



Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of Term 3 which brings us to the mid point of the school year. We are only half way through the year and lots has happened already!

This week, we have marked Children's Mental Health week with an assembly on this year's theme 'My Voice Matters' and activities took place in classes linked to this too. Please see the attachment 'Top Tips for Families' for more information on talking to your child about mental health.

On Tuesday, we also marked Safer Internet day. Please follow this link to a video about the day <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SD5KW6dqnv0&t=23s>. Top Tips for parents and carers are also available here <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>.

It was lovely to see many of you at parents evenings on Wednesday and Thursday and I hope that you found the meetings informative. Please do contact me via the office email [enquiries@charltonono.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@charltonono.co.uk) if you want to discuss anything further.

This week, the Key Stage 2 members of the Eco council visited the Bicester Food Bank as part of the projects they have planned for this year. They will be sharing what they learnt with the rest of the school next term.

We also had another group of Year 5&6 children play a match against St Edburg's school as part of the Bicester Schools Football League. It was a very cold and windy match but the children were not deterred and performed really well, much to the delight of the supporters. Thank you to the parents that helped with transport and cheered the children on!

Finally, after a long wait, the sports leaders have celebrated the arrival of the new playtime equipment ordered thanks to the fundraising from the Athletes visit in November. We will start to get them out at playtimes and in the FSU after half term once we have a storage unit for it all. Thank you again for your contributions!

Next term, it will be the turn of Year 5&6 and 1&2 to take part in Forest School sessions. FSU and Year 3&4 will be having gymnastics sessions on Tuesday mornings.

Wishing you all a fun filled half term,

Nadia Gosling



**Headteacher Award**  
**George B, Alice**



## Our Stars of the Week

Lois

Alice

Evie H

Joshua

Seb

William H

Amelia

Samuel

## Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 1&2 & Year 5&6 with:

**96% attendance**

**Whole school attendance**

**92%**

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:45. It makes such a difference!

## Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.45am  
8:30am—8:45am  
Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.45am  
CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm  
or 3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, Drop & Play or CAST, please book a place using the app. 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. 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

Thank you to those of you who supported our Welly and Waterproof Swap. We will keep any surplus ones for the future. The Year 3,5 and 6 councillors had a very interesting trip to the Bicester Foodbank on Monday, and will be sharing there experience with the rest of the school next term in an assembly. This was part of our Global Citizenship project. Happy half term!

## PTA

Excellent rule breaking from everyone today! We hope the children had fun.

We managed to raise : **£112.20**

Remember there'll be a cake sale after school today—thank you for your donations.

Thank you all for your continued support. Have a fun filled half term, and we look forward to seeing you next term with lots of exciting events coming up!

## Diary dates

- **9th February PTA cake sale after school**
- **12th—16th February Half Term Week**
- **20th February Yr6 Junior Citizens trip**
- **26th February Yr5/6 Bicester Schools Football League**
- **29th February Yr3/4 Girls Football Event**
- **6th March Yr5/6 Bicester Schools Football League**
- **6th March—World Book Day**



## FSU

We have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year this week in FSU. Children have had the chance to practice using chop sticks, have heard the story about the animals race to name the years in the Chinese calendar and all about dragons and other special customs. We look forward to our 'Living Things' topic after half term when hopefully we will be seeing more signs of spring!



## Year 1 & 2

We all enjoyed our Florence Nightingale workshop on Monday morning. We had lots of fun bandaging each other up and performing a poem about Florence Nightingale's life. Over the past few weeks we have continued to practice our forwards and backwards rolls in PE, we have some budding gymnasts in our class. In addition, the class created houses from various materials, making sure that a wolf would not be able to blow it down. I hope you all have a brilliant half term!



## Year 3 & 4

Our last Forest School session of the term was extremely soggy, but the children didn't let this stop them from making dens, clay figures and fishing rods to see if they could catch anything in the flood! We also managed to keep the fire lit long enough to toast marshmallows for s'mores, all washed down with hot chocolate. We will be sad to finish our English and Guided Reading text Charlotte's Web this week, but I was very impressed with the level of writing the children produced during this topic. Have a happy half term, everyone!



## Year 5 & 6

We finished our science topic of the circulation system by measuring our pulse rates to find out how our pulse rate changes before and after exercise! This term, we have also been studying the artist David Hockney- we looked at his work on perspective and created landscape paintings that had an interesting perspective point. This week, we are adding pastel patterns in his style.



## Safeguarding

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