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On Tuesday, there was a real hoedown as **Years 5 and 6** put on a barn-storming production of "Ye-Ha!" Stetsons were donned, checked shirts were ironed and boots were polished. The acting was spectacular and Year 6's comic timing was a real triumph. Year 5 supported superbly as part of the choir and our soloists: Ezana, Eva and Lucas sang with great confidence in front of a large audience. A special mention goes to Matthew who accompanied one of our soloists on the piano. Thank you to everyone at home for all your support with costumes and line learning; this year's production was rip-roaring success - YE HA!

This week we started planning another **whole school writing project**. The children really enjoy and benefit from having a shared purpose to write and the buzz around school and enthusiasm for writing at these times is clear to see. So, on Monday we arranged a visit from 'The Conmen Construction Company' who came to tell us they are proposing to build new houses on our school field over the summer holidays. The 'Conmen Construction' company announced that they negotiated with Didcot Town FC for school to use their pitch for PE lessons and they will also give school a mini bus. The land will be sold for £2 million but school will not benefit – it goes to the Local Authority instead. As you can imagine there was a mixed response; half liked the idea of a mini bus and thought we should ask for two; others were very indignant. As a result the passion of their opinions overflowed into writing protest/support letters to the Planning Department. Thank you to Sarah Richards Turner's Dad (David) for being the architect behind the proposal.

Year 6 had their Leavers' Assembly this morning to celebrate their excellent contribution to our school. They exceeded our very high expectations! Francesca has been awarded our Citizenship Cup. This cup is awarded to a Year 6 member each year for their participation in school life. Francesca has consistently shown excellent qualities such as kindness, being thoughtful and considerate to others, being good natured and showing great leadership skills. Eva, Izzy, Caoimhe, Drew and Finlay all received a certificate of commendation for Citizenship also. Alongside this, a new award has been created which will recognise children who uphold and consistently demonstrate the Ladygrove Values including determination, team work and friendship. The recipient of the first Ladygrove Values award is Jake for his consistently positive approach to learning and school. The following children received a certificate of commendation for Values: Fraser, Chloe, Amelia, Hannah and Tom. It is important to mention that this was a tough decision for the Year 6 staff because **every one** of this year's Year 6 is worthy of either award! Another huge well done to the Year 6 for their academic achievement balanced with their extracurricular involvement. We wish all our year 6 children the best of luck as they enter the next chapter of their lives at secondary school.

Year 3 produced some amazing monster heads on Wednesday this week. Who knew it was such a diverse species? The children learnt about pneumatic systems and then applied their knowledge, along with a massive dose of imagination and problem solving talent, to create moving models complete with families and twin siblings. Then they enjoyed showing them off at our Open Afternoon. Thank you to McDonalds for donating burger boxes again for us to work with, to everyone who came along to our afternoon and everyone who has helped us through the year. Fabulous.

107 users have now downloaded our new school mobile app. If you haven't done this already please do so as it is a fantastic way for us to communicate instantly with you – especially for any last minute reminders!

On behalf of everyone at school I take this opportunity to say a sad farewell to our staff leavers: Kelly DeSantis and Niki Slater. **Kelly** is gearing herself up for a new leadership role in a school in the north of Oxfordshire. She will be still linked to our school because she will help run the support for local schools with maths and we are a leading school (GLOW Flagship School) for the work she will be doing. Kelly has been an exceptional teacher and team member nurturing the children with great dedication. **Niki** is going off to further study and research in education. She has been a greatly motivating member of the team and has done huge amounts to develop the children at school. Both will be hugely missed!

Thank you to our **regular volunteers** who supported and worked with the school this year. Thank you to the parents and especially our proactive **PTA** who made more money than ever to allow us to obtain better resources at a time of further cuts. And thank you also to the **governors** for their continued challenge and support throughout the year.

Finally, as this is my last newsletter of this academic year Elaine, Carly and myself would like to publicly thank all our wonderful staff at Ladygrove Park. Every year they go 'over and above' what is required, remaining dedicated to the success of the children and calm when under pressure to give children a great experience at school. After some well-earned time off we will all begin preparing and organising for the start of next academic year.

NOTICES ...

PE Kits and Lost Property: Remember to take PE kits home and take a look through our lost property. Anything not claimed will be disposed of.

Extended Services: From September 2018 our ASC will be £10.00 per session. Breakfast Club will be £4.60 per session

ParentPay - please tidy up your parent pay account and settle any outstanding monies by the end of term. Thank you.

Reminder.... Next academic year we will **no longer print paper copies** of our newsletters, trip and curriculum letters. For most of this school year we have been sending home paper copies in addition to emails. So, from September, we will email parents through ParentPay all correspondence, continue to upload everything on to our website and **if you have downloaded our new mobile app, you will receive alerts on your phone**. Parents **who have not signed up to ParentPay** will continue to receive paper copies.

Remember tomorrow is a non-uniform day (donations NOT required)

School finishes at 1.15pm – lunches are as normal

After School Club finishes at 4pm

Have a great summer break and look forward to seeing you all again

on

Wednesday 5th September!

Andrew Markham and the school team

Ladygrove Park Primary School calls out for **votes to bag a share of Tesco's bag fund**. Ladygrove Park Primary School is bidding to bag a massive cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative. Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme, which sees grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores awarded to local community projects.

Three groups in every Tesco region have been shortlisted to receive the cash award and shoppers are being invited to head along to Tesco stores to vote for who they think should take away the top grant.

Ladygrove Park Primary School is one of the groups on the shortlist for a 'playground makeover'

Voting is open in all Tesco stores from 1st July through to 31st August and customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop. Tesco's Bags of Help project has already delivered over £52 million to more than 16,000 projects up and down the UK. Tesco customers get the chance to vote for three different groups every time they shop. Every other month, when votes are collected, three groups in each of Tesco's regions will be awarded funding.

Alec Brown, Head of Community at Tesco, said:

"Bags of Help has been a fantastic success and we've been overwhelmed by the response from customers. It's such a special scheme because it's local people who decide how the money will be spent in their community. There are some fantastic projects on the shortlists and we can't wait to see these come to life in hundreds of communities."

Groundwork's National Chief Executive, Graham Duxbury, said:

"Bags of Help continues to enable local communities up and down the UK to improve the local spaces and places that matter to them. The diversity of projects that are being funded shows that local communities have a passion to create something great in their area. We are pleased to be able to be a part of the journey and provide support and encouragement to help local communities thrive."

Funding is available to community groups and charities looking to fund local projects that bring benefits to communities. Anyone can nominate a project and organisations can apply online. To find out more visit www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp.

- The Bags of Help initiative is supported by money raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores.
 - So far Bags of Help has awarded £52 million to over 16,000 community projects.
- For more information please visit: www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp.

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Treasure Times

10.00am-12noon, Thursdays throughout August
at Didcot Baptist Church, Wantage Road

Two hours of Stories, Games, Crafts, Songs and Fun
for 5-11 year olds with their parents or carers

Refreshments available

Entrance is free though donations are welcome

For more details contact the Church Office at 01235 813187
or go to the Facebook page Treasure Times Children's Activities.