

WELCOME

Today we have finally received our **Ofsted report** which we are delighted with. The report describes school as '...a happy place, where pupils feel safe and cared for ...' and where '... Pupils thrive and flourish.'

As a staff we feel the report reflects our school perfectly and, on behalf of the leadership team and Governing Body, I would like to thank all our fantastic staff and wonderful children for making Ladywood such a special place.

Thank you to all parents/carers for your continued support. A special thank you to the parents who spoke to the Ofsted inspector and who completed Ofsted Parent View. We appreciate your support so that together we can provide the education our children deserve.

A copy of the Ofsted report is available for parents on our website from today. It will be made public on the Ofsted website on 22nd March 2018. If you do not have access to the website please contact the school office to request a paper copy. Many thanks!

SCHOOL AWARDS

 This week special mentions were awarded to:

Reception: Amelia, Daisy

Year 1: Ryan, Ronnie

Year 2: Poppy, Noah

Year 3: Denis, Jamie

Year 4: Mariama, Katie-May

Year 5: Whole class, Jay

Year 6: Dylan, Amelia



This week 'Always' awards were given to:

Reception: Joel

Year 1: Addison

Year 2: Marcus

Year 3: Tyler

Year 4: Sandra

Year 5: Noah

Year 6: Harlie

Our 'Always' children for the week get to spend special time with George on Friday mornings.



This weeks' Behaviour Raffle prizes were won by:

Reception: Daisy

Year 1: Alfie

Year 2: Harrison

Year 3: Phoebe

Year 4: Mason

Year 5: Kenzie

Year 6: Richie



ATTENDANCE

During the year attendance is monitored daily and each week classes receive awards for their attendance in the previous week. On Monday the attendance awards were presented to **Year 5 WELL DONE!**

Nursery AM 91.5%,

Nursery PM 92.6%,

Reception 85.5%,

Year 1 96.5%, Year 2 98%,

Year 3 96.7%, Year 4 98.6%

Year 5 95.2%, Year 6 95.7%

Our attendance target is **96%**

LUNCHTIME AWARDS

On Monday awards for the previous week were given to:

Reception: Amelia

Year 1: Evie

Year 2: Lexi

Year 3: Brooke

Year 4: Bladen

Year 5: Jessica

Year 6: Casey



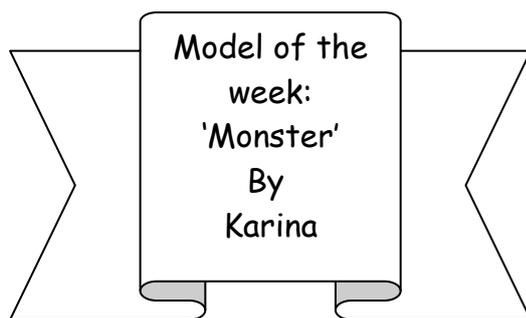
FOUNDATION NEWS.... KIND KANDINSKY

NURSERY

This week in Nursery, we have started our new topic of 'Monsters'. We have been reading lots of fantastic books about monsters and have been trying to make these in the creative area. In Maths, we have begun to look at time.

Next week in Nursery, we will be carrying on with our topic of monsters by remembering parts of stories with monsters in. In Maths, we will be carrying on looking at time.

Please remember that Nursery will be closed all day on the 9th March due to home visits for new children. Thank you.



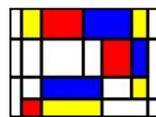
RECEPTION

We have had a super 1st week back after the half term holiday. We have thoroughly enjoyed our topic on 'monsters' this week. We enjoyed finding out about 'Morris the mankiest Monster' written by Giles Andreae. We found the words used by the author to describe Morris and also thought of some amazing describing words

ourselves. We have created models, pictures and paintings of monsters. In our Maths we have been using a number line to help us subtract. We have been using the range of language when subtracting.

Remember to try and complete your reading journeys. Well done to the children who have already returned to school completed reading journeys.

Next week we will be continuing our topic on monsters and we will be focussing on halving in Maths.



YEAR 1 NEWS... MARVELLOUS MONDRIAN

World Kindness Week has been our focus in Literacy. We have been learning about acts of kindness and so we decided to make some buns for Year 2. We wrote instructions about how to make delicious cornflake buns. Next week we are going to be researching nocturnal animals.

In Maths we have been adding and subtracting and using these skills to answer word problems. Next week we are going to be learning about multiplying and dividing using the language 'lots of' and 'share by'.

We had another amazing 'Big Read' this week. Our story was called 'Something Else'. Clues were left around the classroom along with a note from 'Something Else'. We all enjoyed predicting what would happen at the end of the story and we wrote our own fantastic story endings.

Common exception words - spellings - we

have worked through all of the spellings that children are expected to be able to read, write and use correctly in their own independent writing by the end of Year 1. We'll be sending the spellings home again each week. Please help your child practise their spellings. We have spelling quizzes every Friday.

