

# Your News

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LANGLEY PARK  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## This week at LPPS

This week started as a rather blustery one which certainly blew away any bank holiday weekend cobwebs.

### IMPORTANT NOTICES

There has been a disappointing increase in parents driving right up to the school and parking outside Langley Park School for Girls gates. This is not only inconsiderate but it is dangerous. **Please do not drive up to the school unless you have legitimate reason to. Do not be the person to cause a serious or fatal accident!**

I want to remind you all of the importance of being **punctual** at both the start and end of the school day. Being late in the morning causes disruption to your child's start of the day and at the end of the day, little ones can become anxious when they are the last one waiting to be collected from the main office. We understand that this cannot be helped on occasion but we are finding that there are 'frequent flyers', particularly in the morning. We will be following these up on a case by case basis.

Although we are in May, it can still be chilly and rainy. **Please can you ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather**, particularly on PE and Forest School days. We don't have spare layers here for cold children. Also, for those who are currently at Forest School, please can you refer back to the guidance of what is suitable, protective clothing. This will ensure that your child's arms and legs are covered to prevent any injury from brambles, branches etc.

We have done so well as a school community in working to keep the number of covid-19 infections as low as possible. Please remember that we are still not at the 'finish line' and

although June 21<sup>st</sup> is close, it is not here yet. **Please take care when at school by keeping a safe distance between yourself and others who are not in your household.** Please also wear a **face covering** when on the school site if you are able to do so.



**Before 1913 parents could mail their kids to Grandma's – through the postal service!**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

## This week's questions

**KS1**

**Why do we have clouds?**

~ Kingfishers ~

**KS2**

**If planes are really heavy, how do they take off and fly?**

~Starlings~

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## Subject Focus – Computing

There are so many fantastic apps available to support children's learning and knowledge. Here is a collection of apps you may like to try out!



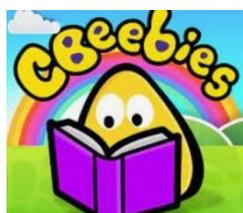
**Initial Code** (iPad) – Recommended for EYFS, KS1

This app has been developed by SoundsWrite, the phonics scheme we use at LPPS. The app offers a variety of activities to develop the skills of blending and segmenting, sound spelling correspondence, word reading and writing and some sentences reading and writing. The first unit is free to download and it costs £4.99 to unlock the rest of the content.



**Duolingo ABC** (iPad) – Recommended for EYFS

This app uses simple drills to introduce younger children to letters, letter sounds, phonics, and other foundational early reading concepts. Free.



**CBeebies Storytime** (Apple, Google, Amazon) – Recommended for EYFS

CBeebies Storytime is full of playful and imaginative stories designed to help support early years reading. Every story is brought to life with magical things to touch, swipe and play with. There are also questions to help develop comprehension skills. Free



**Spelling shed** (iPad) – Recommended for KS1 and KS2

This app gets children practising their spelling and word knowledge alongside grammar and punctuation. It incorporates learning amongst lots of games, quizzes and reward system to keep spellings fun. £29.99/year.



**Lightbot** (Apple, Android) – Recommended for KS1 and KS2

LightBot is a puzzle game based on coding which teaches you programming logic as you play! Free.



**Hopscotch** (Apple) – Recommended for KS2

Hopscotch is a drag-and-drop coding app that help children learn coding. The app empowers students to experiment and write their own code and programs in Hopscotch programming language. Free.



**Seek (Google, Apple)** – Recommended for EYFS, KS1 and KS2

Use the power of image recognition technology to identify the plants and animals all around you and earn badges as you do so. Free.



**Barefoot World Atlas** (iPad) – Recommended for KS1 and KS2

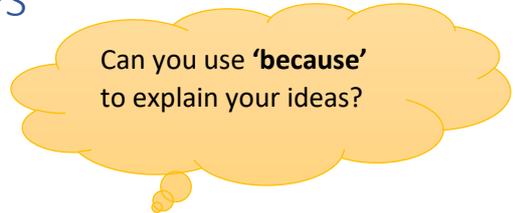
Fly around the interactive 3D globe and discover the wonders of Earth. Children can learn lots of exciting new geographical facts and play fun quizzes. £4.99.



**GarageBand (iPad) – Recommended for KS2**

Children can choose from an assortment of virtual instruments that turn their computer or Apple device into an instrument, or record using real instruments and vocals. Free

Little LPPS



**Which picture is the odd one out?**

Tip: There is no right or wrong answer and there could be **many possibilities**. How many reasons can you come up with?





