products in school. Please avoid sending any items

### Parking

Please can we remind all parents to park considerably and safely when dropping off and collecting your children. Do not park on the kerb, on the zigzags, in the bus stops or across the driveways of the residents. Remember it is not safe to block the school entrances for any reason.

At Ladypool we aim for an environment which enables and encourages all of our children to reach out for excellence. For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital they attend regularly. All children should be at school, on time, every day the school is open unless there is an unavoidable reason for absence. If your child's attendance is below 98% what are you going to do about it???



We want all of our children to be confident, fluent, happy readers who have fallen in love with reading. To do this, they need to be in the habit of reading each and every day.

Encourage your child to read anything and everything, anywhere and everywhere. Show you care about their reading by filling in their reading record everyday.



## Authors of the month—October

Key Stage 1 is excited to have Julia Donaldson as the October Author of the month. Julia Donaldson was born in 1948 in London. Julia Donaldson is an award winning, bestselling author of much-loved modern classics like The Gruffalo, Stick Man and What the Ladybird Heard. She was also the Children's Laureate 2011-2013. Julia originally wrote songs for children's television. She is best known for her popular rhyming stories for children, especially those illustrated by Axel Scheffler. Her books are perfect for sharing and we hope you enjoy them as much as we do.



Find out more Julia Donaldson and her books on: <http://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk/index.php>

Lets see how many new characters you discover!

**Malorie Blackman** was born in 1962 in London. Malorie Blackman has written over sixty books and is acknowledged as one of today's most imaginative and convincing writers for young readers. In 2008 she received an OBE for her services to children's literature. Malorie Blackman held the position of the Children's Laureate from 2013 – 2015. Malorie Blackman explores social and ethical issues through the use of science fiction and thriller genres. When she was a child she wanted to be an English teacher, but she ended up

