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NEWSLETTER

This term we will be looking at the following value:

RESILIENCE

30 April 2021

Dear Parents,

It has been an incredibly exciting and busy first few weeks of the Summer term. I would like to start by thanking all of you for your support in making the crosses for the May Day service, for buying flowers at such short notice and for baking lots of cakes in preparation for tomorrow. I would also like to thank Joy and her team for working really hard over the past 24 hours to make the posies; they looked terrific. I also must thank Mrs Pearson for her hard work behind the scenes in supporting the school with the May Day preparations, Mrs Phillips for her photography skills and Mrs Foster for keeping the children safe when crossing the road. The FSU team would like to thank Mr Wood and Mrs North for their support.

The May Day service was a fantastic occasion consisting of singing, dancing and a collection of poems and prayers. It was incredibly important as a school to continue with this important tradition and we were delighted that Reverend Lisa was able to lead the service. Lots of pictures are available on our website under NEWS & EVENTS/GALLERY/MAY DAY 2021. More pictures will be uploaded next week and videos will be made available next week too.

We have taken lots of photographs and videos and will endeavour to make these available as soon as possible. Can I please remind all families that pictures and videos are for personal use and not to be shared on any form of social media.

Curriculum Update

We are excited to inform you that we will be starting our new curriculum from Tuesday. The Learning Means the World curriculum will be the driving force in enabling us to achieve our strategic aims to ensure that pupils become educated global citizens and are equipped with 21st century skills.

Our new curriculum will be underpinned by four highly relevant world issues, known as the four Cs:-

- Culture
- Communication
- Conflict
- Conservation

Each class will take on a Learning Pathway:

Explorers (3-5 year olds Reception and Nursery Class – Mrs Wells and Mrs Clarke)

Pathfinders (5-7 year olds Year 1 and 2 – Mrs Plumbe and Mr Griffin)

Adventurers (7-9 year olds Year 3 and 4 – Miss Sandford)

Navigators (9-11 year olds Year 5 and 6 – Miss Phillips)

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches. Matthew 13:31-32

The learning Pathways are characterised by learning traits which are developed through the themes. These will help equip pupils to be agents for positive change, both within their local context and further afield. These traits are developed through aspects such as pupil led activities (independence) and high ability tasks (resilience).

The first 'C' we will be studying after the Bank Holiday weekend is Conservation.

The children's first topics lasting six weeks will be:

Explorers – What on Earth...?

Pathfinders – Light Up the World

Adventurers – Picture Our Planet

Navigators – Global Warning

Each class will have a Curriculum Newsletter with the Pathfinders, Adventurers and Navigators given a knowledge organiser (**WISK** – What I should know) outlining the knowledge children will be taught and expected to know for each theme. You will find these documents on the school website under the 'curriculum' tab.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Griffin

PS: The Homework Grids for FSU, Yr1/2, Yr3/4, Yr5/6 have been uploaded on the website.

- MS PHILLIPS

Ms Phillips wanted to share with you **2 beautiful pieces of writing by Willem and Kit** (see attachment for Willem)

I had a white shirt and a green jacket. The flowers were beautiful like the sky. The Maypole dancing was fascinating to watch. We sang the May Garland song and it was stuck in my head. We did the country dancing on the playground and we did two dances, which were called the Durham Wheel and the other one was called Brighton Camp. May Day was a very exciting day for me. - Kit

- PHOTOGRAPHS FROM ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK

Due to technical mishap, we are unable to send the pictures taken last Friday for our trophies and stars of the week. Our apologies.

- MAY DAY

Our fortnight of May Day learning has come to an end. The children have spent a lot of time preparing to sing and dance, in keeping with Charlton's traditions. FSU have enjoyed learning their teddy bear's picnic dance with Mrs Wells and Mrs Clarke, while Y1/2 have learned their dance with Mrs Plumbe and Mr Griffin. KS2 have learned the Brighton Camp and the Durham Reel. The dancing, as well as the Y5/6 may pole dancing, was a great success. The children clearly enjoyed it as much as we did!

I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge our wonderful TAs and their contribution to our May Day celebrations. Without our amazing team working behind the scenes, today's events would not have been as successful as they were. Thank you Miss Cooper for your support with backing music. Thank you to Mrs Caple, Mrs Ling, Mrs Vickers, Mrs Hatwell, Miss Buckley and Mrs Pike for all of your time, knowledge and efforts this week. We couldn't have done it without you.

Miss Sandford

- MAY DAY Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes this morning. It is not too late if you would like to donate a cake for the Mayday Cake Sale, bring to the Village Hall **tomorrow morning between 9 – 10am**. Home made or bought all donations gratefully received.

