



Newsletter 15th March 2024

Hi all,

It's been another very busy week with lots of amazing sports opportunities for children in our school: cross-country, cricket, gymnastics and rugby! Read our sports reports to find out more. Over the course of the year, we try to give every child the opportunity to represent the school. Please do encourage your child to take part if they are given an opportunity. Sport can play such a positive role in children's physical and emotional health, it can help children develop team skills and give them a sense of belonging- as well as being great fun!

Our Y5 children had the opportunity to develop their leadership skills through a half day workshop run by Maxine Cooke from West Berkshire Sports Partnership. The aim of the workshop was to give children the skills to lead play and active activities with the younger children in the school. We look forward to seeing them put these skills into action on the playground!

In the Parent Liaison Group meeting last week, some questions were asked about how we teach children to be kind on the playground, to respect each other, to be upstanders if they see a peer doing something they don't think is right; and how we answer questions children may have around bigger emotional issues. There are many different ways we do this, and of course this aspect of children's learning is very much down to the good work done at home too. We do use the SCARF Personal, Social, Emotional and Health scheme of work in school as part of our curriculum work. They have a very useful website and there are specific pages for parents so take a look:

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf>

Next week we have TWO exciting workshops for the children to be involved in! On Monday, children will be learning about two Shakespeare plays: Macbeth (Falcon class) and A Midsummer Night's Dream (Robin, Oak and Acorn classes). On Tuesday, children will be constructing something huge as part of the KAPLA workshop organised and paid for by FOBS. Parents are very welcome to visit the final piece at the end of the day- and help with the demolition! Please see the email from Miss Pummell earlier on in the week for more information.

Have a lovely weekend.

Beulah

Mrs Beulah Letchford, Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate this week; Ella G, Elsie V, Harry H, Alexa, Eddie, Cole.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate this week; Vinnie, Dylan J, Eleanor T, Lara, Austin, Dougie, Xavier.

Sports News

Cross Country

Twenty-one children took part in the cross-country event at Newbury Showground on Tuesday. It is organised by Team Kennet, and is one of the largest events of its kind with over 350 children running in each of the four races. Despite the rain and mud, the children all put in a great effort and thoroughly enjoyed racing! A special mention to Scarlett for her outstanding 10th place finish, and to the children who achieved a top 100 finish in their respective age group races: Alexis (48), Eleanor D (51), Darcey (58) and Polly (88) in the Y3/4 girls race; Daisy (69) in the Y5/6 girls race; and Ben (97) in the Y5/6 boys race. Well done to all the runners!



Y1/2 Cricket

Twelve VERY excited Y1/2 children travelled to The Willows School to take part in the West Berks Cricket Skills festival. They developed their cricket skills through different stations with fun activities and games. They all tried their best- and had a great time! Well done Dylan, Eddie, Enid, George, Bonnie, Alivia, Nelly, Toby, Albie, Austin, Harry and Josh!



Y5/6 Rugby

Newbury Rugby club was the venue for the West Berks Y5/6 rugby festival on Thursday. The team have plenty of experience playing tag rugby and moved to touch rugby rules with ease. They worked hard to link together as a team and develop their passing skills to move the ball forward- and to learn when they were off-side and how to get back on-side quickly! Some great tries were scored and touch tackles made. They flew through the first two games winning them with ease, then had two final tough matches, drawing one and losing by a narrow margin the final game. Well played Eleanor, Ben, Pip, Toby, Alexa, Kacper, Harry H, Dylan and Teegan!



Thanks to all the parents who have helped and supported the children so positively this week- it has been much appreciated.

Welly Wednesday Cake Sale

A huge thank you to everyone who baked, bought and helped at the recent cake sale. We raised a massive £167 which will be used to enhance our wonderful Outdoor Learning Area which all children will benefit from.

Thank you again,
Mrs Curtis



Breakfast Club

The children are really enjoying coming in early to eat their breakfast, chat around the table and have a wake and shake before the start of their school day. We only have a few spaces left each day, so please speak to Miss Pummell if you would like to book a place for your child. We are open at 8am every day.



Gardening Club

Do we have anyone interested in running our gardening club this year? If so, please talk to Miss Pummell or Mrs Letchford about how you can get involved!

Staffing News

We are looking for a Learning Support Assistant. If you, or anyone you might know, would be interested, please look at our website for further details.

Dates for the Diary

Each newsletter we will publish the dates of events happening during the term. Please be aware these may change and therefore it is important to check them each week. We will highlight changes in red when they first appear. Not every event is relevant to every parent. Look out for further information or letters with more detailed information for the events relevant to you.

Monday 18 th March	Shakespeare Week! Shakespeare Workshop for all children Y1/2 Football event
Tuesday 19 th March	KAPLA workshop for all children Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics Finals! Selected children
Monday 25 th March	Y6 Bikeability Art Competition entries in: 'Animals' Share & Celebrate after school
Tuesday 26 th March	Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 27 th March	10.30am Easter Service @ Burghclere Church - families welcome
Thursday 28 th March	End of Spring Term Band Cake Sale
Monday 15 th April	INSET Day
Tuesday 16 th April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 22 nd April	Art Competition entries in: 'Spring Time'
Tuesday 7 th May	Y3/4 Kwik Cricket - selected children
Thursday 9 th May	9.00am Parent Liaison Group meeting Tri-Golf @ St. Barts - selected children
Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATS - all week
Tuesday 14 th May	Girls Kwik Cricket - selected children
Monday 20 th May	Art competition entries in: 'Nature' 7.00pm Newbury Spring Festival @ the Corn Exchange - Band
Friday 24 th May	End of Term
Monday 3 rd June	First Day of Term
Thursday 20 th June	Parent Liaison Group meeting
Monday 24 th June	Art Competition entries in: 'Water'
Tuesday 25 th June	Y5/6 Kwik Cricket - selected children Travelling Book Fair - under barn each day until Monday after school
Tuesday 2 nd July	Girls Dodgeball - selected children
Thursday 3 rd July	Y5/6 Dodgeball - selected children

Tuesday 23rd July

2.00pm Y6 Leavers assembly
End of Term