



Ladbroke Primary School

Friday 1st May



HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Lovely News

This week, it was lovely to read that Ladbroke JMI School is one of the most oversubscribed schools in Hertsmere and Potters Bar. This year we had over 4 people applying for every school place and although this is extremely challenging for parents, as a school it is lovely to know that our school is so popular.

We are lucky in Potters Bar to have a wide range of good schools to choose from but it is not hard to see why our school is so popular.

With lovely, hardworking children who are polite and eager to learn, wonderful supportive parents and a staff team who care deeply for the needs of the children—we have created a winning formula.

It is always a pleasure to show people around the school and I never fail to be rewarded with positive comments from visitors. I am a very proud Headteacher and want to thank each and everyone of you for helping to make Ladbroke a great place to be.
THANK YOU!

ATTENDANCE DATA

Here are the % for attendance in April

Class	%	Class	%
F1	90.1%	Y3	96.6%
F2	96.8%	Y4	98.0%
Y1	97.2%	Y5	99.2%
Y2	90.8%	Y6	97.5%

Overall our attendance for April was
96.6%

Well done to everyone for doing so well with their attendance. A special congratulations to Y5 who had 100% last week.

Uniform Reminder

Children can now choose to wear the summer polo shirts or summer dresses. Please note, that polo shirts are expected to be worn tucked in during school time. If your child does not want to wear the polo shirt or summer dress they must wear a shirt and tie. Blouses are not part of our uniform. Shoes can be either white or black but must not be open toed. Socks should also be worn with all shoes.

Please can I also ask that all jumpers/cardigans are named clearly. Children have a fabulous habit of taking off jumpers, leaving them where they fall and then forgetting they ever had a jumper in the first place! If they are named, then it makes it a lot easier for us to reunite them with their owner.

Thank You.

Dates For Your Diary

MONDAY 4th MAY
Bank Holiday - School Closed

FRIDAY 8th MAY
9am - Y3 Class Assembly

TUESDAY 12th MAY
Y2 Trip to Pizza Express

11th - 15th MAY
Y6 SATs Week

18th - 22nd MAY
Art week - Inspired by Nature

TUESDAY 19th MAY
FS2 trip to Kew Gardens

THURSDAY 21st MAY
3.20 - FS1/2 Cake Sale

THURSDAY 21st MAY
7pm- Music Event

FRIDAY 22nd MAY
KS2 Oakmere Mini Marathon

FRIDAY 22nd MAY
End of Half Term

25th May - 29th May
Half Term

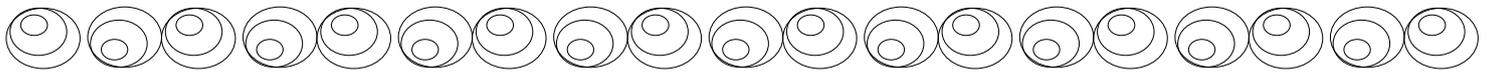
INSET DAY MON 1st JUNE

SUNDAY 7th JUNE
Potters Bar Carnival

8th—12th JUNE
Y6 School Journey

TUESDAY 9th JUNE
Y1 Trip to Pizza Express





Summer Music Event

On Thursday 21st May, we will be hosting a summer concert devised to give any child, parent or member of staff who plays an instrument or who can sing a chance to perform. We would like to celebrate the huge amount of talent at Ladbrooke, some of which we are yet to discover!

A separate letter is attached with this newsletter regarding this event. If you are interested, all you need to do is complete the slip at the bottom of the letter and return it to the school office. Once we know how many children and adults would like to participate, we will organise a programme of events and send out a confirmation letter so that adults can order tickets. There will be no charge for this event, but refreshments will be on sale and there will be the opportunity to leave a donation if you wish. Any donations given will be split between the school and a charity Rivers Group who support primary school children in South Africa by ensuring they are adequately fed.

I am sure this will be a lovely evening and really hope that those children learning instruments outside of school will want to take part. Hopefully this event will become a regular on the Ladbrooke School Calendar.



SCHOOL COMMS



You can now make online payments to school via credit or debit card

We have recently introduced a new service - 'School Gateway'. This means that you will now be able to make online payments via the School Gateway smartphone app or website for dinner money and some school trips. You are also able to view school meal balances and top them up at any time.

What you need to do now

Activate your School Gateway account. It's quick and easy to do. All you need are your email address and mobile number that school holds on record for you.

Download the app: If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone). The app shows the same information as the website PLUS it saves the school money when we send you a text message.

OR

Visit the website: www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New User'. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to log into School Gateway. You can also find the School Gateway button on the School website.

If you're having trouble logging in, it may be because the school doesn't have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please call the school and we'll update the details on our system.

We hope that you will find School Gateway to be a fast and easy way to pay for school items.





Prefects

This term the following prefects have been elected from Y6.

Congratulations to

Literacy

Tony Hudson
&
Jasmine Khan

ICT

Daniel Taylor
&
Amy Webb

Admin & Tour

Jake Freeman
&
Lara Decaro

Playground

Frankie Godman
Jasmine Harryman
Connor Heaphy
Samad Ali



Information about assessment in the new National Curriculum

As you may know, a new National Curriculum came into operation this year for children in Years 1, 3, 4 and 5. It is a statutory requirement from the Department for Education that we teach these year groups according to the new curriculum. However children in Years 2 and 6 have been working to the previous National Curriculum. From September 2015, all Years 1-6 will be working to the new curriculum.

One of the features of the new National Curriculum is that it no longer uses a system of numbered 'levels' to describe children's attainment. This is because it was felt by the DfE that the use of levels had at times been detrimental to children. For example, talking to children about their attainment using numbered levels could contribute towards their developing a "fixed mindset" about their ability, whereas we want to foster in all our children a "growth mindset", meaning that we believe that we can all improve our abilities with practice, effort and persistence. We would also like to further enrich our pupils' learning by developing a greater breadth of skills and knowledge, so that they are confident to apply their skills to different areas of the curriculum, rather than focus on moving to the 'next level'.

Pupils will still be familiar with their 'next steps' learning targets as a way of ensuring maximum opportunity for progress but there will be no emphasis on what numerical level they are working at.

This national change – the removal of levels – means that, **when we discuss your child's attainment with you, either in meetings or written reports, we will no longer be reporting levels***, as these no longer have any relevance to the curriculum. Instead we will refer to your child's current level of attainment using phrases such as:

Secure in the expected range of attainment for his/her age

Developing the expected range of attainment

Below the expected range of attainment

Exceeding beyond the expected range of attainment

We will also comment on whether your child has made good progress over the year, and give details of any specific areas of the curriculum where he/she has achieved well and any areas where further development or support is needed. We trust that you will continue to find the information we provide about your child's education useful and informative. More information regarding this will be sent out in due course.

** Levels will be reported at the end of Year 2 and Year 6 this year only. After that, levels will no longer be in use for any year group.*

Reminder
Y4 Cuffley Camp

The third and final payment for Cuffley of £31 is due on 15th May.
Many Thanks



Reminder
Y6 School Journey

The final payment of £75 for the Y6 school journey is due on 5th May.
Many Thanks

