



Dear Parents,

This week has had a bit of a safety focus for the children. The Year 6 children went to Oxford to attend a Junior Citizens session, learning about how to keep themselves and others safe in a range of scenarios both at home and when out and about including by water, roads and trains.



On Tuesday, the whole school had a visit from the Canal and River Trust outreach team who spoke to the children about how to keep themselves safe when they are near water. The younger children heard a story and learnt the phrase 'quack, quack, two steps back' whereas the older classes picked out a number of dangers they could spot on a poster and discussed how to avoid these using the acronym SAFE — Stay Away From the Edge. Both sessions were really informative and I hope the children found them helpful too.

This week we have started a new focus on the value of Forgiveness. The children spent time in class thinking about times they have been hurt and used stones to represent their feelings. After some reflection time they thought about whether they were ready to let the feelings go. The children also learnt about Jørn Utzon, a Danish Architect who designed the Sydney Opera House. Mr Utzon disagreed with other people involved in the project and he left Australia never seeing the finished building! Many years later, the owners of the Sydney Opera house made amends with Mr Utzon and everyone apologised for the problems they had caused. They were able to forgive each other and even worked together again. A great real life example to help the children with their reflections about forgiveness in their own lives.

Attached to this newsletter you will find the class newsletters for this term which outline the learning that will be taking place this term as well as some tips on how to help your child at home. I hope you find these informative.

Wishing you all a sunny weekend,

Nadia Gosling



Headteacher Award

Estelle



Kindness Awards

**Elsie, Corey, Alice,
Evie, Lily H, Niamh**

Well Done!



We have received a some 2025 Premier League Panini sticker albums and stickers. If you are interested, please pop into school from Monday morning to collect a book and a sticker pack.

Our Stars of the Week

Lara

Margot M

Ella

Lorilee

Roman

Harry

Mackenzie

Lacey

Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is FSU with:

99% attendance

**Whole school attendance
94%**

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 Arbor 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. 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.

PTA

Join us on the 28th March for Family Bingo! Please see the attached poster for more details



Diary dates

- **1st March—Yr5/6 Youlbury trip instalment to be paid**
- **3rd March—Yr5/6 Girls Football**
- **5th March—World Book Day— Bonnet competition**
- **6th March—Scooter Experience**
- ~~6th March—Yr5/6 Girls Football~~
- **7th March—Yr1,2,5,6—History Workshop**
- **10th—15th Science week**
- **15th March —whole school Science Workshop**
- **17th March—Yr5/6 Mixed League Football**
- **21st March—Yr5/6 Mixed League Football**
- **24th March—Yr5/6 Mixed League Football**
- **28th March—PTA Bingo night 5.30pm**



ECO COUNCIL

In an assembly this week we shared the WWF pack that had arrived during half term. It contained a toy snow leopard, an adoption certificate and an information booklet. The certificate is displayed on our noticeboard. We also showed the light switch and tap sign reminders, and the eco councillors have started their spot check monitoring! Reminder – we need 2L plastic bottles please.

Wanted—large boxes/shoe boxes

Miss Ashely is looking for some large boxes for the Yr1/2 children to make homes from 1666 and compare them to ones you would find in present times. They will be doing this on Tuesday, so if you have any, please send them in to school with your child.

Many thanks

Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning held in the Percy Collett room on Thursday 6th March at 8.45am-11am to coincide with the Post office. All monies will go towards St Mary's Church.

FSU

In FSU we have started our new topic called **Rhyme Time** by reading the story 'A Squash and a Squeeze' this has enabled us to have lots of animal themed activities including changing our role play area to a vets-which the children have really loved!

We started a new focus in our music lessons too - learning about some different musical instruments. This week we had Seb from Year 6 come and show us his keyboard. We are hoping to have some other 'live' experiences of different instruments to hear and learn about during the term. Please let us know if you play an instrument you would be willing by to come and show us.



Year 1 & 2

It has been a lovely week of starting new topics. We have danced to Queen, learnt about meteor showers, compared London from past and present times and enjoyed our first forest school back!



Year 3 & 4

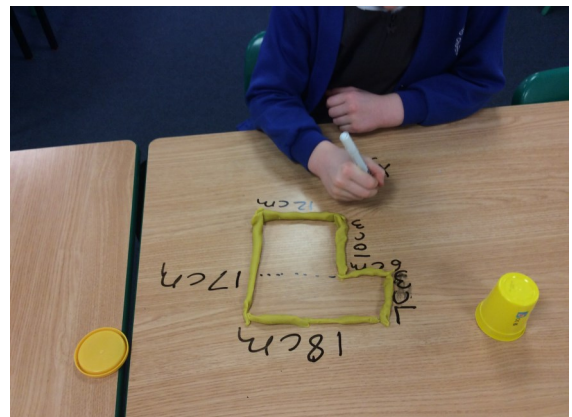
This week in year 3 and 4 we began our new topic of 'Extreme Earth'. We learnt all about what's under the ground and how the Earth is made up of layers. We used to this knowledge to create our own Earths out of play dough and then cut them in half so we could see the layers.



Year 5 & 6

We have enjoyed our new topics for this term, especially the Titanic in writing and the Maya in history.

This week we have also been finding perimeter and area of rectilinear shapes - we made shapes out of playdough and then investigated them!



Safeguarding

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

Forest School

