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## Newsletter 33

Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### A note from Mr Reeves

Another week has flown by at Cropredy! This week, I have had the pleasure to meet with the School Council and ask them to ask their friends in class some questions around two areas of school, behaviour and PE.

I have also been working hard on conversations around secondary school destinations for Year 5 and Year 6. Further updates will be made during the coming weeks.

I was really excited to be part of the PTFA meeting where the new Chair, Louise Shore, was elected. The PTFA is an important part of the school community, so if you are able, please attend the meeting next Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at the Brasenose. There are lots of exciting projects which the parents can support the school with.

I mentioned during the 'Meet the new Headteacher' evening that I would like to work alongside parents in delivering positive changes to the school. This will commence next Friday with the first of the working party groups around behaviour. The session will run at school, at 2 o'clock, where parents' opinions around behaviour will be gathered. The aim of this is to write a new behaviour policy for September. If you are unable to attend but have thoughts and feelings around this area, please email the school office and these will be fed into the conversations.

### PTFA

On Wednesday a new Executive Committee of the PTFA were voted in. Thank you to parents who attended the meeting. The PTFA are a vital part of school life who organise a range of activities and fundraisers. They are hugely appreciated by staff and pupils. Attached is the PTFA newsletter, with further information about exciting events coming up.

### May Marathon

Thank you for sending in your May Marathon Sponsorship Money. The PTFA are currently totalling miles to see who has travelled furthest this month. Well done to Toby (Y1) and Alfred (Y4) who climbed Scafell Pike over the weekend – a tremendous effort!

### Sunhats, Suncream and Water bottles

Thank you for sending in sunhats and water bottles to help us look after the children throughout the day. Keeping hydrated and sun safe enables us to continue to use the school site across the day.

## Class Worship

Thank you to Reverend Sarah for joining Year 3 and 4 for their class worship this week, they really enjoyed the session with her. Also, Reverend Sarah joined Year 6 in preparation of 'Exploring Confirmation Club' which commences on Monday.

## Orienteering Festival at Chenderit

Next week there will be an Orienteering festival at Chenderit. It will take place on Thursday 13th June, with a 3.45pm arrival, 4pm start, 5pm finish. There will be mixed teams for KS2. Please let the office know by Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of June if you will attend.

## Out-of-school Achievements

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



**Year 5 - Rosie A** - During half term Rosie had the opportunity to perform at The Centenary Theatre in Berkhamstead at the All England Regional Finals. The Festival is a celebration of winners - all winning dancers that have previously competed and qualified with their dances at affiliated competitions. She danced in two categories - Classical Duet with her partner and Ballet Solo. She danced beautifully in a section with 35 other performers from all around the country, a fabulous achievement. Well done Rosie!

**Cygnets - Isabella W** - for receiving an Amateur Award from the International Dance Teachers' Association for demonstrating proficiency in Tap First Steps. Congratulations Isabella!

**Year 2 - William W, William G & Rafferty F** - received participation medals for a football tournament with Easington Sports FC. Well done boys!

**Year 3 - Alice F** - for completing 150 stars in Muay Thai for good behaviour, listening skills and overall improvement. Keep it up Alice.

**Year 3 - Henry H** - for competing in a 7-a-side football tournament. Well done Henry!

**Year 4 - Henry-James B** - for receiving the Manager's Player of the Season award for his football team, Tysoe United. A fantastic achievement Henry-James - 12 goals and 20 assists. Impressive stats!

**Please continue to send any out of school achievements information to the office.**

## Next Week in School

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Physical Education lesson for <b>Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6</b></li><li>Youth Activators in School for <b>Year 1 and Year 2</b> - please wear PE Kit</li></ul>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Physical Education lesson for <b>Year 2 and Year 5</b></li></ul>  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Year 3 and Year 4</b> Quad Kids Event at Fritwell School - Please wear PE Kit</li><li>Physical Education lesson for <b>Year 1</b></li><li><b>Year 1</b> Music Performance - <b>2.30pm</b> Please enter through the main reception</li><li>Mr Hudson Music Lessons.</li></ul> |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Forest School Sessions for <b>Cygnets, Year 1, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6</b></li><li>Physical Education lesson for <b>Year 2</b></li><li><b>Year 6</b> Swimming</li></ul>  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Physical Education lesson for <b>Cygnets and Year 3</b></li><li>PTFA Ice Lolly Fridays</li></ul>  |

