



Dear Parents,

We have had a few exciting things happening in school this week which we have been waiting very patiently for and can't wait to share with the children.

We have now had a football pitch marked on the field, allowing us to prepare for matches and to host league matches for our Y5&6 at home. One is already booked for next term! A big thank you to Mrs Mountain for leading some training sessions after school for the girls team.

We also had delivery of some new trikes for FSU which we will start to introduce over the next terms enhancing our outdoor and physical development provision further.

Finally, we found out on Thursday that on World Poetry Day, we successfully broke the Guinness World Record for the Largest Poetry Lesson. We have been waiting to hear back since November! It was great to see our dot on the world map alongside many other schools and see of clips some the other participants. The formal record is for 43,516 people (from around 500 schools), which is enough to fill a football stadium. Well done Years 3&4 and 5&6.

In our collective worship this week, the worship team re-enacted two different Aesop's Fables for us – 'The Crane and the Fox' and 'The Ant and the Dove' and together we discussed what the moral of each fable might be. It was really interesting to hear the children's reflections for both stories especially how they were giving the animals the benefit of the doubt on some of the choices made. This led us to discuss the importance of talking about how others are making us feel as they might not be aware of it. A great discussion.

Wishing you all a great weekend,  
Nadia Gosling

### **OPEN AFTERNOON**

There are still some space available for our open afternoon on Wednesday 5th February.

### **Reminder to Parents**

Bookings are open for parents evenings. These can be booked via Arbor. Sessions for nursery have also been added but will be taking place during during the school day around collection time.

### **Kindness Awards**

Stan, Martha, Minnie, Felicity,  
Mrs Gosling +  
Miss Giles

**Well Done!**



**Headteacher Award  
Archer  
Well Done!**



## Our Stars of the Week

Ralph

Elsie

Martha +  
William

Jackson +  
Finn

All of  
Yr 3/4

George

Lilly

## Class Attendance Winner

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

**94% attendance**

**Whole school attendance  
93%**

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.

## ECO COUNCIL

At this weeks' meeting we counted the votes for  
which animal to adopt this year, and the winner was  
a snow leopard. We shared the news in an  
assembly. Thank you to everyone who took part in  
the fundraiser and supported us. Also this week, we  
have been working on our action plan.

## PTA

Thank you to those who attended our PTA  
Café last Friday. We hope you enjoyed it.  
We raised a fabulous **£117.50!**

Next Friday is the PTA school disco. Please  
see the attached flyer for more info.



## Diary dates

- 6th + 13th Feb—Yrs 3-6 Swimming
- 3rd Feb—Yr 5/6 Girls Football League match
- 5th Feb— Skipping workshop
- 5th Feb—Parent Open afternoon 1-3
- 7th Feb—PTA school disco 5.30-7pm
- 11th Feb Y1-6 Parents evenings 3:30 -5:30
- 12th Feb Rec -Y6 parents evenings 4-6:30
- 14th Feb—School of kindness workshop
- 24th Feb—Yr6 Junior citizens trip
- 25th Feb—Reception + Yr6 height, weight + vision screening
- 6th March—Scooter Experience



For future dates: <https://charlton-on-otmoor.sch.life/Page/Calendar>

## FSU

Our theme this week has been based around **The Rainbow Fish** story. Children have mixed paints to make the colours of a rainbow. They have also drawn and coloured fish, played magnetic fishing games and 'fished' in the water tray using nets.

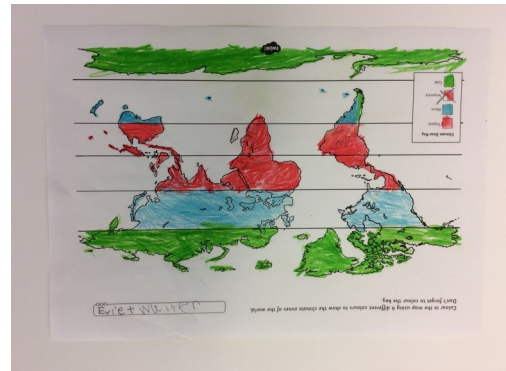
We have changed our role play area from a flower shop to a police station which has proved very popular! Despite the wet weather we have still been able to use our outside area every day.



## Year 1 & 2

We have been working on our skipping in PE ready for our workshop on Wednesday. The progress from last week has been amazing and we are very excited to learn some new skills!

As well as this, we have been learning about climates around the world in Geography. We located the equator, northern and southern hemisphere and the polar circles where it is very cold.



## Year 3 & 4

Assessment week is always hard work, but the year 3 and 4 children have worked very hard and taken each of the papers seriously, showing plenty of resilience.

Another achievement this week was being able to play a new tune on our Glockenspiels! We are getting better at following musical scores and remembering when to do longer notes and shorter notes, and also when to pause.



## Year 5 & 6

We have started reading a traditional Mayan story in English, ready for our history topic. The Maya had a ball game called pok-a-tok, which was played with a rubber ball and hoops. In our story, a boy named Pik plays pok-a-tok against the rain God Chac to try and get rain for his city. We researched this ball game and wanted to play it ourselves - it was really tricky!



## Safeguarding

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

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