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Newsletter 28

Friday 1st May

Dear Parents/Carers

A note from Mr Reeves

I would like to begin with a huge, heartfelt thank you to all of our staff for their incredible support and hard work in making the Mayday celebrations this afternoon such a success. Moments like these truly remind me what a special place our school is, supported by such a caring and generous community.

It was wonderful to see our children so actively involved, particularly having a real say in the dances themselves. The chosen theme was showcased brilliantly and perfectly captured the fantastic spirit of our community. This year we had the joy of welcoming Preschool to the event, where I'm sure you'll agree they were excellent. Thank you also to everyone who joined us, supported the event, and helped create such a joyful atmosphere for the children.

A huge well done to our Year 5 & 6 football team, who have made a fantastic start to the season. The team secured two impressive victories this week, winning their first match 5–1 and following it up with another brilliant 3–0 win yesterday. The players showed excellent teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout both games, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. Well done to all involved and thank you to Mr Parsons who has given up his lunches to train the team.

I'd also like to highlight Banbury Canoe Club, who are holding their open day this Monday. The club has been a fantastic supporter of our school, generously offering free PE canoeing sessions for our Year 6 pupils, which the children thoroughly enjoy and benefit greatly from. If you and your child are interested in finding out more about canoeing or getting involved with the club, we would really encourage you to head down to their open day on Monday.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend, and I look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday 5th May.**

Amazon Wishlist

Our Amazon Wishlist was created to help support our school and enrich the learning experience for our students. The list includes a range of resources and materials that will make a real difference inside and outside of the classroom. We would greatly appreciate any donations or contributions, toward items on the list. Your support helps us provide better opportunities and resources for our students—thank you for being part of our community.

You can visit our page by clicking **here**

This week's attendance is 95.43%

Out Of School Achievements

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

Jack, Ralph, Samuel and Flynn in Yr2 all achieved their yellow tag belt at Taekwondo grading last weekend.

Following the success of the Taekwondo after school club earlier this year, Ralph has passed his first grading (9th kup, or yellow stripe/ tag), earning a top 'A' grade pass. Ralph was also selected as 'student of the month' for April for the whole club. He won a trophy, and this also means that during May he will wear a special purple belt at sessions, and the whole class will bow to Ralph at the end of the session, out of respect! Well done Ralph!

Jack has really enjoyed learning more about taekwondo since he took part in the after school club introduction. He's improved week on week and was delighted with his grading and new yellow tag belt! Well done!

Flynn passed his grading for Tae Kwon Do and has achieved his yellow stripe belt! Well done!

Samuel was very very nervous before the grading for his yellow tag belt, but showed resilience and went for it. He felt overwhelmed but pushed through and we are so proud of him for doing so and getting his new belt as a result. Well done Samuel!

Poesy and Jude took part in a Pinewood Derby over the weekend, and their car came 2nd place. Well done!

Last weekend William G took part in the Witney football champions cup final playing for Easington. William scored his team's first goal and got them off to a great start. The team did brilliantly with the full time score of 3-3. They unfortunately lost on penalties but they should be really proud of their performance and resilience. Well done!

Orla passed her purple award at Wade Gymnastics and will now be working towards her bronze award. Well done!

Milena was busy working on her 26 challenge. One of her main jobs was helping out at the Dementia Active charity. She and her little sister worked as animators, singing, dancing, and playing games with the elderly

members. Everyone had so much fun. She also planted strawberries in pots and kept looking after them throughout the entire Easter break, taking them out of the shed during the day and hiding them from the cold in the evenings. She helped with some weeding in the garden as well. One day, they visited their granddad and helped him with little jobs like dusting. Little kids have big power. Well done!

Tatiana has been awarded the Beverly Attwood award in the speech and drama section of the Nuneaton Festival of Arts. The award is given to an individual aged 10 years or under who shows a natural ability and a commanding stage performance when performing. Well done!

Last Saturday William W was part of the runners up Easington Sports U9's team that made it to the Whitney & District Cup Final. He then finished the weekend by paddling a canoe from the club house in Cropredy to Tooley's Boat Yard and back for the first time. He did well navigating locks and a busy canal to reach the end. Well done!

Henrietta and George S both competed in the Banbury Harriers Quad Kids Athletics Tournament last weekend. Both did amazing in their first competition, trying new events for the time, and Henrietta finishing as the 5th fastest runner of the girls attending. Well done!

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.

Next Week In School

Don't forget to order your child's Hot Dinners through ParentPay if you haven't already done so.

