



Ladybrook Primary School Newsletter

Learning without Limits

October 2025

Welcome to our October Newsletter

The half term is flying by and we are back into our learning with a flourish! I have enjoyed chatting with many of you in the mornings and it has been lovely to have so many cheerful 'Good mornings' from children and parents as they come to school. Thank you, also, for responding positively to requests for bikes and scooters to be pushed through the playground. It makes it safer for everybody.

Stockport Harriers Cross Country



A huge well done to our cross-country teams who had their first race at Woodbank Park on 20th September. It was a very wet day but they ran superbly and kept their smiles! Thank you to those experienced team members who have run before – you were a great support to the new team members. We still have space on our teams if any of your children would like to participate – year 5/6 boys particularly! The next event is Saturday October 18th.

This week, we have also taken part in a cross-country event at Bramhall High School with superb results! Everybody who ran was amazing and it was a huge team effort but well done to Katie in Year 5 (1st yr. 5/6 girls), Alice F (3rd yr. 5/6 girls), Gretel (2nd yr. 3/4 girls) and we think that our Year 3/4 girls' team overall have qualified for the **Greater Manchester Championships** – we are just awaiting confirmation! Thank you to Miss Sinnott for organising and to our wonderful parent / carers for supporting and transporting.

Well done to our footballers as well. Two great games have been played this half term. We won 5-2 against Queensgate but lost 6-3 to St Peters. We'll keep our heads up though and keep going!

Parent Workshops and Coffee mornings

We held our first **Parent Workshop** this morning, led by Cath Gunn. It was very well attended and we hope that you found it useful. The dates for the next meetings are below.



12 th December 9am	Emotion Coaching
6 th February 9am	Managing worry
27 th March 9am	Setting limits and boundaries
24 th May 9am	Preparing for transition



PTA

Our PTA meeting at the Ladybrook pub was well attended; thank you so much to everybody who came – it was lovely to see your enthusiasm and to hear about new ideas. If you have ideas and thoughts, please don't hesitate to come to the next meeting. **The wreath making workshop** is an exciting new addition to our programme of fundraising events – I have booked my place, have you? We only have 7 places left so if you want to come, get booking!

Don't forget, we have our **uniform sale** and Halloween outfit sale on **Wednesday 15th October** – this will be in the hall. The PTA will be present to sell you whatever you need (£1) per item for the first part of the sale

immediately after school. The stall will then remain open until about 6pm whilst parent / teacher meetings are happening so that those of you who have chosen a face-to-face appointments can also shop! There will be an honesty box so please bring enough £1 coins for whatever you need.

Uniform for EYFS will be outside their building (weather permitting) each morning / end of day with an honesty box – again £1 per item.

Planning for the Spooky Disco is underway ... are your children ready to be the scariest they can be? Thank you to all of our volunteers for the time you dedicate to these events – it is very much appreciated.

Can you help us?

Miss Foley and I have recently updated our 'E- Safety Policy / Acceptable Use Policy'. The new policy has been approved by our Governor Teaching and Learning Committee. It will be uploaded soon to our website. Parents will particularly be interested in the addition of the following paragraph:

'Smart watches –Some smart watches have the facility to record still and video images. Some smart watches can be accessed from outside the building, for example, to listen into conversations and track children's actions. These features are potential safeguarding issues in a school. Smart watches are therefore not permitted to be worn in school as staff are unable to monitor them closely enough to ensure that they are being used appropriately. However, in line with our passion for helping children to learn to tell the time, a standard analogue or digital watch may be worn. Health devices that only have the ability to tell the time and track activity are permitted.'

This isn't a new school rule – it is just new to the policy. Thank you for your support in reminding your children.

Open Morning

On Wednesday 8th October we held an Open Morning for parents / carers looking at school for Reception September 2026. Our Yr. 5 / 6 school councillors and friends showed them around school to describe life at Ladybrook from a child's perspective. I received so much positive feedback about the children carrying out the tours and the children learning in the classrooms during the morning. It was lovely to hear other people expressing what we already know to be true. I also received an email after the event which made me so proud; as the visitor was leaving the final words from her Yr. 6 guides were 'Everybody is welcome at Ladybrook ... if you are dyslexic or autistic or a different religion It just doesn't matter at Ladybrook.'

Playground Games



Thank you to Mrs Poole for using KS2 assembly time to reintroduce the children to the playground games equipment ... giant chess, draughts, snakes and ladders etc.

School Council are enjoying the responsibility of ensuring the equipment is always ready for use to ensure we enjoy our playtimes.

Our jungle area has been open for use during playtimes for anybody that wants to explore and climb a tree!



Further dates for your diaries

13 th October	Reception Class Phonics Workshop for parents
14 th October	Nursery Class Communication and Language workshop for parents Cross Country Event
15 th October	Parent Meetings (face to face) *
16 th October	Harvest Festival
18 th October	Cross Country Event
20 th October	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
20 th October	Parent meetings week (virtual) *
21 st October	Open Morning for prospective parents for Sept 26
22 nd October	Reception Forest School trip *
23 rd October	Spooky Disco **
23 rd October	Children finish for half term
24 th October	Staff INSET DAY
3 rd November	School re-opens
4 th November	Year 5 Trip – Air Raid Shelters *
5 th November	Nursery Forest School Trip *
Sunday 9 th November	Remembrance Parade – volunteers from School Council *
11 th and 14 th November	EYFS Stay'n'Play for Children in Need*
14 th November	Children in Need *
17 th November	Year 4 Ancient Greek day in school *
19 th November	Year 6 Crucial Crew trip *

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Kind Regards,
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