## Dates for Your Diary

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| <b>June</b> | 18 <sup>th</sup>                    | Year 5 & 6 QuadKids                                      |
|             | 19 <sup>th</sup>                    | Cygnets Sept 2024 Parents Meeting – 6.30pm               |
|             | 21 <sup>st</sup>                    | PTFA Ice Lolly Fridays                                   |
|             | 24 <sup>th</sup>                    | Ambulance Visit – Cygnets and Key Stage 1                |
|             | 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> | Oxford Playhouse Theatre Visit to School                 |
|             | 28 <sup>th</sup>                    | PTFA Colourful Non-Uniform Day<br>PTFA Ice Lolly Fridays |

## Our Week of Learning

### Cygnets

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| <b>Golden Rules</b>  | <b>Sofia G</b>   |
| <b>Stars</b>   | <b>Benjamin B</b> for always being kind and willing to lend a helping hand.<br><b>Thea D</b> for fantastic writing, extending her sentences to add more information. |
| <p>Cygnets have had a fantastic week this week, enjoying our returning ducklings. The ducklings have grown so much, and we have enjoyed watching them paddle around the trough tray. We have enjoyed writing sentences about the ducklings too, talking about what they look like, what they do throughout each day. Now the ducklings are headed back to Mr Bowen's farm! T We have started our new topic 'Let's Explore', with our roleplay area turning into a rocket ship. Over the course of the topic we will be looking at places that we can explore as well as how we can explore (transport means).</p> <p>Next week, we will be looking at how we grow and change (please send in baby photos via Tapestry) as well as looking at number bonds to 10.</p> |  |



### Year 1

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| <b>Golden Rules</b>   | <b>Isla G</b>   |
| <b>Stars</b>  | <b>Toby K</b> for really impressive explanations to his answers in our Maths lessons.<br><b>George S</b> for always having a positive attitude to his learning. |
| <p>This week we started our new topic 'In the UK', looking at how and where we live. We started the week by sharing the story 'Lola plants a garden' where we have been using adjectives to describe the plants she might grow. The children have been looking at pictures and describing the flowers. We have also potted up some plants, sowed some seeds and looked at a designing a garden. Thank you to the PTFA for the resources for this activity. In maths we are focusing on fractions of shapes and amounts. The children have been great at spotting the different fractions.</p> |   |

Mr Hudson has continued to teach the children music theory and tunes on the Glockenspiels; they are practising hard to share this with you all next week. For PE We are practising our running and throwing in preparation for Sports day later in the term. Year 1 enjoyed a brilliant Forest school lesson on Thursday with Mr Pemble and Year 4. They worked brilliantly with their Year 4 Muddy Buddies to hunt for all sorts of different leaves, spring flowers and mini beasts. A fantastic first week back!

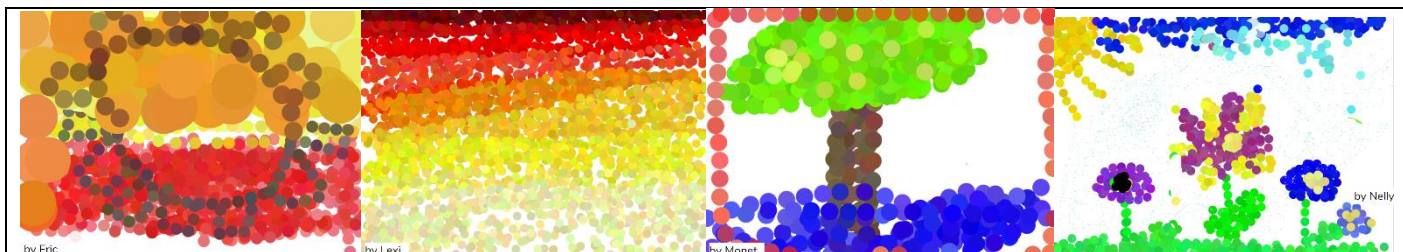


## Year 2

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| <b>Golden Rules</b> | <b>Arthur</b>   |
| <b>Stars</b>        | <b>Rafa</b> for always being keen to contribute ideas in maths.<br><b>Troy</b> for always working to the best of his ability. |

Year 2 have settled back in very well after a short break and they wasted no time getting back to work! We began exploring compass directions and the features of a map to begin our new Geography topic. We will shortly begin investigating the features of the village of Mugurameno in Zambia and comparing the human and physical geography to Cropredy. We are investigating Materials and their properties in Science, building on the knowledge they gained in Autumn term. The class carried out an investigation on which materials they could squash, twist, bend and stretch whilst discussing their properties and working as a group. We continued our 'Creating Pictures' unit in Computing and this week the children produced artwork in the style of Pointillism. Our class truly loves a creative project and have all been excited to continue this piece of work.





