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Newsletter 6

Friday 11th October, 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

A note from Mr Reeves

As the frost has set in, it was lovely to see the children and their exemplary behaviour at the Harvest Festival on Tuesday. As ever, we have to say a huge thank you to Reverend Sarah and the organist David for supporting us with a truly lovely event. The fact we have such a supporting Reverend supporting us, coming into school is a real privilege.

Next week, I look forward to welcoming you into school on Wednesday morning for the 'Stay and Learn' Phonics and Reading session. This will be an opportunity for you to hear how Reading and Phonics are taught within the school, before seeing it in action. The event starts in the hall at 8:45 for 30 minutes, followed by a lesson in classes. I hope you all enjoy the experience as this is one of the ways I want the school to be more open towards parents and carers.

Finally, a huge thank you to Mr. Parsons and the Year 6's for such a fantastic start to the FUN-ding Friday's last week. These are a wonderful way to support the school and ensure that the trips and experiences that the children are taking part in this year can be affordable. THE PTFA do such an amazing job with lots of events coming up, such as the Disco next week so if you can support in any way at all, please let the office know.

Harvest Service

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to the Harvest service on Tuesday. We heard readings from Year 6 about the importance of Harvest and how we can give thanks by sharing food too. Reverend Sarah led us through the A-Z of fruits and vegetables – we are still trying to think of one that starts with x! Thank you also to the whole school community for their donations that were presented at the church and will be taken to the local foodbank.

Parents' Evening

We will be opening self-selecting booking via the Parent Portal for Parents evening at 6pm on Friday 11th October. Please refer to the emails sent over the last weeks to find how to access the Arbor Parent Portal.

Collection Arrangements

Please ensure that any changes to collection arrangements are sent to the office. If the office have not been made aware, it will be necessary to call parents to confirm the arrangements. Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe.

Parking on Station Road

A reminder to all families who drive to school, and park along Station Road to be mindful of our neighbours along Station Road when parking for school drop off and collection. We have had neighbours come into

school as this week they have been blocked in by people parking across their driveways. Please help to keep our school community safe.

School Certificates

Well Done to the following children who have received certificates in assembly today.

Headteachers Award
Jaxon Year 2
Delilah Year1
Lexi Year 3
Rudy – Cygnets
Tommy – Cygnets

Reading Award
Thea Yr1

Writing Award
Sofia Year1
Layla-Mae Year1
Nell – Cygnets

Maths Award
Alayah Year1
Melina Year1

House Points Certificates

Bronze
Lucy Year 4
Wilbur Year 4
Oriarna Year 2
Benjamin Year 1
Isabella Year 1
Savannah Year 1
Sofia Year 1
Ralph Year 1
Alyana Year 1
Isaura Year 1
Arthur Year 3
Francesca Year 3
Max Year 3
Seamus Y6
Oscar Y6
Billy – Cygnets
Alessandra – Cygnets
Holly - Cygnets

Silver
Leo Y6
Tahlia Y6
Bridget Y6
Darcie Y6
Hetty Y4
Liliana Y4
Sophia Y2
Oscar Y2
Celianne Y2

Out Of School Achievements

It has been lovely to see the variety and range of awards brought into school to be shared.

Evie G-C (Y2) has passed her Stage 3 Swimming Award. Well Done, Evie!

George and Toby (year 2) both represented Banbury Hockey Club in the first tournament of the year at the weekend. During the tournament, they competed with teams from across Oxfordshire. Both played great, with Toby making some great save off the line and George scoring to put the team in front.

Well done to Marty (Y4) who was awarded man of the match on Saturday - after his team was losing 4-0 Marty came back with a hat trick with his second goal being an incredible outside the box strike! Marty has formally been invited to represents his academy football team in their upcoming match at the end of the month at Pershore High school!

Isabella W (Y1) has demonstrated proficiency in Cheerleading gaining her Turquoise award. Amazing!

Delilah C (Y1) has demonstrated proficiency in Cheerleading gaining her Orange award.

