

LADYWOOD SCHOOL

HALF TERM NEWSLETTER MAY 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ladywood continues to offer a wide range of activities to support the Personal Development of all our children. This month children have particularly enjoyed going to Gymnastics at Bolton Arena, Horse Riding, Wheels for All and Trampolining. We also offer a wide range of lunch clubs which offer pupils a wide array of new opportunities to enrich their personal development. Curling, Yoga, Tap Dance, Garden Gang and Welly Wanderers are to name just a few.



We are very proud of one of our current pupils who has worked very hard to complete SATS. We are also exceptionally proud of one of our ex-pupils, this month Jude Kay was asked to speak at a National SEND Conference in Manchester to share his experience about improving the mental health of SEND pupils. He absolutely lived up to our school motto Believe and Achieve.

Wishing you a lovely half term.

Susan and everyone at Ladywood

Upcoming Events

- ★ Friday 24th May - Pyjamarama Day in school - see letter below.
- ★ Friday 14th June - 10-11.00 am - Parent Coffee & Chat
- ★ Friday 28th June - Summer Fayre - further information to follow

Reminder

Please note, school finishes on Friday 24th May and re-opens on Monday 3rd June

Parent Questionnaire

Please follow the link to our parent and carer questionnaire. Please can these be completed by Thursday 23rd May.

<https://forms.gle/jNptbVkQfqw4ERz1A>

Once the questionnaire has been completed, please ensure to click submit. Paper copies will be available for those who request one.

Thank you

Pyjamarama - Friday 24th May

 BookTrust

**Pyjama
rama**

Ladywood School is set to host its own pyjama party as Ladywood pupils raise money to get more children reading.

Ladywood is asking children to come in wearing their PJs on **Friday 24th May**, as part of BookTrust's Pyjamarama fundraiser to help every child get a bedtime story.

Children at Ladywood are getting ready to wear their finest PJs and grab their favourite book as they make their way into school to take part in Pyjamarama, BookTrust's annual fundraising celebration.

Pupils have lots of activities to look forward to on the day, helping them to get excited about the books they read and encouraging families to make sharing stories together a regular and long-lasting part of family life.

We are asking children to bring in £1 to donate to BookTrust and take part in Pyjamarama.

BookTrust is the UK's largest children's reading charity, and the money raised will be used to support children across the UK facing disadvantage, access books and reading support to ensure that every child gets a bedtime story.

Diana Gerald, Chief Executive of BookTrust said:

"At BookTrust we know just how important it is to share stories with children as early as possible, and for families to continue reading together. Nurseries and schools play a critical role in getting children excited about books and stories while supporting them and their families to read together regularly and by choice.

We're so grateful to all the schools and nurseries for supporting Pyjamarama and inspiring the next generation of readers. As well as a brilliant day of fun, the £1 donation to BookTrust will go towards helping us ensure all children can reap the lifechanging benefits of reading."

We look forward to celebrating the day together!

Kind regards,
The English Team

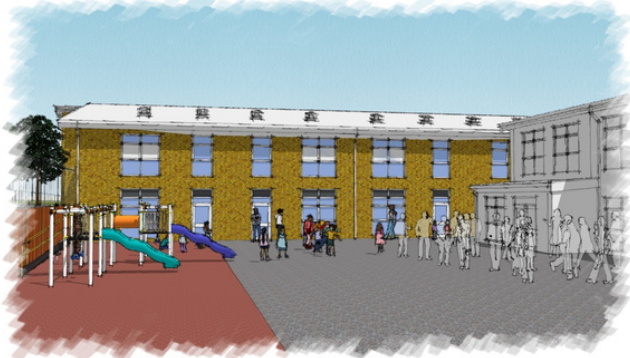
Donate now:



 **BookTrust**
Getting children reading

Ladywood New Build

We are excited to be able to share with everyone the 3D visuals for the new extension to Ladywood School. Please see below.



SAVE THE DATE

Class of 2024
Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 2nd July at 10am



Some of the opportunities we have been enjoying to enhance our personal development offer for pupils within school and our local community this term.