## Year 3

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| <b>Golden Rules</b> | <b>Lucy B</b>  |
| <b>Stars</b>        | Ella F for working so hard on her talk for writing and catching up super quickly.<br>Reuben C for some excellent sentence work in English. |

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into class and they have settled back in beautifully. We have started our new English learning journey with our Talk for Writing activities, which will lead on to the children writing their own myth linked to our new text, Leon and the Gorgon's Curse. (see our talk for writing map below) In Maths, we have started our Time topic looking at days, weeks and months. Please do ask the children to show you how they work out how many days in each month by using their knuckles. In our History Topic of Ancient Greeks, the children have located where Greece is in the world using an Atlas and plotting down the main cities and towns. In PE, we have had great fun practising the different activities ready for our Quad Kids trip next Wednesday.

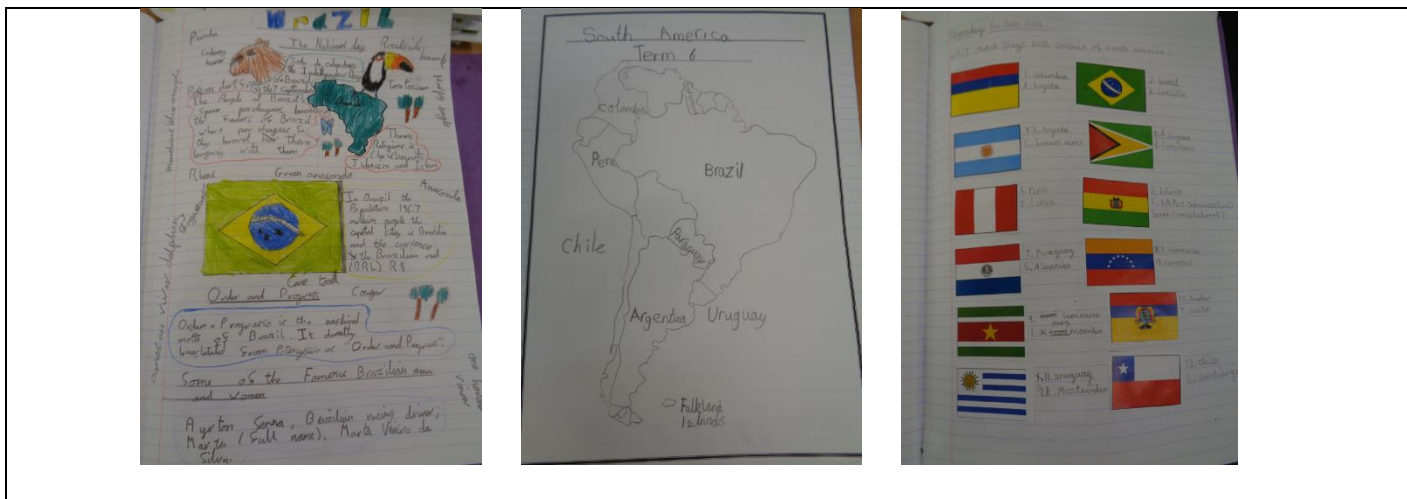


## Year 4

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| <b>Golden Rules</b> | <b>Fran J-S</b>  |
| <b>Stars</b>        | <b>Alfred K</b> – For amazing answers in RE about Hindu worship.<br><b>Ava B</b> - For drawing and sketching with passion and concentration. |

Year 4 have had an amazing time at Forest school this week. They were partnered with a year 1 child to complete a task looking for and working out what different leaves, insects and flowers were. They were brilliant. They were calm, supportive and caring. A great start to this terms work in the woods. The children have all started their new topic on South America. They have drawn maps, matched flags and looked in atlases. They were all very inquisitive and enthusiastic. Today they have all created an information page about Brazil adding sub-headings and illustrations. They all look great!

A huge well done to every child for completing the Y4 multiplication check – You were great!