Monday	• No school – bank holiday
Tuesday	• Clubs: Yoga, Football
Wednesday	•
Thursday	• School photos – classes and leavers • 4pm Yr 5/6 quadkids at Chenderit Clubs: Choir
Friday	• Special lunch – order on ParentPay

PE & Forest School Days

Cygnets	PE – Wednesday Forest School – Tuesday
Year 1	PE Session 1 & 2 Tuesday
Year 2	PE Session 1 – Tuesday PE Session 2 – Wednesday
Year 3	PE Session 1 - Monday PE Session 2 – Tuesday Forest School - Friday
Year 4	PE Session 1 – Thursday PE Session 2 - Friday
Year 5	PE Session 1 - Monday Forest School – Wednesday PE Session 2 - Thursday
Year 6	Kayak – Tuesday (alternate) Forest School – Thursday PE Session - Friday

Oxfordshire Book Awards

Before Easter, I met with a group of readers to help judge the Picture Book category for this year's Oxfordshire Book Awards. Together, the children explored five shortlisted picture books, discussing each one in depth — from the story content to the illustrations, and of course how much they enjoyed listening to them. It was a lovely opportunity for pupils from different year groups to come together and share their thoughts about books.

After lots of thoughtful conversation, the group voted for their own favourites, with each child having one vote each. I submitted our votes online to help decide which book would be crowned the most popular across the county.

Our school's favourites were:

· Letters to a Monster by Patricia Ford and Sarah Warburton

· Jenny Peckles Lays Eggs with Speckles by Rachel Emily and Paul Delaney

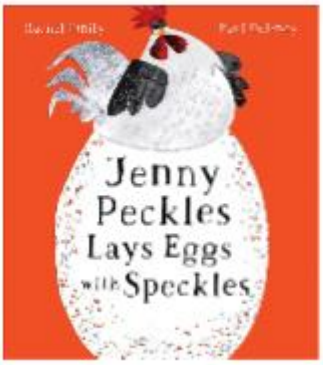
· The Wild by Yuval Zommer

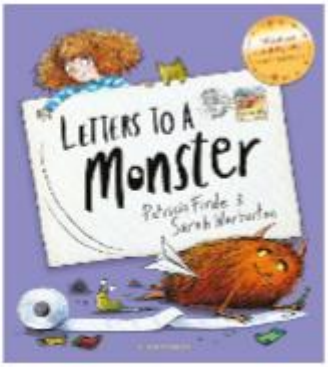
The official results for the Oxfordshire Book Awards Picture Book category have now been announced, and we're delighted to share that Letters to a Monster has been named the winning book. This was the favourite in our own pupil judging group, making the outcome especially exciting. The Wild was awarded Highly Commended, rounding off a brilliant shortlist.

Well done to all the children involved for their careful discussions, and a special thank you to our older pupils who completed written reviews for each book.

We had a fantastic afternoon celebrating reading, and we recommend these books if you're looking for something new to enjoy at home.

Mrs Kempson English Lead





Chenderit Sports Events

Alfred, Toby, Aneirin and Jaxon all represented the school brilliantly yesterday afternoon at the KS2 cricket festival at Chenderit. They were helped with their fielding by players from both Middleton and Helmdon, but did all the bowling, wicket keeping and batting themselves. They all played really well as a team and enjoyed their games. They came 2nd out of their pool of 3 teams and will go on to play off for 3rd/4th place at the finals on the 2nd July. Well done!

Here are some of the fantastic sporting opportunities that we have coming up. All of the events are held at Chenderit School in Middleton Cheney. Thank you to Tamsyn and the Chenderit Sports Leaders for supporting our school with continuing to develop our PE opportunities.
Where possible we will have a member of staff at the event, however parents are responsible for arranging transport to Chenderit.

14th May Yr 3/4 Quadkids Athletics (75m sprint, 400m run, vortex throw & st. long jump), 4-5.30pm

21st May KS1 Striking Games festival, 4-5pm, cricket/rounders mini games/activity stations, come and have a go/non-competitive, children will be rotated around a carousel.

4th June KS2 Orienteering, 4-5pm, teams of 3/4 children, mixed, competitive.

11th June KS2 Rounders, 4-5.30pm, 9aside

18th June Yr 5/6 (+more able Yr 4's) Dodgeball, ONLY 4-5pm, 8aside, competitive.

2nd July – Cricket Finals, 4-5pm (tbc)

Next Event:
7th May Yr 5/6 Quadkids Athletics (75m sprint, 600m run, vortex throw & st. long jump), 4-5.30pm

For your child to attend, please sign up via this form: https://forms.office.com/e/Ej9QwYRLA1 or email the school office by the Monday before the event.