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## Langley Park Primary School is celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week



This year the theme is Nature and how connecting with the natural world can support good mental health.

The week, which is hosted

by the Mental Health Foundation, is in its 21<sup>st</sup> year and runs from 10-16 May.

Across the country, people will be celebrating the mental health benefits of being around nature in their local community in a range of digital and creative ways. At LPPS, we will be taking our learning outside as much as we can, including marking Outdoor Classroom Day the following week on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Mark Rowland Chief Executive of the Mental Health Foundation said: "Mental Health Awareness Week has grown to be one of the biggest awareness weeks in the UK. This year the theme is on nature and its central role for our mental health. Since the beginning of the pandemic, millions of us turned to nature to help us get through lockdowns and our research shows that good mental health depends on us being able to connect with nature in some way and its power in both prevention of and recovery from poor mental health.

"During the week, we want to hear millions of people's stories about how the natural world has supported their mental health.

"We also want to highlight the huge disparities between who is and who isn't able to access nature. We want the week to explore how everyone across

the UK can connect with nature and experience the mental health benefits wherever they live."

### Some of the ways people can participate in Mental Health Awareness Week:

- During Mental Health Awareness Week, why not try to make a habit each day of connecting to the nature in your local area? Stop to listen to the birdsong, smell the freshly cut grass, take care of a house plant, notice any trees, flowers or animals nearby. Take a moment to appreciate these connections.
- Share images/videos/or just sound recordings of the nature on your doorstep (and how this made you feel) on social media using **#ConnectWithNature** and **#MentalHealthAwarenessWeek**
- Use Mental Health Foundation resources in your family, school, workplace and community to join with thousands of people who will be finding new ways to connect with nature in their local environment.

For more information about this year's Mental Health Awareness Week visit [mentalhealth.org.uk/mhaw](https://mentalhealth.org.uk/mhaw) or join the conversation on social media using **#ConnectWithNature** and **#MentalHealthAwarenessWeek**





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## PTA NEWS

### SUNFLOWERS UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who bought a sunflower, we made a huge **£280!**

I hope by now you've planted them and kept a note of your unique competition number (written on the pot).

Keep taking your photos of them growing - the details of how to submit these into the competition is coming out in the next week.

If anyone missed out or wants to grow another one there is still time! Message your class parent rep who will put you in touch with Suzanne (year 3 & reception mum) or contact the school office on [office@langley-primary.org.uk](mailto:office@langley-primary.org.uk).

All the money made for the sunflowers is being given to teachers at the start of the year towards their classes

Good luck!

### OWN CLOTHES DAY UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who supported our Own Clothes Day on the last day of the Easter Term. We are delighted to inform families that, thanks to your continued generosity, we raised a total of **£278.00!** These funds will be put towards materials required for our LPPS planters project, which is getting underway in the Summer Term.

### CARPENTERS!

The PTA have a project to build 12 wooden planters for the school by September. One for each class to be able to plant, grow and learn outside. We are looking for any carpenters who could help build some for the school. All material costs will be covered. Please

contact Suzanne (PTA via your class rep) or [office@langley-primary.org.uk](mailto:office@langley-primary.org.uk).

## COMMUNITY LINK

There are many ways we can support people in our local community. One way we can support others is by donating to a local foodbank, such as Living Well Bromley.

<https://www.livingwell.life/p/food-bank>

Living Well began in 2011 and have supported over 4,500 people in the community through their foodbank, community lunch, befriending and other services. The demand for their services continues to grow and they now give out over 200 bags of food per week. Living Well ensures their foodbank is open to anyone who needs it and they rely entirely on donations to keep this service going.

Living Well are grateful for all donations however cannot accept any fresh or frozen goods. They have specifically requested the below items to be donated:

- UHT milk
- Shower gel and shampoo
- pulses
- Microwaveable rice/ normal rice
- Tinned Veg including baked beans
- Tinned meat
- Tinned tomatoes

They have food donation boxes located at **Sainsburys Penge** and **Waitrose Bromley South**

or donations can be taken to Living Well on the following days - Tuesdays between 11am - 1pm, Thursdays 12.30 - 2pm and Saturday 10:30-12:00.



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### Dates for your diary

- **10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May** - Mental Health Awareness week
- **11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Life Education Workshops
- **28<sup>th</sup> May** – Staff Inset Day – Children not in School
- **31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June** – Half term
- **11<sup>th</sup> June** – Class photos