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Newsletter 31

Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 19th May 2024

Mayday Celebration

Wow! What a lovely afternoon! It was a pleasure to welcome the Cropredy family and friends into school to see the Maypole dancing. After a nervous week of watching the weather, thankfully the sun came out for it too! Well done to all of the children who have really enjoyed learning this new skill. Thank you to the staff along with Mr Pemble, PE advisory teacher for helping us all to learn the dances. Another big thank you to the PTFA for purchasing the Maypole too. Thank you all for attending – we hoped that you enjoyed the afternoon. Here are some photos of the lovely afternoon.



Year 6 – Well Done and Good Luck!

Last week, all of Year 6 completed their SATS. This is the culmination of their learning over the year. To all the staff who have helped the Year 6 on their learning journey at Cropredy but a BIG THANK YOU especially to the children. You smashed it, and you are all wonderful! This week, we send Year 6 off with all our best wishes, on their weeklong residential. We hope that they have a fun filled time doing lots of new exciting experiences. Good Luck at Barton Hall – we are looking forward to hearing all about it!

Welcome to Mr Reeves

On Monday we welcome Mr Reeves as our Headteacher. We are all looking forward to welcoming him to the Cropredy family. A reminder that on Wednesday evening at 6.30pm there is a meeting with Mr Reeves and Mr Bird from EPA. All are welcome.

May Marathon

It has been lovely hearing news of walking achievements for the May Marathon. Well done to the Dixon family who have been walking as a family. Please send in your achievements for us to share in the newsletter. Thank you to the PTFA for arranging this.

Complaints re parking

Please can we remind you all of the need for safe parking. We are sadly receiving several complaints from our neighbours and other homeowners along Station Road of cars regularly parking across drives and dangerously. Last week there was a car dangerously parked on the corner of School Lane and Station Road, which was obstructing the road.

Play Leaders

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs King into school all day on Monday 20th May, to work with Year 4. Please can everyone wear PE kit and trainers and bring a hat and a water bottle.

Chenderit Yr 5/6 Quadkids Athletics Festival

Four children went from Cropredy to participate in the Yr 5/6 Quadkids Athletics festival last week. Well done to Eadie D, Rory M, Jim-Bob K and Ethan D. They all worked really hard and produced some fantastic performances. As a team they came 5th out of 7 teams.

Out of school Achievements

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



Rafa L was awarded man of the match from Middleton Cheney.

Eadie D for completing her Bronze Award at swimming.

Thea D for chieving her 10m Rainbow badge at swimming.

Please send any out of school achievements information to the office. Thank you.

Next Week in School

A reminder there are no teacher led after school clubs this week

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cherwell Youth Activators working in School – Cygnets and 5 wear PE Kit please.• Physical Education lesson for Year 3, and Year 4 (Play leaders Day)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical Education lesson for Year 5 and Year 2
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Hudson Music Lessons• Physical Education lesson for Year 1• Year 1 Whole Class Music Lesson with Mr Hudson• Meet the Headteacher Meeting – 6.30pm – All welcome
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forest School Sessions for Cygnets and Year 3

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 and 2 Visit from Reverend Sarah for Phase Assembly • Physical Education lesson for Year 2, Year 5, and Year 4
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Education lesson for Cygnets and Year 1 • Normal Finish time (2.55pm) for End of Half Term

Dates for Your Diary

MAY	
20 th – 24 th	Year 6 Residential – Barton Hall
20 th – 24 th	No Teacher Led Afterschool Clubs
20 th	Yr4 Play leaders Day
24 th	End of Summer 1 Half Term
JUNE	
3 rd June	Inset Day for Teachers
4 th June	Start of Summer 2 Term (Tuesday)
4 th June	Class Photographs and Leavers Photos

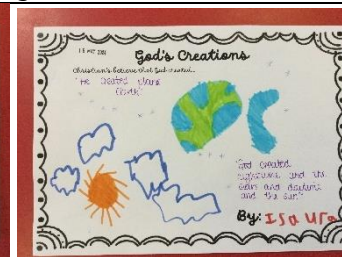
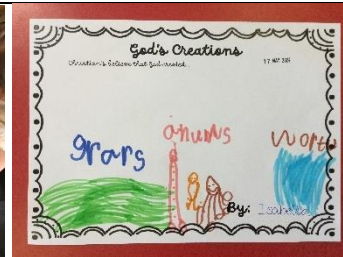
Our Week of Learning

Cygnets

This week Cygnets enjoyed planting seeds. We followed some instructions – but they weren't very good! We set about writing out our own instructions, which were much clearer and easier to follow. All the children enjoyed planting the cress and making it grow. Next week we will be decorating some plant pots to bring them home in.