Science Career Club



Garden Gang



Horse Riding



Start Small;
Dream Big
Primary careers
pilot programme

THE CAREERS &
ENTERPRISE
COMPANY

**We're proud to be participating in the
Start Small; Dream Big pilot programme!**

Attention Year 4 and Year 5 parents!

We are delighted that our school has been selected to take part in an exciting pilot programme to improve careers education in primary schools across England.

This pilot programme is being run by your local Careers Hub, funded by The Careers & Enterprise Company and evaluated in partnership with ImpactEd Evaluation.

To evaluate the impact of the programme on pupils and parents, we will be inviting Year 4 and 5 children to complete a short survey in school which will ask questions about the world of work. They will complete this now and in April/May 2025.

If you are happy for your child to take part in the research, you do NOT need to inform anyone. If you would like to opt out, please contact your child's class team.

Thank you for your support.

Steph

(KS2 lead)

Moments Matter

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST MOMENTS MATTER EVENT!

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR FAMILIES WITH YOUNGER LADYWOOD CHILDREN TO ATTEND AN EVENT OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD, IN A SAFE, JUDGEMENT FREE ENVIRONMENT.

OUR FIRST EVENT WILL BE HELD AT GAGA IN EGERTON.

RAE RUNS FULLY IMMERSIVE, SESSIONS, WITH DIFFERENT THEMES EACH WEEK, FILLED WITH SINGING, DANCING AND STORY TELLING. TICKETS FOR A 1 HOUR SESSION WILL BE GIVEN ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS

THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL EVENT - THE MOMENTS MATTER PARENT GROUP AIMS TO PROVIDE LADYWOOD CHILDREN WITH OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL. **PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN CHILD/CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES**

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET - THESE WILL BE PAYABLE ON THE DAY

SATURDAY 1ST JUNE

BABY GAGA

UNIT 11C DUNSCAR BUSINESS PARK

EGERTON BL7 9PQ

10:45AM - 11:45AM

£8.50

TICKETS TO BE PAID FOR ON ARRIVAL



Goodbye & Good Luck

We are saying goodbye and good luck to Katie Hogan, wishing her all the very best for the future.



Parent Partner

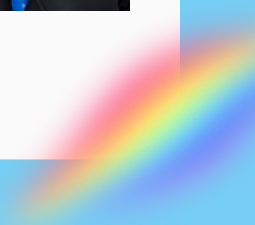
Sarah Travis is the School's Parent Partner and will be able to provide guidance, advice and support for parents/carers.

She will be available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon.

Should you require any help then please contact Sarah either on the school office number:

01204 333400

or via email parentpartner@ladywood.bolton.sch.uk



Mental Health Aware Week:

At Ladywood we place a huge emphasis on everyone's mental health and wellbeing including our staff. The theme for Mental Health Awareness Week this year was Movement: 'Moving more for our mental health'.

This year during Mental Health Awareness Week the staff had opportunities to support their mental health and wellbeing before and after school by joining in with a dance lesson, macramé, morning Yoga, and a legs, bums and tums exercise class. It was wonderful to see how everyone participated in these sessions and we know that this will enable our staff to support our amazing pupils.