The PTA will be selling cakes **Saturday morning from 10am to 12noon** at the corner of Broadway and New Pond Lane if you would like to pop along. Felicity North has donated one of her fabulous cakes which we will be raffling, the crosses and garland will also be on display. COVID safety measures will be in place.

All proceeds will go towards projects in the school.

- LUNCHES

Thank you to all of you who have started using the news system to book lunches and after school clubs. I really would like to encourage everyone to book their lunches using the website/app. **From the 7th June onwards, we will no longer have a menu register in each class and we will rely entirely on the new system to provide numbers and menu options to the kitchen.**

If your child has a packed lunch, we recommend that you mark it as such in the dinner options to help teachers/TAs ascertain which children have lunch boxes.

If you are not sure how to do this, do give me a call and I can guide you through it. Thank you.

ASSEMBLY

Star of the week



FSU	Oliver H for some super independent writing in the writing shed about the Hungry Caterpillar
Yr 1/2	Tilly for working so hard and joining in with the May dancing and singing
Yr 3/4	Freddie for some amazing May Day dancing. He looked incredibly smart in his outfit and danced really well. Well done for trying your best.
Yr 5/6	Excellent handwriting in English

(Tilly was helping Mrs Hatwell so is not in the picture.)

Trophies



Be friendly, respectful and kind	Lily	For always displaying excellent manners
Be responsible	Jaxon (Yr3/4)	For singing beautifully during our May Day celebrations and dressing smartly in his shirt and waistcoat
Be the best you can be	Lucas	For great perseverance in May Day
Be the best you can be	All staff	The children decided to award the trophy to all the members of staff for organising May Day for the children



OUTSIDE SCHOOL

* MEDICSPOT FACE MASK CHALLENGE

We're calling all children to design your own face mask! Win face masks for you and all your classmates, a £500 prize for your school and help support NHS workers and volunteers. To get your face mask template and to enter, go to www.medicspot.co.uk/mask



Christ Church Cathedral School
Pre-Prep & Preparatory School for Boys with Co-Ed Nursery

Be a Chorister for a Day
(for boys in current Year 3 and below)

Saturday 22 May

For further details please contact
Mrs Laura Kemp:
registrar@cccs.org.uk



Bursary-supported Choristerships
Available for September 2021

01865 242561 | www.cccs.org.uk

* CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

For families whose sons in current Year 3 and below would like to come along to our event on **Saturday 22nd May**. Below is a link to the Cathedral Chorister section of our website, if families would like to take a look and find out a little more. (see PDF attached)
<https://www.cccs.org.uk/joining-us/choristerships/christ-church-cathedral-choir/>

* LIBRARIES

Oxfordshire Libraries have missed seeing children visit the library and choose books while COVID-19 restrictions have been in place.

While schools may not be visiting us yet, we would really like to encourage children and their families back into their local libraries or invite them to visit for the first time if they have not been before.

To introduce Oxfordshire Libraries to children we've produced a fun video which we are inviting you to share with classes and in your assemblies.

It's available via this link: <https://vimeo.com/485387049/ea992e6fe3>

The video is under 5 minutes long and works best with the sound on.

Most of our libraries are now open. We have full COVID safe precautions – find out more at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

There's so much children can discover in libraries, such as a wide range of books to read for pleasure and information, online resources and free computer access.

*** KIDLINGTON SWIMMING CLUB**

Kidlington and Gosford Swimming Club (www.kgsc.co.uk) is a happy and welcoming volunteer run Swimmark accredited community club with Swim England trained coaches. We offer competitive swimming to children from age 7, with our swimmers competing at local, County, Regional and National level. We're now, following a Covid recruitment hiatus, keen to drag youngsters away from their 'devices' and recruit our next generation of swimmers.

The flyer below explains that the trial is free of charge and will take place at 11am on Saturday 8th May at Kidlington and Gosford Leisure Centre. Families just need to register via the trial registration form at www.kgsc.co.uk/trail and our Head Coach, Joe, will be in touch to confirm their registration.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.



Kidlington Swimming Club Academy Trial

11:00 am Saturday 8th May

Kidlington and Gosford Leisure Centre, OX5 2NU

Possibly the happiest, and best value, swimming club in Oxfordshire, Kidlington and Gosford Swimming Club is holding a trial for entry into the Club's Academy.

If you enjoy swimming, love being in the water, and are aged from 7-10, then competitive swimming could be the sport, and KGSC the club, for you.

To sign up for the trial simply complete the registration form at:

www.kgsc.co.uk/trial

and Joe, the Club's Head Coach, will be in touch.

We look forward to meeting you

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