## Year 5

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| <b>Golden Rules</b> | <b>Jamezy T</b>   |
| <b>Stars</b>        | <p><b>Rosie A</b> for a brilliantly positive attitude to learning all week and especially for her efforts to perfect her handwriting.</p> <p><b>Tahlia P</b> Working hard and always pushing herself to get on to the extension tasks - Tahlia - I can hardly keep up with you!</p> |

The children have had an excellent start to this, their final term in year 5. They have been introduced to Charles Darwin and are keen to find out more about him and his interesting discoveries. This week in English/Geography we have looked at the birth of the Galapagos – explaining when and how the islands were first formed. This builds on the children’s prior learning on volcanoes and it’s heartening to see how much they remember. We have enjoyed learning where the Galapagos are, what animals live there and why they need to be protected. The children also made connections between this and the conservation work at Yellowstone Park! It is perfect timing that we are lucky enough to have Forest School in the same term that we are learning about naturalists. The children listened well in this first FS session to all the rules which will keep them safe so that next week they can get stuck in.

## Year 6

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| <b>Golden Rules</b> | <b>Ivy P-G</b>  |
| <b>Stars</b>        | <p><b>Logan M</b> – for a superb performance during Rounders this week. Logan demonstrated excellent fielding and batting skills – well done!</p> <p><b>Connie P-D</b> – for continuing to just absolutely beam and flourish with increased confidence in all aspects of school life. It is so lovely to witness – you should be very proud of your progress this year!</p> |

This past week Year 6 entered into their final term of primary school and did so with enthusiasm and excitement. We have mapped out the next seven weeks and we have lots to look forward to!

On Tuesday, we began our auditions and completed walk-throughs of this summer’s Year 5/6 production of Bugsy.

Where possible, we have been making use of the great weather and going outdoors for our script run-throughs. Outside of ‘Bugsy Fever’ we have been playing Rounders during PE and we went to Spiceball for swimming. As previously communicated, we will be going swimming for the duration of June. Year 6 will also be enjoying Forest School each Thursday. We welcomed a visit from our local Vicar – Sarah Fenby – in preparation of Exploring Confirmation Club which

commences on Monday, this is an exclusive club for year 6 as they head towards completing their primary journeys.

Yours sincerely,  
Croprey School SLT

## Scarecrow Trail Entry Form



### **Scarecrow Trail 2024 ENTRY FORM**

Thank you for taking part in the famous Fairport Croprey Scarecrow Trail for  
8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cropredyscarecrowtrail@gmail.com)

Or deliver to:

Northend, ~~Creampot~~ Lane, Croprey OX17 1NT  
Or Croprey Primary School Reception

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Croprey, 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 Croprey Primary School via the PTFA Friends of Croprey (charity #:1175803)

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

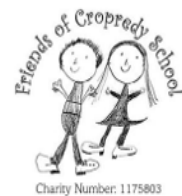
Please let us know if you would like to be a mobile seller for trail maps while you explore the festival and we can provide a Trail Map selling kit.

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 Croprey PTFA





# MOLLINGTON FETE & FUN DOG SHOW



Saturday 15th June  
Opens 12.30pm




ANITA'S CARAVAN PARK, MOLLINGTON



PRIZES TO BE WON!

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- bouncy castle •
- children's fancy dress •
- classic cars •
- local country trades & crafts •
- entertainment •
- yummy food •
- and much more!



TEA & CAKES – BEER & PIMMS TENT – BBQ – ICE CREAM



**£35 per day  
9am - 4pm**

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# Summer Workshops - HAF Funded

**Wednesday 24th July - All Things Disney!**

**Thursday 25th July - Join the Olympics!**

**Friday 26th July - Inside Out 2**

**Tuesday 30th July - Harry Potter**

**Wednesday 31st July - Migration**

**Thursday 1st August - Safari**

**Friday 2nd August - Barbie**

**Monday 5th August - Descendants**

**Tuesday 6th August - Around the World**

**Thursday 8th August - Trolls**

**Tuesday 13th August - Fairy Workshop**

**Monday 19th August - Taylor Swift**

**Tuesday 20th August - Disney Princess**

**Wednesday 21st August - Dance, dance, dance**

**Thursday 22nd August - Wish**

**Friday 23rd August - All Things Disney!**

**Tuesday 27th August - Contemporary & Commercial**

**Wednesday 28th August - Beach Party**

**Thursday 29th August - Netflix Mash Up**

**Friday 30th August - Circus & Aerial**

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# Bourtons Wildlife Day



**Children's Activities**  
Free in All Saints churchyard

**Open Gardens**  
in Great Bourton, including  
Claridges Piece Allotments  
£5 per adult\* gives access to all  
gardens - children go free  
including kids' trail



**Plant sale\***  
on The Green,  
Great Bourton

Refreshments at All Saints

\*All funds raised for charity

**Sunday June 23rd 2024 • 2-5pm**

