

# School Newsletter

## 26<sup>th</sup> November 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!

Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is an owl's habitat?</li> <li>• Can you find different ways of making number 4?</li> </ul>
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which four countries make up the United Kingdom? Can you name the capital city for each country?</li> <li>• Can you say hello and goodbye in French?</li> </ul>
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you find some materials in your home that are natural, and some that are man-made?</li> <li>• Can you put coins and notes in order of value, from 1p to £20?</li> </ul>
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is a 'synonym'? And can you give an example of a synonym for eat?</li> <li>• If I asked 'Comment ça va?' - what would your reply be?</li> </ul>
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How would you plan a route?</li> <li>• Can you name 5 household items which use mains electricity, and 5 which use a battery?</li> </ul>
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In French, can you tell someone how you would say, 'In the main street, there is a post office'?</li> <li>• What does regeneration mean?</li> </ul>
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is trade?</li> <li>• Can you name the top ten countries that we import from, and export to?</li> </ul>

### Q & A Time

**Q: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MONTHLY DROP-INS, THE PTFA AND THE PARENTS' FORUM...?**

**A: Monthly Drop-Ins** (in the Studio: Labracadabra entrance, near the staff car park) - these are for parents/carers to meet informally and have a 'coffee and chat' - take some time out of your day to relax and meet parent friends (old and new). Talk about anything you like, but try not to let it become a moaning or negative environment - it's supposed to be chilled and relaxing... no stress (because there's enough stress!) The next drop in session is planned for Friday 10 December.

**A: PFTA meetings** (in the Studio: Labracadabra entrance near the staff car park) - these meetings take place every half-term, and are for parents/ carers who want to play their part in discussing and organising fundraising events for school. Syla Khan will chair the meetings and you will be invited to talk about upcoming events, as well as new fundraising ideas.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 18 January at 9am

**A: The PTFA** supports a range of activities throughout school, in order that the children's learning and experiences are enhanced as much as possible. Budgetary challenges mean that many schools rely on their PTFAs in order to fund activities that may have previously been paid for out of the school budget. The fundraising exploits of our PTFA play an essential role in helping us to give the pupils memorable, interactive and unique experiences.

This year, so far, the PTFA has supported the following events/activities:

- Drama workshop about Black History Month for Y5 and 6 pupils
- Visit from James Ketchell, a modern day explorer who has rowed, climbed, flown and cycled around the world!
- Visit to school by Santa's magic Christmas elves
- Reception class trip to The Lowry
- Storytelling competition
- Y6 Lledr residential trip

A: Parents' Forum meetings (in the Studio: Labracadabra entrance near the staff car park, although our latest meetings have been online because of Covid restrictions) - these are opportunities for any parents/carers to discuss any aspect of school life with Mr Watson and/or Mrs Hall. We also use this forum as an opportunity for school to formally consult with parents on an identified aspect of school life (eg. PSHE or homework, school meals, etc). These meetings are chaired by Nicola Burgess, our Chair of Governors. Our 3 c's sheet will be sent to all parents prior to the meeting, and the responses we receive will be used to help create an agenda for the meeting. There will also be an opportunity for parents to raise any new matters during the meeting Every half-term. The next one is 23 February at 6pm.

### Class Focus

Each week, we focus on work undertaken by a different class. This week, it was the turn of 5B who say ... This week we have started a new Geography topic, and we will be looking at how the UK and our local area have changed throughout the past. To begin the topic, we learned the difference between The British Isles, The United Kingdom and Great Britain. Would you know the difference? Using Digimaps, we labelled each of the maps with capital cities, the 3 longest rivers and the 3 highest mountains/hills. Below are pictures of the maps:



Thur 2 December  
Y1 Audiology Tests

Mon 6 December  
9.30am Nativity Dress Rehearsal  
2pm Nativity Production

Tues 7 December  
9.30am Nativity Production

Fri 3 December  
PTFA Christmas Jumper Day  
(£1 donation)

Fri 10 December

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



The PTFA is delighted to announce that, on Friday 3 December 2021, we will be holding a Christmas Jumper day. Children can attend school wearing a Christmas jumper or a festive accessory on their uniform. The children who have PE on Fridays, can wear an accessory or Christmas Jumper over their PE kit. In exchange for this, children should each bring a £1 donation, which should be handed in to their class teacher.



Unfortunately, this year due to the Covid situation, we will not be able to hold a Christmas Fair. Instead, on Friday 10 December, the PTFA will be selling warm chocolate drinks and a candy cane/biscuit for £1.



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>
☹️ 94.8% * ☹️ 😊	😊 99.3% 😊 👍😊	😊 RL 😊 😊

\* 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!

Are you 'assembly' ready?

Next week's theme is 'Decision Making':

1. How many decisions do you make in a day?
2. What is the toughest decision you have made lately?
3. Up or Down?
4. Pink or Green?
5. Left or Right?

