

# School Newsletter

## 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021



### Ladybridge Learning Conversations

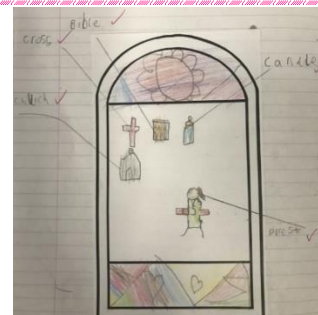
Do you ever ask your child, 'What have you been learning at school today?', and they respond, 'Nothing'? Well, ask them these questions instead, and see what they say! We'll be sending home two weekly questions per year group to support your learning conversations at home. Look out for these on Class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

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| Reception | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can you retell your favourite part of Stick Man's journey?</li><li>• Can you tell me something that is impossible?</li></ul>                               |
| Year 1    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can you say 'please' and 'thank you' in French?</li><li>• What is an adjective? Can you use some adjectives to describe an object in your house?</li></ul> |
| Year 2    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can you edit a picture on Pixlr?</li><li>• Can you tell somebody at home three interesting facts about James Ketchell?</li></ul>                           |
| Year 3    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How can the sun be dangerous?</li><li>• In PE, you have been doing a topic called 'send and receive'. What do these words mean?</li></ul>                  |
| Year 4    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How does a switch work?</li><li>• How can you use your ten times-tables to help you, if you are struggling with your nines?</li></ul>                      |
| Year 5    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How do you multiply by 10, 100 and 1000?</li><li>• Can you recall the six framing techniques that we have learnt about in computing?</li></ul>             |
| Year 6    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Who was Charles Darwin?</li><li>• Can you give an example of unsustainable farming?</li></ul>  |



### Class Focus

Each week, we focus on work undertaken by a different class. This week, it was the turn of 2B who say ... over the last couple of weeks, Y2 have been finding out 'What is the 'good news' that Christians believe Jesus brings?' We have looked at stories from the bible that are about forgiveness and acted them out. We also talked about how we say sorry for things



and how we give and receive peace so that we could compare it to Christian beliefs. Our favourite lesson was forgiveness when we learnt a song and made a paper chain for things we are sorry for. We also loved designing our own stained glass windows with things that Christians use to share the teachings of Jesus.

### Q & A Time

Q. What is school doing to minimise the spread of Covid-19?

A. There are a number of measures in place (all of which are based upon both national and local guidance, which is regularly updated and reviewed):

- All school/key stage assemblies take place virtually (via teams), to avoid mass gatherings.
- We minimise the amount of contact that pupils have with other year groups (inside), including separate tables at lunchtime.
- We are introducing CO2 meters in classrooms (and other spaces) to enable us to monitor the air quality, which in turn helps guide us on ventilation, whilst also ensuring pupils stay warm enough to work!
- Staff continue to reiterate/reinforce good hand hygiene, with quick and frequent access to hand sanitiser, as well as regular and thorough handwashing.
- Good respiratory hygiene: The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be reiterated regularly
- All staff wear face coverings in communal areas.

## James The Explorer

We had an absolutely fantastic day yesterday when the British explorer, James Ketchell, came into school to talk with our children about his adventures. The children (and staff) were absolutely captivated by James' unique stories that included huge highs and crashing lows. We left feeling extremely inspired and like we could all achieve extraordinary things! I spent most of the day with James and I saw all of the classes in their assemblies, workshops and drop in sessions. I cannot express enough at how proud I am of our children. They were polite, enthusiastic, articulate, engaged and just a joy to watch. This was noticed not just by myself and other staff at Ladybridge, but by James himself. We made such an impression on James that when he starts his next expedition, he said he is going to ring us via satellite so that we can speak to him live. Can your child(ren) remember where James is going on his next expedition? Mrs Baker (2L)

### DIARY DATES

#### Thu 16 December

\* Housepoint Winner Party \*  
(Non-uniform clothes for all children in Ruby House)

#### Fri 17 December

\* KS2 Party \*  
(All KS2 children to come to school dressed in party clothes)

#### Mon 20 December

'Go Green' Day - wear something green to school!

#### Tue 21 December

\* KS1 Party \*  
(All KS1 children to come to school dressed in party clothes)



We have now started our in-school raffle which will run until Monday 20 December. Raffle tickets will cost £1 each.

As you will know, due to Covid safety measures, there is no Christmas Fair this year, which means that the children cannot enjoy the usual exciting build up to the fair! So, in order for us to ensure that all children receive a little something, we will be giving out sweets in exchange for the purchase of all raffle tickets.

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### Christmas Parties

Towards the end of term, the children will have their annual Christmas parties. This involves an afternoon of fun and celebration in year group bubbles! When your child's class has discussed bringing in party food, please remember the following:

- We are a nut-free school (we have some children with severe, potentially life-threatening, nut allergies). Please ensure that any party food does not contain any nuts.
- Food items should be pre-packaged/wrapped individually, so everyone knows that the foods have been prepared in a hygiene-controlled environment.






### 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>  |
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| ☹️ 93.6% * ☹️<br> | ☺️ 4B - 98.3% ☺️<br> | ☺️ RB ☺️<br> |

\* 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!

### Housepoint Winners

Congratulations to Ruby House, who are this term's winning house! As pupils are still not allowed to mix beyond their year group bubbles, we are unable to hold a whole school housepoint celebration. Instead, the School Council will decide on Monday what celebratory activities will be taking place ... keep your eye on Class Dojo for further information!



### Ladybridge Has Got Talent!

As we approach Christmas, many pupils will be thinking about our Christmas Talent Show. All auditions will take place in classrooms (as normal), with pupils voting to see which top two acts go through to the whole school final. As we are still unable to be together in the hall as a whole school, all finalists' acts will be recorded, which will then be watched by all classes during a 'live' talent show final on the final Wednesday of term. Our current talent trophy holder is Faheem Ibrahim. Don't forget to ask your class teacher when your own class audition is!

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