13 to 19 May 2024

Mental Health Awareness Week

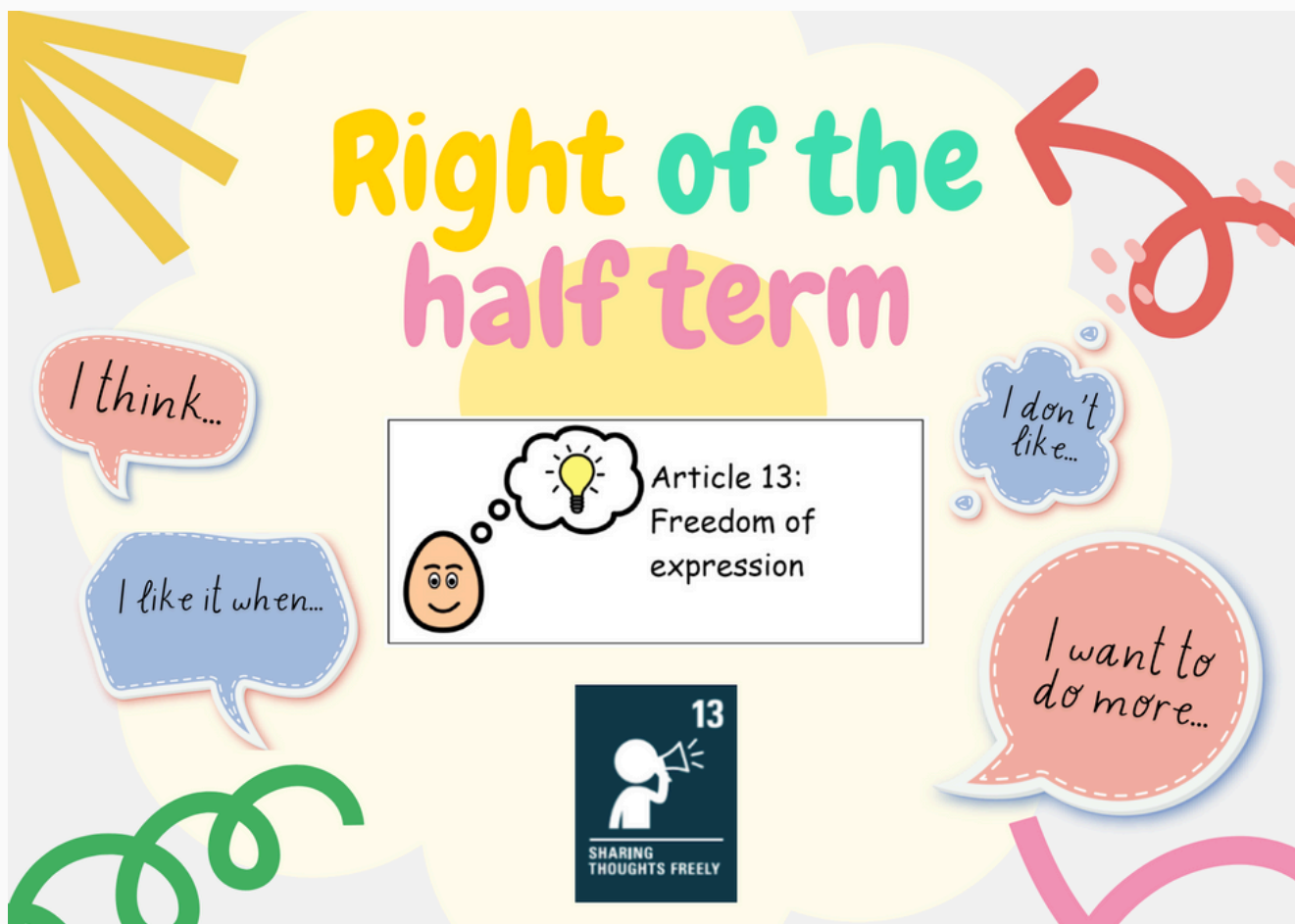
The 2024 theme is...

Movement



Wear It Green for a Day

Right of the half term



We are introducing our 'Right of the half term' to support our children to understand their rights.

Our Right of the half term for Summer 1 is 'Freedom of Expression'.

At Ladywood, we are dedicated to developing our children's communication and giving them a voice so this is a right that we feel extremely strongly about!

At home, you can support your children to understand this right by giving as many opportunities to make their own choices as possible. This could be by deciding what they want to eat, where they want to go or what they want to play with!

Please let us know if school can support with this by letting your class team know if there are any communication boards that would be helpful to support your child to make decisions at home.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ladywood Social Media

To keep up to date with all our latest news, please follow us on our various social media platforms.



Instagram: @ladywoodschool



Twitter: @ladywoodschool



Facebook: Ladywood School



Youtube: Ladywood School

Ladywood Blog

Please don't forget to check the blog for daily/weekly updates on the children's learning and all the exciting activities that have been happening around school. The blog is a great way for everyone to communicate and to keep up to date.

<http://blog.ladywood.bolton.sch.uk/>

Snack Money

May we remind parents of non-pupil premium children, of the voluntary contribution of £1.00 a week towards your child's snack. This can be paid in cash or via your School Gateway account. If paying by cash, please send into school in an envelope with your child's name on. Thank you.