Upcoming Dates For Your Diary

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday
Thursday 7th May – School photos – class groups and year 6 leavers
Monday 18th to Friday 22nd May – Year 6 residential
Friday 22nd May – End of term, school finishes at 2.55pm
Monday 1st June – Back to school
Friday 3rd July – Sports Day
Friday 10th July – Back up Sports Day
Thursday 9th July – School Disco
Friday 17th July – End of term, church service 9.30am, early finish 1.15pm

School Lunches

Please pre-book this special lunch on ParentPay in the usual way. Any pre existing bookings have been cancelled.

Friday 8th May - Sir David Attenborough 100th Birthday Lunch

- Ocean fish finger bap with ketchup served with Attenbite chips, centenary peas or planet earth salad (F,G)
- (v) Wildlife wonder pizza pinwheel served with Attenbite chips, centenary peas or planet earth salad (D,G)
- Jacket potato with cheese, beans, cheese & beans or tuna mayo
- (v) Lemon expedition whoopie pie (G,D,E)
- (v) Coral reef raspberry frozen mousse (D)

Allergen free alternatives are also available

Our Week Of Learning

Preschool

The children have really enjoyed the warmer weather this week! Being outside naturally encourages running, climbing, balancing, and digging. These movements build strength, coordination, and motor skills. Outdoor environments are less structured, which stimulates curiosity and problem-solving.

Children have been creative and have figured out how to build something with sticks, navigated uneven ground building their strength in their muscles, have observed insects—which are all early forms of scientific thinking and creativity. The children have really grown their problem-solving skills too this week and we have seen a huge amount of team work too. The children have been doing some brilliant learning in taking turns, practising how to negotiate, be cooperate, and have resolved conflicts with little adult support.

Year 1

Year One have had a very busy couple of weeks. We have started to write our stories from the point of view of the whale in the story. The children have been working hard on their handwriting, sentences and writing in the past tense.

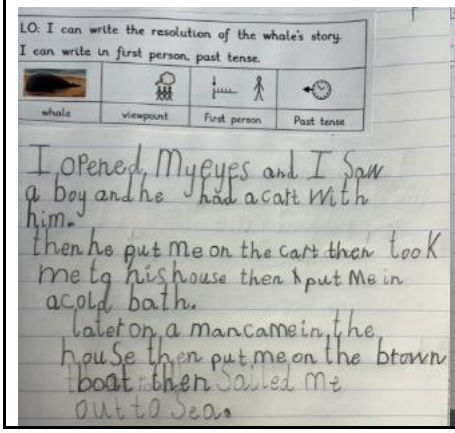
In maths we started the term continuing our work on measuring- firstly with objects and then learning how to use a ruler to measure in cms. We have begun to learn about equal groupings in our multiplication and division topic. We have been practising counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10. We have enjoyed counting pairs of shoes, hands and counters in groups.

We have worked hard to polish our maypole dance and boy band dance ready for the May celebrations. It has been lovely to see the children work with great enthusiasm.

We have begun our learning on Judaism, firstly thinking about when shabbat happens and learning about the creation story.

Children have discussed use of plants in Science and we have been thinking about which part of the plant (root, stem, leaf, fruit) our fruit and vegetables come from.

The children have had fun in lively learning creating puppet shows, making sandcastles in the sand and playing in the ice cream shop!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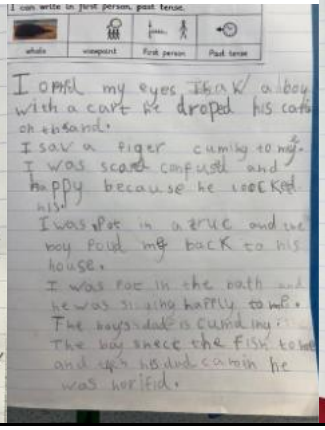
I can write in first person, past tense.

whale	viewpoint	First person	Past tense

I opened my eyes and I saw a boy and he had a cart with him.
Then he put me on the cart then took me to his house then I put me in a cold bath.
Later on a man came in the house then put me on the brown boat then sailed me out to sea.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whale	viewpoint	First person	Past tense

I opened my eyes I saw a boy with a cart he droped his cats on to sand.
I saw a tiger coming to me.
I was scard confused and happy because he looked nice.
I was not in a true and the boy took me back to his house.
I was not in the bath and he was singing happily to me.
The boys dad is coming.
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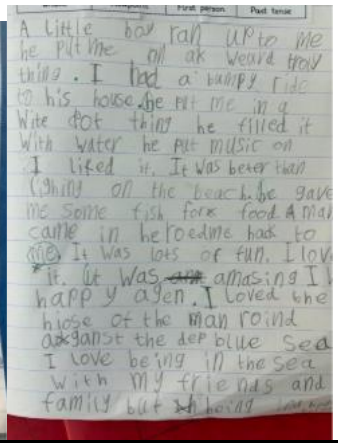
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Year 3

Year 3 have settled well into the Summer term and have completed lots of super learning!