Also, this week, we thought about God's creations. We revisited the story where Christians believe God created the world. From stars and the sun to crocodiles, monkeys, plants and trees, we drew three things that Christians believe God created.

In Maths this week, we focussed on how to make 5. We did this by singing the song '5 little kittens', knowing that in total we had 5 and if 2 were on top of the bed, then 3 were hiding underneath. We played a game, taking it in turns to hide counters, with our partners having to guess how many were hidden based on what they could see.



Year 1

This week in English we have been carrying on with our instruction writing. We have been writing instructions for the game of Jenga, using time connectives and imperative verbs. The children wrote their ideas and then relooked at them to edit and improve. They had great fun using the Jenga blocks to model their ideas.

In Maths this week we have been thinking about multiplication, double and also creating arrays. We have been thinking about how the columns and the rows help us to write the multiplication sentences.

For our Mayday Celebration we made our own headbands, decorating them in flowers.



Year 2

Year 2 visited Tooley's Boatyard in Banbury this week and enjoyed a boat trip along The Oxford Canal. We learnt all about the history of the canal and the children represented the school wonderfully. A big 'Thank You' to our parent volunteers who came with us!

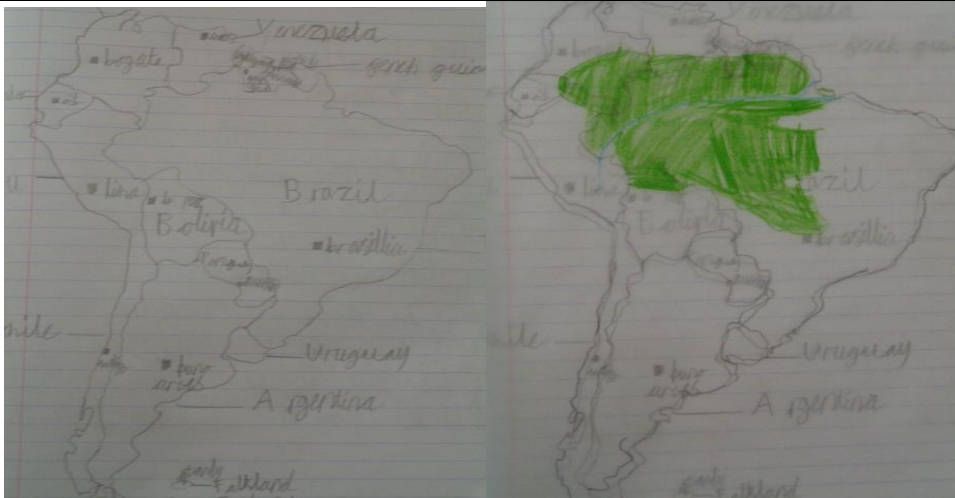
They wrote brilliant recounts the next day and have continued to impress everybody with how hard they have been learning to tell the time. Now we can rarely go through each point of the day without being told what time it is!



Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have been very busy writing our letters to Senhor to persuade him not to chop down the Great Kapok Tree. We have used imperative verbs, causal conjunctions and persuasive language to explain to him the impact of his actions. The children have peer edited each other's work giving constructive feedback and then published their letters in their neatest handwriting. In maths, we have been investigating different types of lines, vertical, horizontal, parallel and perpendicular. We have begun our side topic of South America and Brazil and linked this in with our prior knowledge of the Amazon Rainforest. The children have used an Atlas to locate South America, creating a wonderful map in their books and labelling this with

the different Countries and their capital cities. We then used tracing paper over the top to show the extent of the Amazon Rainforest and in which countries it grew. In Science and Forest School this week, we looked at the various ways in which seeds can be dispersed and then researched the different plants in the forest and worked out which way we thought they dispersed their seeds.



Year 4

This week in Year 4 the children enjoyed another session with the youth activators. Learning the importance of giving clear instructions.

In English, they have been using fronted adverbials and subordinating conjunctions in their explanation text on electricity generation. They enjoyed adding charts and labelled diagrams to enhance their written work.

We must say a big thank you to the parents who volunteered their time this week to help the children to use the glue guns to build their pavilions in DT. The creativity and originality of the designs was amazing. Thanks parents and well done Year 4.