Friends of Ladywood



What is FOL?

Friends of Ladywood are a group of parents/carers (who wish to have a more involved role in school) and staff, that get together regularly to discuss and plan upcoming fundraising events.

When do we meet?

We meet once every half term.

What if I cannot commit to attend every meeting?

Do not worry if you cannot attend every meeting, we understand that parents and carers will have a busy home life also. We will keep in regular contact with you over email to inform you of any outcomes and future meetings you may be able to attend.

What does it involve?

Being a friend of Ladywood involves a wide range of things. Here are a few:

- Attending meetings to discuss upcoming events (Easter Raffle/Christmas Fair) & bringing new ideas to the table.
- Sourcing raffle prizes from local businesses.
- Helping to put on large events at the school to fundraise for Ladywood.



If you are interested in becoming a member of 'Friends of Ladywood' but cannot attend please email:

friendsofladywood@ladywood.bolton.sch.uk

one of our team members will be in touch.



PARENT EVENTS

Free training events and coffee and chat sessions each half term.

- ✓ Meet other parents
- ✓ Get your questions answered
- ✓ Learn new skills

DATE / TIME CHANGES

PARENT COFFEE AND CHAT SESSION

FRI 26TH APRIL 10:00AM-11:00AM

SCIENCE - ENGAGING AND FUN IDEAS TO SUPPORT SCIENCE AT HOME

THURS 16TH MAY 1:30-2:30PM

PARENT COFFEE AND CHAT SESSION

FRI 14TH JUNE 10:00AM-11:00AM

HOW TO SUPPORT COMMUNICATION AND BEHAVIOUR AT HOME

THURS 20TH JUNE 1:30-2:30PM





In the UK, an estimated 350,000 tones of clothes end up in landfill every year! Join us and our ECO council in working towards reducing carbon emissions.

We would love any donations of nearly new or good quality Ladywood uniform for our uniform bank

Items can be donated via the school office



Online Payments

We have now moved to School Gateway with regards to the payment of school meals, snack and a way in which we can communicate with parents.

Please see the guidance below on how to sign up to School Gateway.

It is essential that parents sign up for School Gateway so that you will continue to receive information from school such as school closures due to bad weather etc. We will no longer be using Teachers2Parents as a form of communicating.

If you are struggling to sign up please feel free telephone the school's office for guidance over the phone.

Attendance/Leave of Absence

As part of new guidance and monitoring of pupil attendance from the Department of Education, a Leave of Absence form needs to be completed 4 weeks prior to an event, due to authorisation from the Head Teacher.

Parents will need to provide as much information as possible before sending in the form. As a parent, you may wish to take your child, out of school, on holiday in less busier times, to benefit from quieter facilities. Please can you put this level of detail in the Leave of Absence form.

If you are taking your child out of the country for longer than 10 days, school will also require copies of flight tickets, both leaving England and arriving back into England, and an address where your child will be staying.

We realise that sometimes families may need to visit family overseas at short notice. We will still require a Leave of Absence form to be completed, flight tickets and address where the child will be staying.

In addition, we understand that children with Special Educational Needs may need to attend medical appointments more frequently and these will be authorised, however we would still ask that school are informed of these prior to attending.

It is the right of a child to receive an education and school attendance is crucial for children's progress of learning. Attendance is closely monitored at school and if there is an issue Ladywood's Attendance lead may be in touch to offer support or strategies.

If your child is off school for any reason please get in touch with the office to let them know the reasons. It is important we have a full picture of children's attendance throughout the year.

