



Dear parents,

This week we marked Children's Mental Health Week, which this year centred on the theme "*This is My Place*". We introduced the theme in Monday's collective worship, and teachers continued the focus throughout the week with a range of class activities.

We also took part in Safer Internet Day, exploring Smart Tech, Safe Choices and responsible use of AI. We had some thoughtful discussions about when we use AI and reflected on both positive uses and those that are less helpful. There were a few surprised faces when we realised that many of us use AI in our everyday life.

Our Year 6 pupils had an additional focus on safety during their Junior Citizens session at Oxford Fire Station. For the first time, we travelled via the Pear Tree Park & Ride, which linked perfectly with the day's themes. Even our mascot, Harrison, joined us for part of the journey.

Continuing with the theme of safety, I would like to take this opportunity — following a few reports from members of the community — to remind parents to ensure all appropriate safety measures are in place when children are travelling to and from school. This includes using the correct car seats and belts for your child, regardless of the length of the journey, to help them build essential lifelong safety habits.



Now that the Year 3&4 and Year 5&6 have completed their swimming lessons, they will be returning to Forest School sessions after half term alongside FSU. We are all hoping for an improvement in the weather!

Wishing you all a restful and refreshing half term break.

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Our Stars of the Week

Lara

Izzy

Henry

Walter

Phoenix

Harry

Oliver H

Seb, Blake
Emily C, Lilly
Oliver G-W, Lacey

Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 1&2 with:

94% attendance

Whole school attendance

88%

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:40. It makes such a difference!

Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.40am

8:30am—8:40am

Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.40am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm or 3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club or CAST, please book a place using the Arbor app. You do not need to book for Drop & Play.

All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only. If you could please try to get your clubs booked by **Midday Friday** for the week ahead, so that snacks can be arranged. As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required. Bookings made after 12pm on Friday will incur a £2 late booking fee per session booked.

Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be charged for the later session.

ECO COUNCIL

Our water butts have arrived and we are looking forward to putting them to use around the school. With all this rain, we should collect lots of water!

PTA

We hope you all enjoyed the Friendship disco last Friday. We raised £180!

Thank you for returning your tea towel pre-order slips. We can't wait for you to see them! If you would still like to order over half term, please email

charltonschoolassociation@gmail.com

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to welcoming you at the PTA Café on Friday 27th February.



Diary dates

- **Dance Club— 13th February**
- **16th-20th February—Half Term**
- **27th February—National Child Measurement Programme Reception +Yr6**
- **27th February—Reception Vision Screening**
- **27th February—PTA Café 3.15pm**
- **2nd March—Yr5/6 Stone Age Trip**
- **5th March— World Book Day (details to follow)**
- **10th March—FSU Trip to David Lloyd Bicester**
- **18th & 19th March—Parents Evening**
- **20th March—PTA Easter Bingo**



FSU

Our focus this week has been Chinese New Year. We acted out the story of the Zodiac, made wishes for our own wishing tree, tried using chopsticks for noodles and devoured some prawn crackers with sweet chilli sauce. I hope you all have a wonderful February half term, I have put lots of optional educational activities on Tapestry .



Year 1 & 2

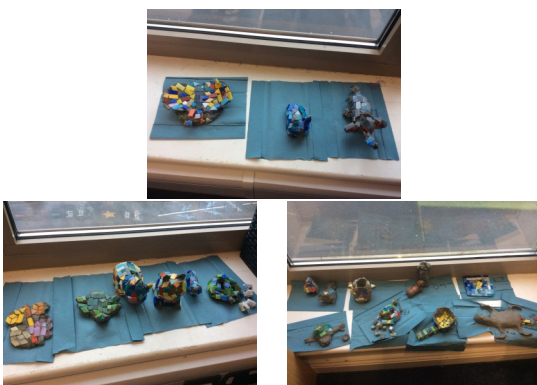
Now that half term is upon us, we have polished off our Big Bear, Little Brother text in English by writing diary entries from the point of view of one of the characters. To prepare for this, the children really enjoyed doing short role plays where they pretended to be Minik, the boy in the story, and talked about how they were feeling at each stage of the journey. We have also reached the end of our 'In The Groove' song in Music, and some of the children were able to perform the song to their friends on glockenspiels and recorders. Some of the children are really excited to get started on their Half Term reading challenge!

Have a wonderful break everyone!



Year 3 & 4

In art lessons this half term, the children in year 3/4 have been learning all about the architect and designer; Antoni Gaudi. I have been so impressed by their interest in his life and in his work. We have looked at examples of architecture that was typically around in Gaudi's time and compared them to his. We concluded that Gaudi's was much more detailed, colourful and interesting. The children ended the topic by planning and creating their own Gaudi inspired clay sculptures with mosaic detail. Like Gaudi, these were nature themed and as you can see in the photos are excellent. Well done all!



Year 5 & 6

In science, we designed sculptures that featured an electric circuit, imagining they would be used at a light trail. The children worked so hard to come up with innovative designs and to problem-solve and find solutions to get things working. We then invited some of the other classes to see our light trail, which also had moving sculptures and noises! We also finished our Greek Pottery and our computing movies - what a busy week finishing our projects!



Safeguarding

Please contact Mrs Gosling or Mrs Clarke should you have any safeguarding concerns.

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