In assembly, Ryan (Year 6) shared his 25m swimming award. Hannah (Year 4) shared her karate achievements. William G (Year 3) shared his swimming award.

To have future achievements shared in the school newsletter, please send the details to the School Office.
Any certificates, medals or trophies to be presented in Celebration assemblies on a Friday, please also drop these into the school office (please send in the details if these are to be included in the newsletter).

House Points			
Chestnut	Oak	Sycamore	Willow
1220	1240	1190	1206

Next Week In School	
Monday	Clubs: Mark Andrews Football, Tag Rugby, Book & Origami Club
Tuesday	• 4pm – Re-arranged Cross Country Event at Chenderit – all welcome Clubs: Y1 – 3 French Club
Wednesday	• Stay and Learn Session – Phonics and Reading Clubs: Football, Mindfulness & Creativity Club
Thursday	• Tag Rugby Day at Banbury Rugby Club for our Tag Rugby Team • PTFA Spooky Disco – 5pm Cyg & KS1, 6.30pm KS2 • Pre-School Consultation Meeting – 5pm Clubs: French Club
Friday	• Spooky Non-Uniform – bring sweets or bottle for donation • Year 4 FUNding Friday – Children can bring small amount to spend

PE & Forest School days

Cygnets	Forest School – Thursday PE – Thursday
Year 1	Forest School – Thursday PE with the Activators– Thursday
Year 2	Forest School – Thursday PE – Wednesday
Year 3	PE Session 1 – Monday PE Session 2 – Friday
Year 4	PE Session 1 – Tuesday Forest School – Thursday
Year 5	PE Session 1 – Wednesday PE Session 2 – Friday
Year 6	PE Session 1 – Tuesday Swimming – Thursday

A reminder that there will be no clubs in the week beginning Monday 21st October due to Parents' Evenings.

Upcoming Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday October 16th – Stay and learn – Phonics and Reading
Wednesday 23rd October: Parents' Evening: 3:30-6:30pm
Thursday 24th October: Parents' Evening: 4:30-7:00pm
Friday 25th October: Last day of half term
Thursday 31st October – Deadline for on time application to Secondary School
Monday 4th November INSET Day 2
Tuesday 5th November Term 1 (2nd half) commences
Monday 11th November: Anti-Bullying week - Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 13th November – Individual and Sibling Photographs
Friday 15th November: Children in Need
Thursday 21st November: KS1 & KS2 Parents Stay and Learn Afternoon - 1:30pm (Humanities)
Wednesday 4th December: Year 5 Showcase -2:30PM
Wednesday 15th January – Deadline for on time application for Primary School

Mr Parsons' Sports Report

Clubs Player of the Week – huge well done to those showcasing and building their skills in our clubs

Miss Reid & Mr Parsons' Tag Rugby – **Reuben C Year 4**
Mr Andrews' Football Club – **Marty C Year 3**
Mr Parsons' Football Club – **Ted Cherry Year 5**
Mr Pemble's Tag Rugby – **Eadie Davis Year 6**

This week's sports tournament was our Year 5 /6 Tag Rugby at Chenderit where ten battled-hardened, primed and prepped children attempted to follow in the footsteps of greatness, at what is historically the school's most successful sport in recent years. The day started with one of our most influential players being struck down with illness before the tournament had even begun and two more of our starting 8 getting injured at school! Kitted out, warmed up superbly (good job Leo) and ready to step-up to the task, Ollie led the team valiantly to a second-place finish, narrowly missing out on the top spot.

Oliver B (Team Captain), Rory M, Matilda R, Eadie D, Darcie T, Jamezy T, Harrison and Leo F - Year 6
Ted C and Harry J – Year 5

They finished a fantastic second place out of seven teams and should have won the tournament as they outplayed every team they faced, owing to a very contentious opening match.

Results from the six matches:
"Lost 3-4", Won 6-3, Won 5-2, Won 3-1, Won 4-1, Won 7-1

A genuinely outstanding effort and performance by each member of the team & all three girls performing admirably against mainly all-male teams.