Click on link below for the Holiday Request Form:

<file:///F:/Holiday%20application%20forms%20-%20pupils.pdf>

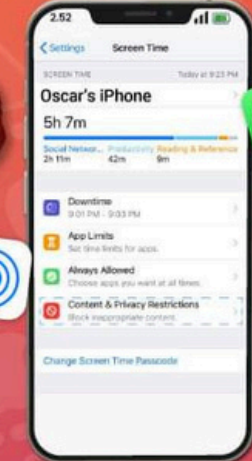
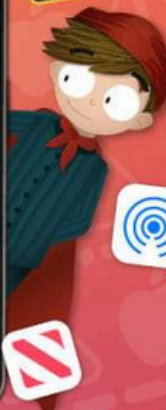
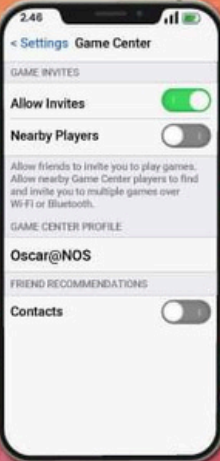
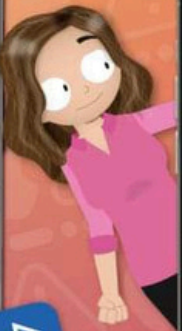
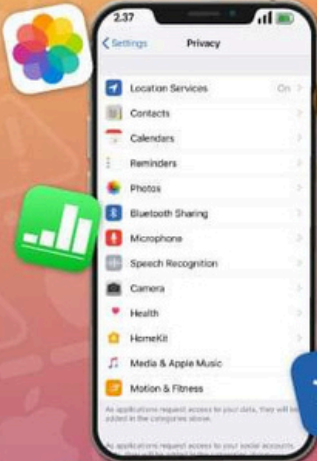


Internet Safety

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

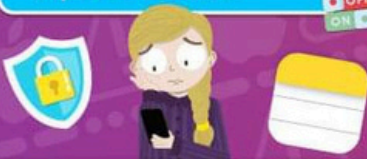
- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)



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Sickness

Please be aware that if your child has an episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea they need to be kept off school for 48 hours from the last bout of sickness.

All schools are expected to adhere to this guidance from The Community Infection Prevention and Control Team.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support

Parking

Could we please request that parents who drop/collect their child by car, ensure when parking that you do not block other cars in, and also that you do not park in a Masefield School parking place.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Communication with Home

We are continuing to use Class Dojo as the main form of communication with parents/carers.

However, we appreciate that there may be times that you feel you need to speak to someone in person or urgently and the office team are always available and welcome calls from parents/carers.



Appointments

If your child has an upcoming appointment, could we please ask that you notify school in advance of when the appointment is taking place. Could a copy of the appointment letter also be sent to school prior to the appointment.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Contact Information

Please ensure that contact details and medical information for your child are up-to-date. If you are unsure please contact the main office on 01204 333400.

Could we please ask that parents keep their phone switched on throughout the day so that we are able to make contact with you if needed. Thank you.



Good Attendance Matters

At Ladywood we provide a safe learning environment which encourages all pupils to attend and be punctual whatever their level of ability or specific needs. We pride ourselves on high standards of pupil attendance and we expect that all children will attend school as long as they are fit and well enough to do so in line with the expectations of 380 half days (190 full days) for an academic year.

A child's attendance at school is the responsibility of parents/carers. Ladywood School will continue to actively work with parents/carers to encourage a regular pattern of attendance is maintained to ensure our children:

- Benefit from the educational opportunities provided at Ladywood
- Experience a broad and balanced creative curriculum
- Build on their learning experiences to achieve their full potential
- Develop their social and personal skills
- Promote children's welfare and safeguarding, failing to attend school on a regular basis will be considered as a safeguarding matter
- Have their legal entitlement to education; ensuring regular attendance at school is a legal responsibility and permitting
- Absence from school without a good reason creates an offence in law

The Government have brought out new guidelines that requires schools to ensure all children attend well. This includes:

- Attendance meetings if attendance falls below acceptable levels
- Daily contact when your child is absent
- A requirement to show proof of medical appointment
- Door stop visits

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

As a school we understand that our children sometimes need to go on holiday when it is quieter rather than during the main holidays when it is very busy. We ask that you put in a holiday request form and seek permission in order for this to be authorised.

LADYWOOD HOLIDAY LIST 2023-2024 - PUPILS

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Woodbridge Trust Holiday List 2024-2025 – Parents

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The dates that are shaded in Gold are the days children and young people are not in school.

The dates that are Red are Bank Holidays.