We will be learning about camouflage and the different ways that animals use it. Can you find out about an animal that uses camouflage?

World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March - this is the deadline to complete your reading passport challenge to win a prize in the World Book Day assembly. Please try and read with your child as often as you can, reading regularly at home really helps to develop a wide range of reading skills. We've got a super surprise book to share on the day and have lots of fantastic activities planned based on the book.

Please bring your book bag to school every day with your reading book and reading record.



YEAR 2 NEWS.... JACKSON POLLOCK

This week in Maths we have been learning about addition and subtraction and understanding that when adding numbers it does not matter which order the numbers go, but when subtracting order does matter. We learnt about inverse and used this to make a family of facts for a set of numbers.

We have really enjoyed Literacy this week as we got to write poems about dinosaurs. There were rules though - we had to use all four types of sentences in each verse of the poem. The adults were so impressed by the poems that we have decided to create a display in the classroom very soon.

Next week we will be learning about adaptations and camouflage in our topic work and making camouflaged creatures. We are also looking forward to World Book Day when we will have lots of interesting activities planned.



YEAR 3 NEWS.... SUPER SEURATS

This week in Year 3 we have shown great perseverance in our Maths work, which focussed upon using formal multiplication methods. Our Literacy lessons have focussed upon letters, we have looked at both formal and informal letters and identified features and structure. We have had great fun in our Thrive sessions this week, we particularly enjoyed making kindness catchers. Mrs Hanson and Mrs Goulding are particularly impressed with all of the year 3 children this week.



YEAR 4 NEWS.... PERFECT PICASSO

A good start to the half term. We have revised our learning about shapes this week in Maths. We have learnt the names of the triangles and familiarized ourselves with regular quadrilaterals including their names and properties. In Literacy we read the legend of Beowulf, we looked at how the author used excited adjectives and verbs, fronted adverbials and apostrophes. We have also produced some fantastic descriptions of Grendel the monster. We really enjoyed our first Team Activ session on Wednesday, learning different skills to build up to playing different team games. In Topic we found out about 'Dig for Victory' and what this slogan meant. We are designing our own allotments and making a model showing what a typical garden in WW2 would have looked like (thank you for bringing in shoe boxes).

Please can all children remember to bring their PE kits on Mondays and Wednesdays.



YEAR 5 NEWS... BRILLIANT BANKSY

This week in Topic work with Miss Mallinson Year 5 have been planning a report on World War 1 Literacy and linking this to how the war started. In Maths, we have been looking at statistics and line graphs. We have plotted graphs, read graphs, answered questions and then combined everything with our own project about our speeds for 70 metre sprints. On Thursday, we attended the Handball competition and had great fun playing in lots of tight matches. Next week is World Book Day and we will be concentrating our Literacy on a new author and looking at their books. We will write a fact file about them as well as creating artwork from their novels and having a go at writing our own

adventure story like the author's work. We will be looking at different timetables next week in Maths including TV, train and bus timetables. Next week is the last week of the Reading Miles competition so if you haven't already completed your Reading Miles booklet let's have a big push over the next week.



YEAR 6 NEWS LIBERAL LOWRY

The children have had a fantastic first week back showing amazing focus and determination. We have worked on addition and subtraction problems and puzzles in Maths and on pronouns in SPaG. Next week we will continue our SATs preparation on addition and subtraction problems in Maths and 'our opinion' questions in reading comprehension. The children's attendance at boosters has been fantastic - well done everyone & keep this up! We will let all parents know the date of our Year 6 end of year party, which I know is much awaited, on next week's newsletter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FUTURE EVENTS

- 12.02.18 School closed all week - half term
Holiday
- 19.02.18 School re-opens
- 22.02.18 Y5/6 Handball competition
- 28.02.18 Y4 sports event @ Shafton
- 09.03.18 Nursery closed for home visits
- 14.03.18 Y1/2 multi skills competition
- 15.03.18 Y3/4 multi skills competition
- 21.03.18 Y3 trip to Murton Park
- 22.03.18 Y4 trip to Murton Park
- 23.03.18 Last day of Spring term
- 26.03.18 School closed for 2 weeks for Easter
Holidays
- 09.04.18 School re-opens
- 11.04.18 Robinwood Residential (3 days)
- 16.04.18 Y3 swimming lessons start
- 03.05.18 Polling day - Nursery & Reception
Closed
- 04.05.18 Visit to London Houses of Parliament
(letters coming out next week)
- 07.05.18 May Day bank holiday - school closed
- 28.05.18 School closed all week - half term
Holiday
- 04.06.18 School re-opens
- 19.06.18 Y5 Music Festival (Metrodome)
- 20.07.18 Last day of Summer term for pupils
- 23.07.18 Inset day - school closed
- 24.07.18 Summer holiday starts

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