

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



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Weekly Newsletter 10th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Kites have loved learning all about Diwali and creating some beautiful Rangoli Patterns!

Stars of the Week are Ivy T-H and Ffion W.

Year 1 have had a fantastic week thinking about toys from the past writing wonderful descriptions of toys from the Old Bear stories.

Stars of the Week are Rory W and Grace V.

Year 2 have enjoyed writing their own bog baby stories and learning about different continents in topic.

Stars of the Week are Sophie W and Flavia M.

Year 3 have shown their drama skills this week. They have worked hard in groups to create some entertaining performances of their chosen fairytale.

Stars of the Week are Ava H and Rafael F.

Year 4 was investigating whether or not gases have weight in science this week. The children completed an experiment that involved shaking up bottles of fizzy drinks; thankfully, no one got coated!

Stars of the Week are Alice B and Jaxson J.

Year 5 have enjoyed a spectacular day out at Milestones Museum today - to experience life in Victorian times.

Stars of the Week will be awarded next week.

Year 6 have had a great time creating their sea creatures book.

Stars of the week are George B and Grace M.

Children in Need

On Friday 17th November all children are welcome to wear a spotty accessory and bring in a donation. They could wear spotty socks, a spotty hat, spotty tights or Pudsey ears to go with their school uniform. Please ensure that anything additional is named. All donations will be collected at the main gates at the beginning of the day.

Christmas Celebrations

Sonning Common Primary School's **Christmas Fair** is on 25th November 12pm – 3pm.

Come and join the festive cheer, be entertained by our talented children and maybe a sneak-peek at Father Christmas himself. We would be very grateful for any hamper donations to be dropped off in the green box in the bike shed in front of reception.

Our annual outdoor **Carol Concert** will take place on December 19th at 6pm with performances from Year 2 to Year 6, plus Glee and Choir. This will include audience carols. Please come and support your child and enjoy this magical start to Christmas.

KS1 Nativity performances will be on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December, whilst **Kites will be singing** to parents on Thursday 14th December.

Cross Country

Last Saturday we were at MECE for a soggy morning of cross country racing. Luckily the weather dried up as the morning went on but full kudos to those who turned up when it was pouring down! Great running and sportsmanship was shown by all – well done! Particular mention goes to Olivia G in Year 2 who fell over several times whilst racing in very slippery mud through the woods. She toughed it out and finished her race, showing brilliant grit and determination!

Kites: Issac C (in the Year 1 race) 5th

Year 2 : Joey Q 1st, Max C 8th, Myles S 14th; Mhairi R 10th, Olivia G 15th

Year 3: Theo G 7th

Year 5: Louie B 6th, Teddy E 9th, Teddy C 17th, James H; Georgie Q 7th; Boys Team came 4th

Year 6: Elsie D 3rd, Sophie A 4th, Evie Q 13th; Girls Team came 1st

Next race: MECE on Saturday 2nd December. Races for Years 1 to 6, starting at 10am. All welcome!

Coming soon: Winter Dash at The Oratory Prep School 20th January at 10am. Races for Years 1 to 6, all welcome!

Young Climate Warriors

This week - We're thinking scientists, inventors, engineers, designers, entrepreneurs - and how humans are excellent problem solvers! The Earthshot Prize 2023 has highlighted some inspiring projects around the world - working to revive and restore and planet and help fix our climate.

Young Climate Warriors are challenged to stand in awe of the machines and inventions that have revolutionised life in the home – humans are excellent problem-solvers - but also to realise that some of these same machines are the worst 'energy guzzlers'. Avoid using two of these 'guzzlers' this week – the 'dryers' – the tumble-dryer and the humble hair dryer.

Oxford Botanic Garden Christmas Fair 2nd & 3rd December

They are holding their first Christmas fair since 2019. Details and tickets are available here :

<https://www.obga.ox.ac.uk/event/christmas-fair>

Your headteacher

Mr Chris Hirst

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Space to be inspired

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Dates for your Diary

November 2023	
Friday 10 th	Year 5 visit to Milestones Centre
Saturday 12 th	Diwali
Tuesday 14 th	Childhood Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 14 th	Cross Country at Rotherfield Football Ground
Friday 17 th	Children in Need
Wednesday 22 nd	Christingle
Thursday 23 rd	Year 3 Visit from a Rabbi
Friday 24 th	Non-Uniform Day
Saturday 25 th	PTA Christmas Fair 12-3pm
Tuesday 28 th	Parent Consultations 4 – 7pm (details to follow)
Thursday 30 th	Parent Consultations 4 – 7pm (details to follow)
December 2023	
Friday 1st	INSET DAY – Children not in school
Saturday 2 nd	Cross Country 10am MECE
Friday 8 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 11 th	2pm Y1 & Y2 Nativity Performance
Tuesday 12 th	9:30am Y1 & Y2 Nativity Performance
Wednesday 13 th	School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 th	Christmas Gift Room (details to follow)
Thursday 14 th	2:30pm Kites Christmas songs to parents
Tuesday 19 th	6pm Carol Concert
Wednesday 20 th	Last day of Term 2 – school finishes at 1:15pm