

### Ladybridge Learning Conversations

Do you ever ask your child, 'What have you been learning at school today?', and they respond, 'Nothing'? Well, ask them these questions instead, and see what they say! We'll be sending home two weekly questions per year group to support your learning conversations at home. Look out for these on Class Dojo and here on the newsletter!

Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who was born on Christmas day?</li> <li>What does the word 'resilience' mean?</li> </ul>
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which three seas surround the UK?</li> <li>How many different number bonds can you find to make the number 10?</li> </ul>
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can you change the colour of a photo on either your iPad or your computer?</li> <li>Who was Zaccheus and why do Christians remember his story?</li> </ul>
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why is it difficult to breathe at the top of a mountain?</li> <li>Can you show me: <math>13 \times 4</math> using the partitioning method?</li> </ul>
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is a conductor and an insulator?</li> <li>What times-table facts could you use to calculate <math>7 \times 12</math>?</li> </ul>
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How do you square a number? What are the first 12 squared numbers?</li> <li>Can you explain three ways that an area can be made sustainable?</li> </ul>
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What caused Leandro's river to disappear, and then re-appear?</li> <li>Can you explain how to convert a mixed number (such as <math>3 \frac{1}{2}</math>) to an improper fraction?</li> </ul>



### Class Focus

Each week, we focus on work undertaken by a different class. This week, it was the turn of 1B who say ... we have been learning all about the United Kingdom. We have carried out lots of different activities to help us learn all about it, including singing some very catchy songs! We have made our own UK models out of plasticine, and we've tried different foods from all four countries - the scones from England were very popular! We even had a building competition between England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. We created famous churches, cathedrals, palaces, bridges, towers and much more from the four countries!



### Breaktime Snacks - Spring Term



Healthy mid-morning snacks are now available to purchase for all children, for the spring term (which starts on Thursday 6 January). Snacks are usually toast, crumpets, scones or toasted teacakes, and must be ordered and paid for in advance. The cost of snacks for the spring term is £21.66 and payment can be made by cash or cheque (online payments CANNOT be accepted for snack). If paying by cheque, this should be made payable to **Ladybridge Primary School**.

## Q & A Time

Q. Why do pupils take tests during assessment weeks?

A. There are four main reasons:

1. It is an opportunity for pupils to show us what they have learnt since the start of the term.
2. Specific test questions enable teachers to identify whether there are any misconceptions, or what learning might need to be covered again/re-taught.
3. It is an opportunity for pupils to practise recalling learning in a formal test situation (silent and timed, which prepares them for future tests and exam conditions).
4. It helps to identify those pupils who find tests difficult and/or shine, so we can then offer personalised support.



Mon 6 December

9.30am Nativity Dress Rehearsal  
2pm Nativity Production

Tues 7 December

9.30am Nativity Production

Fri 10 December

- PTFA Drop-In Session
- PTFA Chocolate & Candy Cane Day

### Reception's Nativity

Reception children are currently practising for their nativity performance. The recording of this nativity will be made available to all Reception parents (as guidelines about large gatherings in indoor spaces don't currently allow parents to come into school to watch a live performance!) Our youngest classes will provide a live audience for Reception, and all the other classes in school will watch the recorded performance. Watch this space for the release date...!

We will be holding a treat day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December when the children will be able to buy a warm chocolate drink with a candy cane for £1. Please remember, these donations help to purchase treats and valuable activities for the children throughout the year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.



The children all looked fabulous today in their Christmas jumpers and accessories. Lots and lots of donations were made (thank you!) and the PTFA is still in the process of calculating the final amount. We will let you know in next week's newsletter how much was raised for the PTFA, who continue to work extremely hard to raise much-needed funds for our school. Thank you so much for your support and generosity.

### Halal Food Taster

Following parental requests about the new halal menu, the Bolton Council catering department has agreed to organise a 'tasting' session for parents to come and try some of the new halal menu items. The session will be held one afternoon (2pm-3pm) early in the new year (exact date will depend upon Covid-restrictions). In order that we can prepare the correct quantity of food, please could you let school know if it is likely that you will attend this tasting event (we just need to know rough numbers). Please email [office@ladybridge.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:office@ladybridge.bolton.sch.uk) with your name (and child's class) if you intend to attend.



### Attendance Matters

Be in school all day, every day.  
Our attendance target is 96.5%



<u>This Week's Attendance</u>	<u>Class with the Best Attendance</u>	<u>Most Punctual Class</u>
☹️ 92.2% * ☹️ 🥱	😊 4L - 98.3% 😊 👍	😊 RB 😊 😄

\* Currently, national attendance figures are reported as 91.5% due to Covid-related absences so, although this week's attendance falls short of our overall target, we are pleased that our families are making great efforts to get to school. Thank you!



A huge thank you goes to the PTFA, for very kindly replacing our rather tatty old bean bags with a lovely new class set of super

robust cushions. They even have handles for the children to carry them with, and are made from tough material that can be used outdoors too. They are colourful and comfy, and have been tested and approved by the Random Readers! Whole classes can now have a comfy seat to have a cosy read in our lovely library. We love reading at Ladybridge!



Are you 'assembly' ready?

Next week's theme is 'Gifts':

**Do you think Christmas presents have got better?**

In Victorian times (over 100 years ago), many children used to receive Victorian stockings as their main Christmas present. Father Christmas would fill the stockings with fruit and nuts, a piece of candy or two and maybe some bright new pennies and a lump of coal for luck!