Year 5

In solidarity with Year 6 and in order to show the children just how much they already know, year 5 have had their very own mock Sats week. In between tests, they have released all that pent up energy in our Maypole dance practice sessions each day. In addition, we finished our Workhouses Must Go texts and are enjoying our class novel Frost Hollow Hall.

Workhouses must go !!

The local police force must do something about the workhouses and get rid of them! There have been too many stick related incidents. where people have been beaten to death! So me and all the other orphans have decided to speak out.

Many have maintained that workhouses keep beggars off the street therefore reducing how many people die out in the cold. Some have even suggested that there should be more workhouses because they are a popular way of saving of labor costs.

popular maybe but what about the five year old boy who lost both his hands trying to collect excess cotton from under the dangerous machines this means our town has not been free from slavery for the last 100 years. The police must close these unstitutions down so we don't get hurt anymore.

Workhouses Must Go

The local council needs to focus more on finding a solution to rid us of the outdated workhouses and re-purpose them to a more useful structure for public use. This paper has decided to speak out!

Many have squabbled that workhouses are good because they provide shelter, food and drink for the poor, and are also useful to provide a way to get the homeless off the streets for good. Some have even suggested that the number of workhouses should be increased because it reduces fees for the taxpayer.

Popular maybe but what about the fact that they force the helpless souls inside who have to work 24/7 with no pay unless you work overtime and even worse you may never be let out.

The local area has not been able to participate in the "kindest town" competition for the last 69 years as a result of cruel management.

Which has caused extreme pain-enduring moments and even deaths. Family separation upon entering the workhouse is also a problem.

The council must re-purpose the workhouses to a building for public use, that does not increase the suitable mortality rate but decreases it: for example, a hospital.

If you please, you may participate in our local rail so we can see how much of the population want to rid the town of the nasty out-dated workhouses.

Year 6

A fantastic and memorable week in Year 6 with the class having a wide range of activities every morning and afternoon to supplement their End of Key Stage Two Assessments. I am both pleased and immensely proud with how they conducted themselves and ultimately ready to move on with the rest of the academic year. A huge well done to everyone involved (school adults, parents, siblings) as all the children completed all the tests, tried their best and that's all anyone can ever ask of.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the children spent each afternoon doing activities of their choosing – these included; watching Bugsy, looking at a Bugsy draft script, water fight, rounders (the standard is slowly improving!), football, free choice activities on the field and preparation for Friday's May Day Celebrations.

We have also found some pockets of time this past week to finish our first drafts of our typed suspense narratives and PGL preparation. Regarding PGL next week, I will send out daily updates each morning via the Office on what is certain to be an action-packed week!

Yours sincerely,
Cropredy School SLT

PTFA Update

Scarecrow Trail Entry Form

Please find below the entry form for the Fairport Cropredy Scarecrow Trail.



Scarecrow Trail 2024 ENTRY FORM

Thank you for taking part in the famous Fairport Cropredy Scarecrow Trail for
8th – 10th August 2024

Have fun with this year's theme **RIVERPORT – celebrating life** in and around
our rivers & canals

Complete & return your entry form to:

Email to: cropredyscarecrowtrail@gmail.com

Or deliver to:

Northend, Creampot Lane, Cropredy OX17 1NT

Or Cropredy Primary School Reception

Deadline: 31st July 2024

These details will be in the voting form available during [Fairport](#)

Scarecrow Name: _____

Address: _____

(We would love as many pupils from the school to take part as well as neighbouring villages. If you live in a neighbouring village we would love you to join in and we will find you a host home in Cropredy, the more the merrier)

Please put your scarecrow in place by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday 8th August.

For administration purposes only:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Children involved (11 and under) _____

Your creative support is much appreciated, and will help to raise funds for Cropredy Primary School via the PTFA Friends of Cropredy (charity #:1175803)

Trail Maps and voting forms will be available from various locations around the village during the festival (8th – 10th August) in exchange for a donation to the PTFA. Fundraising page details to follow.

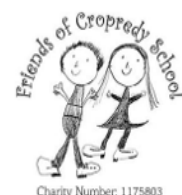
Please let us know if you would like to be a mobile seller for trail maps while you explore the [festival](#) and we can provide a Trail Map selling kit.

We will be promoting the trail through local social media channels and press releases to create as much local interest alongside festival goers.

Results of voting announced on Saturday afternoon on the Fairport Festival field and via Social Media

Prizes for winning scarecrows & luck dip prizes for those voting.

Fund raising this year for Friends of Cropredy PTFA



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