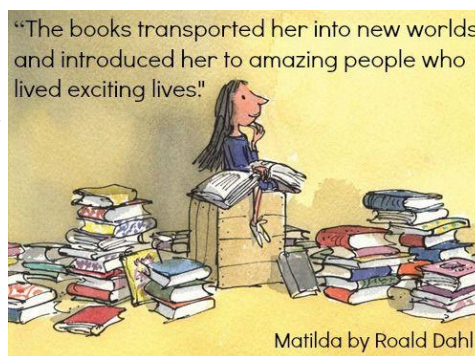




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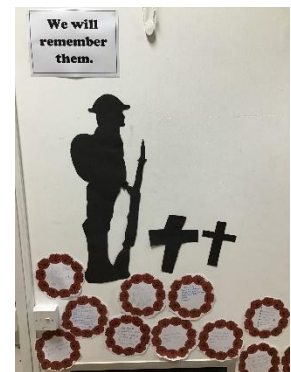
Dear all,

It was fabulous to see so many of you at our Reading Café this morning! It was our busiest yet, with over 40 families able to come in and spend some time reading with their children over a cup of tea and some cake! There was a wonderful sound of books being read and enjoyed by all. Reading each day with your child is one of the most important ways to foster a life-long love of reading. There are so many inspiring quotes about reading to share, but I like this one from 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl about why reading can bring so much pleasure:



If you would like to volunteer in school and listen to some of our children we would love to hear from you! Even if you just have 15 minutes to spare at the start or the end of the day, it could really make such a difference to a child.

We also held a Remembrance Service this morning, learning about why poppies are worn and what will happen on 11th November. Mrs Field and Mrs Curtis read some poems, Mrs Andrews played The Last Post on her cornet, and children laid wreaths, read poems they had written, and talked about members of their own families who served in WW1 or WW2. Zach and Dylan shared a beautiful display of photos and medals of their Great-Grandpa. We then held a two minutes silence and said a prayer for all those around the world currently affected by conflict.



Next week is Anti-Bullying week and Maths Week! On Monday, children are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate everyone's differences. Over the week the children will be making a noise about bullying- completing a range of activities designed to empower them to speak up about bullying behaviours. In Maths, they will all be doing a live lesson on triangles! The week ends with Children in Need's Spot-acular on Friday. It will be a busy week! <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/parents-and-carers>

Beulah

Mrs Beulah Letchford, Headteacher



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate in our Celebration assembly this week: Isaac, Dougie, Emma, Jacob, Alexa and Daisy

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate in our Celebration assembly this week: Willow, Eddie, Enid, Maci, Ed T, Eoin, Ben and Carter

Sports News

On Tuesday our Y5/6 rugby team played the second round of matches in our local league. There were only two matches to play, so they were slightly longer. We also had some additional players in the squad. The children worked together really well, showing some great phases of team play- passing the ball and making good tackles- as well as some super individual runs to the try line. We drew one game but lost the other. The next round of matches will be in March. Well played Toby, Ben, Kacper, Eleanor, Alexa, Dylan, Teegan, Harry, Pip and Amelia!



Junior Road Safety Officers

Our JRSO's, Toby, Daisy, Alexa and Kacper, made a fantastic presentation about road safety which they shared with the school on Thursday. They talked about the importance of crossing a road in a safe place, wearing a helmet when cycling, parents not parking on the yellow zig-zag lines by the school entrances, and wearing something bright when walking by the road in the dark. They also launched their own 'Be Bright, Be Seen' design a t-shirt competition! Kacper and Toby shared the ones they had already made to inspire the children. Every child has been given a blank t-shirt template, and all entries should be returned by Wednesday 22nd November. On Friday 24th November, children have been asked to wear one bright piece of clothing/accessory with their school uniform.

Sausage Workshop

On Tuesday Jan Murray from the Newbury Showground Education programme, came into school to deliver a sausage workshop to our children! They were challenged to taste the difference between a pork and a vegetarian sausage, shown how sausages are made (we then cooked the sausages on Wednesday on the fire-pit and everyone got to taste them!),

how to look after pigs, and where the meat comes from. The children were really interested to learn about where their food comes from- and enjoyed tasting the sausages!

Young Voices

This week we started to learn 'In the Mood'. If all children attending the concert could make sure they log-in to the music room and practice this song this week.

Staffing

We are looking for a **Community Governor** to join our Governing Body. This role is not a Parent Governor, so parents cannot apply, however there be someone in our local community you know who would be keen to get involved. Please pass them our details.

We are currently recruiting for a **Y1/2 Teacher** however we haven't been successful in this process. Mrs Barraclough has agreed to continue as Oak class teacher until we can recruit the right person for this role. If you know anyone who may be interested, please pass them our 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 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week (wear odd socks!- Monday) 3.30pm Netball v Kingsclere - selected children only
Tuesday 14 th November	3.15pm Netball v St. Martins - selected children only 4.00pm Y5/6 Alternative Olympics St Barts - selected children only
Wednesday 15 th November	1.00pm Y4/5 Netball Festival - selected children only
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need - wear something 'spot-tacular' for £1 1.40pm Y4 Netball & Football Festival - Thorngrove School
Monday 20 th November	Art Competition entries in: 'Bonfire Night'
Tuesday 21 st November	Netball match at Falkland- selected children only

Wednesday 22 nd November	JRSO competition entries in
Thursday 23 rd November	9.00am Parent Liaison Group Meeting Y1/2 trip to Arlington Arts
Friday 24 th November	'Be Bright, Be Seen' day
Monday 27 th November	4.00pm Y5/6 Football Competition @ Park House - selected children only
Monday 4 th December	Secret Shopping donations in
Thursday 7 th December	YR & KS1 Nativity - 2pm & 6pm
Friday 8 th December	Secret Shopping!
Monday 11 th December	Art Competition entries in: 'Christmas' Share & Celebrate
Tuesday 12 th December	Panto @ The Watermill - whole school
Thursday 14 th December	6.00pm KS2 Carol Service @ Burghclere Church
Friday 15 th December	End of Term
Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET Day
Wednesday 3 rd January	First Day of Spring Term
Monday 15 th January	Young Voices - Robin & Falcon Class
Monday 22 nd January	Art Competition entries in: 'Winter'
Friday 9 th February	End of Term
Monday 19 th February	First Day of Term
Monday 26 th February	Art Competition entries in: 'Love'
Monday 25 th March	Art Competition entries in: 'Animals'
Thursday 28 th March	End of Term
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'
Monday 20 th May	Art competition entries in: 'Nature'
Friday 24 th May	End of Term
Monday 3 rd June	First Day of Term
Monday 24 th June	Art Competition entries in: 'Water'
Tuesday 23 rd July	End of Term