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# Lydiard Millicent CE Primary Newsletter

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THIS TERM'S  
VALUE IS:



THANKFULNESS

'Always be  
thankful.'

1 Thessalonians  
5.16

DON'T FORGET...

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 28th September

9am in the School Hall



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful start we have had to the new school year! Our value for the term is 'Thankfulness' and we have so much to be thankful for. We are delighted to welcome Eleanor, Anayah, Kara, Celina, Gracie, Amanda, Zack, Ted, Devon, Owen, Alfie, Jessica, Leo, Jamie, Sophia, Elliott, Aveline, Emma, Emily, Charles, Melody, Rufus, Evleen, Oliver, Louis, Grayson, Saskia, Isabelle and Kaishem and their families to our EYFS class and Lydiard family. We have another busy year planned—please see the Calendar of Events sent last week. This is also saved on the school website. This contains events set up by FOLMS and separate information is sent out from the committee about these events. FOLMS is our parent fundraising group, run by volunteers and we are very thankful for their support—they have a lot of exciting things planned for the year! This newsletter contains further information about some of the school events coming up this term.

Best wishes,  
Mrs C Luce



ATTENDANCE:



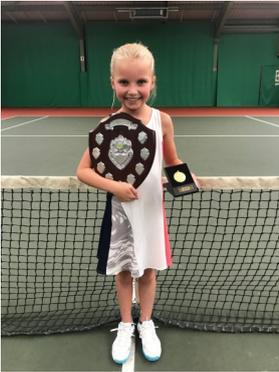
	% Attendance to date
EYFS	98.5
YEAR 1	98.0
YEAR 2	97.7
YEAR 3	96.9
YEAR 4	99.2 
YEAR 5	95.0
YEAR 6	96.0

## LYDIARD'S GOT TALENT!



We have a lot of in our school family!

### Ella Bennett



On the August Bank Holiday weekend Ella played in the Wiltshire Tennis County Championships 9U age group at the Delta Tennis Club in Swindon. After winning all 3 of her round robin matches Ella then went through to the Final where she won 7-3, 7-5 to be crowned Wiltshire Girls 9U County Tennis Champion for 2018.

Ella also represented Wiltshire in the County Cup in Portsmouth in August where her team which consisted of 3 boys and 3 girls played against 4 other counties. Ella won 3 out of her 4 singles matches, losing one in the deciding set to be ranked Wiltshire's top player on the day.

### Joshua Bennett

In July, Joshua was selected for the Swindon Town In The Community Under 8's Elite Football squad for 2018-2019 for the second year running. During the summer holidays the team played against West Brom. The team will be playing against other league clubs in the upcoming season where Josh will be hoping to be top goal scorer again.



We have talented staff too!

Here is Mrs Baker in the Swindon Half Marathon.....

.....and Mrs Hyde in Run the Rainbow - before and after!!



## **PARKING & COMMUNITY:**

A reminder that the disabled parking bays are reserved for blue badge holders and should not be used as overflow parking at any time. Parents should not park in the school car park—these spaces are for staff. We ask that all parents park safely around the village and that they do not block access to driveways or the lane.

## **SAFEGUARDING:**

### **The importance of keeping in touch**

BBC News recently featured the tragic story of teacher, Helen Daykin. In October 2016, Helen was working away from home when her husband, Chris, died suddenly whilst looking after their young children. After his sudden death from heart failure in the house, Helen's little girls, four and two, spent almost 24 hours with the body of their father.

The older girl had recently started school, and when she didn't arrive, the school rang their father, to no avail. Tragically, they didn't then follow up with a call to the girls' mother, 200 miles away in London. The alarm wasn't raised until tea-time when Chris' mother visited the home.

Helen is telling her heart breaking story to raise awareness of the importance of first-day calls, and in maintaining an up-to-date record of two or three phone numbers which schools can phone when children do not attend. Helen's campaign is being supported by bereavement charity, The Good Grief Trust.

We will do everything we can to prevent such situations occurring as we are sure you would agree that your child's safety is paramount to us all. Here is a reminder of our rigorous procedures and current process:

Remember:

- P If your child is not going to be in school ***please call the school office before 9.30am*** to report their absence.
- P If we have not heard from you by 9.30am we will attempt to ***contact the home by phone or ParentMail text***. We will continue to call the telephone numbers in order on your child's contact list.
- P If we still have not been able to ascertain where your child is then we may ***make a home visit***.
- P However, if we still haven't been able to get a response then we will ***report it to the police*** as your child will then be classed as a 'missing child'.