Tries scored by Matilda, Harrison, Ted, Oliver, Rory, Leo, Eadie and Jamezy.

Certificates to be handed out in Assembly next week
Joint Top Scorers – Rory M, Oliver B and Harrison L
Player of the Tournament – Oliver B
Spirit of the Game Award – Jamezy T

Tuesday 15th October - Rearranged Cross Country, Chenderit, 4pm start, all year groups. I am unfortunately unable to attend this due to Staff Meeting & Full Governors' Meeting.
Thursday 17th October - Tag Rugby at Banbury Rugby Club Festival, Year 6 children selected by Mr Parsons based on skills showcased in PE lessons. We would like to ask for parent volunteer drivers for this event. Start time 9:00 am, finish estimated 14:00 pm. Parents are welcome to but not expected to stay.

Our Week Of Learning

This week Cygnets, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 are sharing their learning.

Cygnets

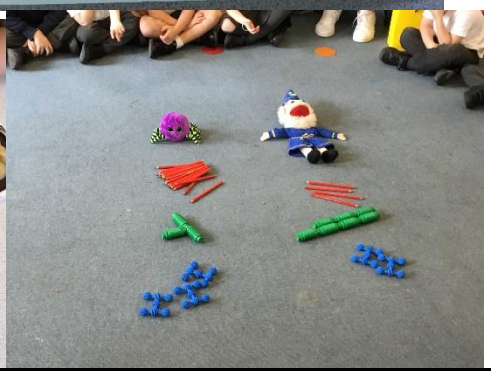
The Cygnets have been working very hard in class, starting to independently read and write some CVC words. We have continued to learn our phase 2 sounds, including our first digraph (2 letters making one sound) and are mastering blending and segmenting. Very soon we will be starting to take home reading books and can't wait to show you our skills we have learned to you at home!

In Maths, we have continued looking at number 4, and found that it could look different, but it is still number 4! This week we have been comparing amounts by looking at the number of objects.

In our topic learning, we have read the book 'It's ok to be different' by Todd Parr. We came up with an amazing list of ways that we are different, from what colour our hair, eyes and skin are, what we like to do, and even our fingerprints are different. We have been celebrating those differences and this week we painted colourful self-portraits in the style of Todd Parr.

As part of the Harvest celebration this week, we found out about different fruit and vegetables that can be harvested, sharing our favourites. Strawberries and bananas were popular and apples and carrots. Afterwards, we created vegetable prints using cabbage, potatoes, onion, mushrooms and broccoli. We took these to church as part of the Harvest festival. If you visit the church over the coming weeks, you may see some on display!

We are really enjoying our Forest School sessions and have been enjoying finding slugs and worms (much to Miss Godsell's and Mrs French's delight!). We have particularly enjoyed climbing into the treehouse, challenging ourselves to climb the ladder!



Year 2

It has been a busy couple of weeks in Year 2! We had a great time exploring the best materials to create a waterproof buddy shelter in Science. The children worked together to plan and carry out a fair test investigation to find the material that would keep us nice and dry.

In History we have been finding out what caused the Great Fire of London to spread so quickly. The children have been looking at how fire safety equipment has changed over the years as well as how the design and building techniques of houses changed because of the disaster.

During PSHE lessons we have continued to think about rules, consequences and how we can make our classroom environment a wonderful, productive place to be – Year 2 are quite brilliant at this already!

There has been some truly amazing writing produced in our English lessons this week! We have been so pleased to see lots of adventurous vocabulary being used in our Great Fire of London diary recounts. The children have worked together to peer assess their writing and suggest improvements as well as celebrating their successes. It has been great to see their enthusiasm to write about a topic they are enjoying so much.

Children had a lovely session at forest school where they discovered lots of ways of looking after their mental health in the woods. They enjoyed hugging trees, deep breathing in the beautiful sunshine and sitting quietly with their thoughts. On Thursday afternoon we continued our work on Mental health and thought about things we like to do to keep our minds healthy. We had a lovely afternoon of drawing, colouring, singing, dancing and being creative with Lego.