We have started our new topic - Ancient Egypt – and are really enjoying learning more about this period of history. Our new class text is 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx' by Joe Todd Stanton. We have loved reading about Marcy's adventure to Ancient Egypt to save her father from the belly of the Sphinx! We have been inspired to write diary entries from Marcy's perspective and have worked so carefully on using key grammar features and showing Marcy's feelings. It has been a pleasure to read the children's final pieces of writing.

In Humanities, our learning about Ancient Egypt has continued. We have looked at key events from this era and carefully plotted them on a timeline. We have also learnt about Ancient Egyptian hierarchy, developing our understanding of the importance of Pharaohs. We are really looking forward to learning even more this term!

In Music, we have been learning about Ragtime and Jazz. We have had a great time listening and responding to music from these genres and understanding their key features.

In RE, we have been learning about the story of Rama and Sita and the festival of Diwali. Year 3 have demonstrated a fantastic understanding of the story.

In PE, we have been working hard on the May Day dances, ready to perform in the May Day celebrations!

We are really happy that we have returned to Forest School sessions. Mrs Sabin has planned so many fantastic activities for us, including creating a pond, teddy zipwires and den building!

Well done, Year 3, for such an excellent start to the term.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the new term, showing real focus and maturity across all areas of learning. In maths, the children have been working hard on measurement and have begun to develop their understanding of angles, using accurate mathematical language and careful reasoning. In English, they wrote a powerful diary entry from the perspective of a mouse linked to *The Executioner's Daughter*, demonstrating creativity, empathy, and strong understanding of character perspective.

This has also been a strong entry point into our Tudor unit, where the children have begun exploring the Wars of the Roses and building a timeline of the Tudor dynasty using their own research. Their enthusiasm for history has been clear, with many making thoughtful connections between key events and figures.

In PSHE, the children have been developing their understanding of self-belief and goal setting, confidently discussing their own aspirations and what they want to achieve moving forward. In science, the focus has been on forces, with a particular emphasis on how surface area and air resistance affect how different objects fall. The children have begun to think more critically about fair testing, including controlling variables and considering how to make their investigations more reliable, increasingly thinking and working like scientists.

In PE, the children have been preparing a maypole dance for May Day, working collaboratively to learn patterns, timing, and coordination, and showing real enthusiasm for this traditional celebration. In RE, they have been exploring Islam, focusing on the concept of Akhirah (the afterlife) and how this belief influences how Muslims live their lives.

PTFA Updates

Best wishes,

Cropredy SLT

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Please bring a label including all ingredients

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Centenary Fete
Saturday 30th May
Wardington cricket field
Produce show
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This team will be playing on Saturday mornings in the Oxfordshire Girls Youth Football league and Training on Thursday evenings at Tudor Hall School from 6-7pm.

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- developing a positive relationship with your child (family dynamics)
- exploring EOTAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more

Erik & Sally

Erik is a social worker and Sally is a teacher. Both come with 20+ years of lived experience being the parent of an autistic child.

Here's what parents have said:

*'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel and I **really do feel less alone** and more validated. My hope is back' - Louise - parent*

Free Monthly Drop-in - ever 1st Tuesday of the month from 7pm - 8.30pm (Zoom)

You can request the zoom link by either sending us an email at team@youarenotalone.community or go to www.youarenotalone.community where you can request the Zoom link on our home page.

Would you like a month of free support? If yes, please email us for more information - team@youarenotalone.community

May Events

The North Wall Arts Centre

Family Music

Ages 2 - 7

The Family Folk Show

Sat 9 May 11.30am & 2pm

Award-winning folk duo **Megson** blend their infectious mix of heavenly vocals and lush harmonies into a gentle, entertaining concert specially for younger children, featuring children's folk songs old and new from their WHEN I WAS A LAD & LITTLE BIRD albums.

Tickets £12 (£8 child, under 2s free)

NW Inventors

Ages 8-11

Improvisation

Tue 26 - Wed 27 May
9am - 12pm

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