This is to ensure that we know where your child is and that you are all safe. Please let us know in good time why your child is absent from school.

## OTHER MESSAGES

**LIFE EDUCATION VAN** - The Life Education Caravan will be visiting our school again this year on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th September. Over the two days, each class will have a session in the caravan with a trained advisor (Lydiard staff also remain with their classes). The sessions provide an excellent opportunity for children to experience all kinds of personal, social and health education. We also get to meet Harold the Giraffe! Where possible, the advisors try to organise an opportunity for Years 5 and 6 to meet the police and ask questions about their role in our community. This is always subject to the availability of the officers on those days.



**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** - Our previous Macmillan Coffee Mornings have been so successful we are going to keep the same format.

**Non-uniform:** It will be a non-uniform day for all children for a donation of £1.00 per child.

**Coffee Morning:** We will be running a Coffee Morning in the Hall from 9-10 am where you can come and enjoy a hot drink and a piece of cake for a donation to the charity.

**Cake Baking:** We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes for this event - last year we had an amazing number of donations.

**Cake Competition:** If any of the children would like to bake and/or decorate a cake and enter it into our 'Bake Off', we will choose an EYFS/KS1 and a KS2 winner to award a certificate to (we will only judge the cake's appearance). These cakes will then also be sold at the Coffee Morning. All funds raised on the day (from non-uniform and the cakes) will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. We hope that you will help us support this wonderful cause.

**HARVEST** - Our Harvest Festival Service is on Friday 5th October in All Saints Church at 9:30am. You are more than welcome to join us - often these Services are so well attended that it is standing room only so we have been asked to ensure that doors and aisles are not blocked - we appreciate your support with this. Children need to arrive at school as usual and then they will walk down to the Church with their classes. The service will include songs, hymns and prayers. As with worship and assemblies that take place in school, pre-school children are welcome but please be ready to step outside with them if they become unsettled.

Each year we encourage children to bring one item of non-perishable food or bathroom supplies which we collect and send to the Swindon Food Bank for distribution to local families in need. At the moment they are in urgent need of: coffee, milk, sugar, juice and toilet rolls. It is an excellent opportunity for children to take a moment to think about our value of the term and consider how an act of generosity can have such a positive impact on others. The children bring the food items to school and put them in the boxes provided at the front of the school.

**PARENTS' EVENING** - Parents' evenings are on Monday 15th October and Thursday 18th October. The ParentMail booking system will open on Wednesday 26th September. To book an appointment for your child/children, please use the ParentMail booking system. At these parents' evenings, teachers will discuss your child's progress with you and talk about the attainment level your child is on track to achieve at the end of the year. The appointments are 10 minute slots and it is very important that we keep to time so if you feel that you have any questions or concerns that are not covered in that time, please arrange a separate meeting with the class teacher(s).

**BOOK FAIR** - The Travelling Book Fair will be in the foyer after school on Tuesday 16th to Tuesday 23rd October. These fairs always offer a good range of books and reading related gifts - dare we mention that it is a good opportunity to start shopping for Christmas?!

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Rylan	Tristan	Oliver C
Benjamin	Lavaranna	Chloe B
Sidney	Charlie E	Simon
Logan	Piper	Maddison



	DIARY DATES	
w/c 17 Sept	Internal clubs start	
26/27 Sept	Life Education Van	
28 Sept	Fundraising Day - Non-uniform (donation of £1.00) + Macmillan Coffee Morning at 9:00am in the Hall	
5 Oct	9:30am Harvest Festival Service at All Saints Church	
12 Oct	School Photos - Individual & Pre-School siblings from 8:30am	
w/c 15 Oct	NO internal clubs this week due to Parents' Evenings	
15 Oct	4:30-7:00pm Parents' Evening	
16-23 Oct	Travelling Book Fair	
18 Oct	2:30pm Class 2 Assembly - Thankfulness	
18 Oct	3:30-6:00pm Parents' Evening	
24 Oct	Break up for half-term - normal time	
5 Nov	TD Day 2	
6 Nov	Term 2 Starts	