Year 4

We have been working hard in Year 4 over the past two weeks. The children have begun a new writing journey creating an advert to convince Year 5 to join the Roman Army. The children have had a lot of fun trying to turn some of the particularly disgusting and gruesome things we have been learning about the facilities and the things soldiers must do into persuasive positives. They have composed catchy titles, used powerful adjectives and sub-ordinating conjunctions along the way.

In Maths, the children have continued their work on place value looking at rounding numbers to 10, 100 and 1000. We have also looked at Roman numerals and they finished off this week with a revision session and a mini end of unit assessment ready to begin addition and subtraction next week.

For Religious Education this term the children have been looking at the life of Jesus. They created a timeline of key events noting the relevant bible story about it and the festival we have to celebrated specific ones. The children were even able to use the clues in bible scripture to place some of Jesus' many different names next to specific stories and events in his life. They have really enjoyed the discussions and group work we have had during this topic, as you can see in the photos below.

Year 6

It's all systems go in year 6, with all routines now fully embedded, the highest of expectations set and a plethora of roles and responsibilities distributed out to our wonderfully keen year sixes. They have made an excellent impression on me and are set to have a wonderful year. We also welcomed a new student into the class and the children have been very respectful, compassionate and supportive of her, which has been lovely to witness.

A fortnight ago, we started by making miniature drawings of ourselves in art, using the taught skills to keep our faces in the correct proportions before upscaling our drafts into larger portraits. We concluded these last week, see if you can tell who is who (Bridget, Darcie, Leo, Tahlia, Emmett and Lily).

In English we have been continuing with our 'Who Let The Gods Out?' class novel and linking that to our writing outcomes, which has focused on using expanded noun phrases, adverbial phrases, prepositional phrases and sensory language to create a setting description. The class then used their own artistic interpretations to draw their own setting description, with the intention that this allows their writing to create a picture in their reader's head.

Also, a thank you to all of those that have been in contact with me so far this year with funding, sports' tournaments and PGL - it's much appreciated.

PTFA Updates

Due to the rising costs of coaches for trips, the average cost of a trip per child could be between £30 and £50. The full cost of the trip must be covered for the trip to go ahead!

Registered Charity Number 1175803

With this in mind, The PTFA have kindly offered to up their contribution towards the bus and come up with a grand plan. They would like to start...

FUN – ding FRIDAYS

The first 3 Fridays:

- 4th Oct – Year 6
- 11th Oct – Year 5
- 18th Oct – Year 4

More dates to follow

Year groups will be allocated a Friday to have a sale at break, lunch and afterschool run by the children with the help from the older ones as needed.

The PTFA will provide the class with tuck shop goodies to sell, and the class can add to this if they want to. All the profits will go directly towards that classes trip and bring down the cost for each individual child. This will be an excellent learning experience in enterprise as well.

What an exciting and helpful thing for the children to spend their pocket money on!

Yours sincerely,
Cropredy School SLT

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Tuesdays Easington FC, OX16 2DN		
3:50-4:40pm GCSE Maths - Target 4	3:50-4:40pm KS3/4 English	
4:45-5:35pm GCSE Maths - Target 5-6	4:45-5:35pm KS3/4 English	5:40-6:30pm GCSE Chemistry - Double
5:40-6:30pm KS3 Maths - Developing	5:40-6:30pm KS3/4 English	5:40-6:30pm GCSE Chemistry - Double

Wednesdays Middleton Cheney Memorial Hall, OX17 2LT		
5:15-6:05pm Y3/4 Maths	5:15-6:05pm Y5/6 Maths	5:15-6:05pm GCSE Physics - Double
6:10-7:00pm Year 3/4 English	6:10-7:00pm Year 5/6 English	6:10-7:00pm KS3 Maths - Secure/Exceeding
	5:15-6:05pm KS3/4 English	7:05-7:55pm GCSE Maths - Target 7-9

Get up & Dance

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER **7PM**
SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER **2PM & 7PM**
SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER **2PM**

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