



Newsletter 1st March 2024

Hi all,

This week, there has been lots of exciting learning happening in classes. Acorn class, who have been looking at sequencing and ordering, then had fun making yummy jam sandwiches. Oak class have been reading the book, Beegu, and this week, wrote in role as Beegu herself; where they composed a letter to her mother about the events that had happened to her and how she felt about them. Robin class have had the opportunity to develop their artistic talents, recreating a landscape in the style of either Georgia O'Keefe or David Hockney. Falcon class had another successful Google Meet with their JDO partner school in Massachusetts, USA. They are collaboratively writing a science fiction story using Google Slides and they spent the session supporting each other to edit and improve what has been written so far. Also this week, Falcon class had a visit from Mr Field - a JDO coach - where we participated in a fun workshop based on developing the skills of collaboration. We simulated a Google Meet and the children had to use various skills and strategies to work together to create a mosaic design which they were all happy with. The children worked really well throughout this session, listening, contributing and compromising effectively; showing respect for the other members of their group.

Mrs Barraclough and I visited a primary school in Fleet earlier this week, where we are working collaboratively with other schools on developing a mastery approach in maths. Our focus this week was on fluency - the ability to demonstrate a mixture of efficiency, accuracy and flexibility. It highlighted how important it is for children to have quick and efficient recall of facts and procedures in order for them to think strategically and solve problems. Regular practise of times tables, number bonds and subitising (the ability to know how many objects there are in a group of up to 5 without counting them) is really important and something we can all support our children with.

We are all looking forward to World Book Day next Thursday, which should be a day full of Roald Dahl themed fun!

Have a lovely weekend.

Jo

Jo Field - Deputy Head

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a Golden Rules certificate this week; Dylan F, Nelly, Jackson, Bella, Daisy, Kacper.

Congratulations to the following children who received a School Values certificate this week; Sophia, Harry H, Maci, Seb, Mimi, Laurence x 2, Bonnie S, Darcie T, Nina.

Congratulations to the winners of this month's Art competition! From KS1 Nina and KS2 Georgie. Well done on some lovely pieces - keep the entries coming!

World Book Day!

World Book Day is on 7th **March**. Please see Mrs Barracloughs' letter for more information. We can't wait to spend the day celebrating our love of books!

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.



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.

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| Tuesday 5 th March | JRSO Traffic survey - selected children |
| Thursday 7 th March | World Book Day! Roald Dahl themed dress up! 8.45am Reading Café - school hall Y3/4 Rugby Tournament |
| Friday 8 th March | 9.00am Parent Liaison Group meeting |
| Saturday 9 th March | Newbury Netball Tournament |
| Tuesday 12 th March | Cross Country @ Newbury Showground - selected children |
| Wednesday 13 th March | Y1/2 Cricket event Y5 Young Leaders training afternoon KS1 Cricket - selected children |
| Thursday 14 th March | Y5/6 Rugby Tournament |
| Friday 15 th March | Red Nose Day! Wear a Red nose/Cake Sale - after school under the barn |
| Monday 18 th March | Shakespeare Week! Shakespeare Workshop for all children Y1/2 Football event |

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| Tuesday 19 th March | KAPLA workshop for all children Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics Finals!! |
| 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 23 rd July | 2.00pm Y6 Leavers assembly End of Term |