



Ladybarn Primary School

This year's highlights, 2017

I am delighted to share with you our highlights of the year and although we could have filled many more pages, these are my particular favourites.

The learning buzz in the school is very strong and this has been recognised by a number of visitors this year. We have seen high achievement and progress across all year groups. This has been achieved as a result of our pupils who are engaged and energised to learn, and teaching staff who inspire learning.

We are very grateful for the high level of parental support. Our pupil attendance this year has been the best ever!

Mrs Vyas



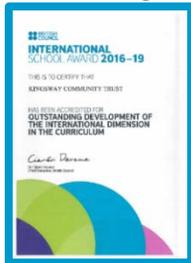
EID MUBARAK

In Autumn 1 we enjoyed a fantastic Eid Celebration! Our performers were incredible, everyone really enjoyed the food and entertainment and atmosphere was brilliant.



GHYLL HEAD

As always, Ghyll Head was a wonderful experience for Year 6. They had great fun and learnt new skills; abseiling, canoeing, raft-building, hiking, zip-lining and being responsible for important tasks such as making their own beds. More importantly, they bonded tightly as a year group. The children became more mature individuals and better friends at Ghyll Head. Through this experience they learnt more about themselves, discovered levels of courage they might not have known they had, and began to blossom and grow.



BRITISH COUNCIL AWARD

Back in December 2016 we were awarded a surprise accreditation for outstanding international work for the whole of Kingsway Community Trust! The British Council said they had been following our work on our websites, were really impressed by our work as a Trust and felt that they had to acknowledge and celebrate this. This is a special recognition because they have never awarded a trust an accreditation before!

ROBINWOOD

Year 4 had an amazing time on their overnight trip to the Robinwood activity centre in Todmorden in February. During the trip the children faced their fears in the piranha pool, tested their strength on the climbing wall, became expert archers, braved the underground caves, worked together on the crate challenge and used their senses (minus sight!) to navigate their way around the night line course. The trip, as always, was an amazing success and the children came away feeling very proud of their achievements.



SCHOOL CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Following various different fund raisers, our donations this year for our chosen school Charity 'Retrak' is an incredible £1312.24! This was raised in different ways including from our Christmas Fair, the sale of Retrak Christmas Cards, match funding and a staff fund raising evening. Added to this recently is an extra £670 raised by staff members from across the Trust running in the Greater Manchester 10K run. This will further increase with money raised by our Student Leaders from climbing Kinder Scout. Many thanks to all who have helped out and attended our events and for all the very generous donations given.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The turn out for our AGM in February was amazing! So many parents and carers came along to hear our Chair of Governors, Ariana Yakas MBE, talk about the achievements of the Trust. Our Ladybarn Steel band played song as our attendees arrived, and we enjoyed performances by the Cringle Brook choir and Green End choir. The children were amazing, they performed beautifully and confidently.

BETH TWEDDLE VISIT!

Also in February we were lucky enough that Beth Tweddle came to visit Ladybarn! Beth was only with us for a short time and could only see a number of children. In preparation, we asked children to write a letter detailing why they would like to meet Beth and the burning question they wanted to ask! After much deliberation, we managed to choose 20 lucky children who were given the chance to ask Beth their 'burning questions'. Beth was so impressed with the letters and couldn't wait to read them all



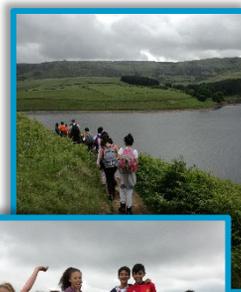
WORLD BOOK DAY

Children loved World Book day in March, coming into school dressed as their favourite book characters. We had a book swap where children brought in a book they no longer wanted and swapped it for another book to take home and read. There were over 300 books to choose from! We had the Big, fat, book quiz of Ladybarn after school, we played catchphrase, guess the theme tune, had a picture round and answered quick fire questions all around a book theme.



STUDENT LEADERS – YEAR IN REVIEW

This year, the student leadership teams from Green End and Ladybarn have taken part in different activities aimed at building communication and leadership skills. These year 6 children have developed a whole raft of brilliant leadership skills: they developed their team work skills at 'Challenge for Change' in Trafford Park; built their communication skills supporting younger children for a term as reading buddies; grew their resilience with the immense trek up Kinder Scout; and expanded their empathy through the ReTrak project work. As a final skill, they are, currently, helping to select, interview and then mentor the incoming team of student leaders. Well done to all the children for their commitment and enthusiasm throughout the year. They have been a real credit to the schools.



ECO REVIEW

The Eco team have been very busy this year. They have continued to carry out Eco duties such as litter picking, checking energy use in the school and also promoting children to waste less resources such as paper and water. One of our biggest achievements as a school and an Eco team was being awarded the Green Flag. This is an award for the school's commitment to improve its environmental performance through a range of areas: Biodiversity, Energy, Litter, Waste, Transport, Water, School Grounds, Healthy Living and Global Citizenship.



One area we focused on this year was the transport section. We held two walk/bike to school weeks in the Summer term and saw a huge increase in children biking to school. Our bike shed was full! Mr. Rhead and Mr. Reynolds did a fantastic job of making many children's bikes roadworthy again. As a side project to this, we have also applied for a grant from Tesco.