

## OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



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### Weekly Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Happy News

**Kites** loved their Chinese Dragon Workshop and have been creating a giant dragon using junk modelling!  
Stars of the Week are Ffion W, Gabriel M and Lev A.

**Year 1** have loved their Chinese Workshop this week and also launching their rockets!  
Stars of the Week are Zack S and Bobby H-P.

**Year 2** loved the visit from author Chris Darkin. They enjoyed seeing how he creates books and then planning their own characters and plot for a story.  
Stars of the week are Alexander W and Sam P.

**Year 3** have had a wonderful week trying new things. They have made their own Egyptian Papyrus art; shown off their understanding of staying safe online by creating a rap. They also discussed the things which are important to them for Children's mental health week.  
Stars of the Week are Elodie D, Arlo D and Jacob N.

**Year 4** have started on our Roman shields ahead of Roman Day, and they are looking amazing! The bold designs are really effective.  
Stars of the Week in 4IA are everyone for their hard work this term and Freya H in 4JW.

**Year 5** have enjoyed putting together and editing some wonderful creative writing this morning, prompted by four strange pictures.  
Stars of the Week are Lucy W and Corey W.

**Year 6** have shown fantastic stamina and determination in their end-of-term assessments. They have all worked very hard this term and we are delighted with their progress. Their creative writing this week was around the topic of letters and they entertained us all with their letters of complaint, resignation and even some love letters!  
Stars of the Week are Olivia H, Jack T (most improved in maths), Arty S and Lila E (most improved in reading).

#### Class Reading Challenge

Mrs Salmons/Mrs Fox's class have an impressive number of children who have read at home EVERY DAY SINCE SEPTEMBER. We are challenging other classes to see if they can beat us at this! Watch this space next week to see how many other children have managed this.

Reading Heroes: Bruno D, Anushka T, Zac N, Thomas O, Jack T, Riley A, Ella-Lily B, Xavi OBW

## **Cross Country**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February was our first event of 2024. This was held at Shiplake College and was a lovely morning with students from the college running with the competitors as both “hare” and “tail-end Charlie”. Our pupils ran well and should feel very proud of themselves.

Kites: Isaac C (in Year 1 race) 9<sup>th</sup>

Year 1: Jared B 5<sup>th</sup>

Year 2: Max C 3<sup>rd</sup>, Myles S 9<sup>th</sup>, Mhairi R 12<sup>th</sup>, Olivia G 15<sup>th</sup>

Year 5: Teddy C 11<sup>th</sup>

Year 6: Edith W 8<sup>th</sup>

Next events: MECE on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb; Oratory Prep (re-scheduled from January) on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. All welcome!

## **Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics**

On Wednesday the Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics team travelled to Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge for the first round of the competition, looking to qualify for the regional final in March.

After almost two hours of running, jumping, throwing and speed bouncing, we were announced as winners of the competition with a whopping 261 points, and thus sealed our place in the regional final as well as an opportunity to defend our title from last year!

An excellent effort from all that led to a great result – all built on the courts and playgrounds of SCPS in winter temperatures of minus 4 and 5.

The team was: Sylvie F, Ella W, Georgie Q, Bethany B, Louie B, Jonah W, Levi B, Teddy E, Noah S, Freddie P, Elsie D, Evie Q, Lola B, Freya K, Ethan D, Wynter G, Joe S, Arty S, Xavi OBW, Max L, Maison E, Ella-Lily B, Vanessa P

## **Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics**

On Thursday the Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics team travelled to Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge for their one and only round of the competition.

After almost two hours of running, jumping, throwing and speed bouncing, we followed the example of our Year 5/6 team and were announced as winners of the competition!

A fantastic effort from everyone, and a true reward for all of their fantastic efforts in the early morning winter training sessions!

The team was: Robin B-M, Nia B, Darcie D, Georgie E, Tilly H, Ethan B, Noah D, Kit G, Albie W, Saule B, Issy C, Isabella DS, Lili F, Freya H, Isla P, Ella Y, Henry B, Noah B, Adomas B, Charlie H, Jaxson J, Oliver J, Ben N, Xander O'B-W

## **Inter-house competition – drawing from memory**

This term we have challenged the children to show off their artistic skills whilst testing their memory. Each year group had an image which they had to look at 3 times for a maximum of 15 seconds and then draw their best interpretation of it. Kites and Year 1 drew cats, Year 2 and 3 drew a butterfly and Year 4, 5 and 6 drew an elephant. Some classes have had a busy term and are completing their challenges this afternoon, therefore just missing out on the newsletter but their points will still be counted!

The top artists in each year group are as follows:

**Year 1:** Harvey W (Earth), Lola Bluebell (Air), Harry C (Air), Megan T (Earth)

**Year 2:** Ocean (Air), Tristan (Earth), Emir R (Earth), Joey (Air), Phoebe H (Water), Layla (Earth), Tegan (Water) and Anya (Fire)

**Year 3:** Vitya P (Water), Ava H (Air), Poppy N (Fire), Harlow (Fire), Darragh F (Earth), Jack D (Air), Nia (Air) and Nanaka (Earth)

**Year 4:** Adomas (Fire), Bella (Fire), Claudia (Air), Issy (Earth), Charlie H (Water), Keegan (Earth), Lucas S (Fire) and Alice B (Fire)

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**Year 5:** Camden (Earth), Bay (Earth), Bella A (Fire), Toby T (Fire), Georgie Q (Air), Oscar S (Air), Jago (Air) and Toby D (Fire)

**Year 6:** Anushka (Fire), Olivia (Fire), Elsie (Water), Maria (Air), Paula (Earth), Ethan D (Air), Will S (Air), Redin (Water)

### **School Disco 29<sup>th</sup> February – NEW DATE**

#### **Recycling with Terracycle**

Regrettably Terracycle have stopped recycling toothpaste products. This includes toothbrushes, paste tubes and packaging. We are therefore closing this part of our recycling scheme.

#### **Sport in Mind**

Sport in Mind, our current school charity, recently held some sessions with our year 6 classes. They run free weekly sports and games sessions to support youth mental wellbeing at MECE sports hall on Mondays (during term time) for 10 to 14 year olds. The sessions are from 3:30-4:30pm and are a great way to help build confidence, support self esteem and meet new people. To book please email [youth@sportinmind.org](mailto:youth@sportinmind.org) You can also view their poster on the community noticeboard:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/community/community-noticeboard/>

#### **Footsteps pedestrian safety**

Half term is a great chance for you to support your children to become safer, independent pedestrians and road users. Oxfordshire County Council have a child pedestrian Road Safety scheme called Footsteps, aimed at parents and carers. Please follow the link for further information [Walking with children | 365Alive](#)

#### **Sonning Common Library – Zoolab**

Looking for something to do over half term? ZooLab is visiting the library on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, at 9.30am and 11.30am. Tickets cost £5.00 per child, payable in advance. (Cash preferred) Book your place in the library today! (Children must be 5+)

#### **World Thinking Day/Founders Day 22nd February**

Miss Green, Miss Brakspear and Mrs Pepper would like to invite any member of Guiding or Scouting from the school community to wear their uniform top on Thursday 22nd. In doing this you will be joining uniformed members (including members of Guiding and Scouting) from all over Berkshire and Oxfordshire, and the rest of the country, celebrating the day. Any confusion over what you can wear on the day please don't hesitate to ask Miss Green. Looking forward to seeing all the colourful uniforms and badges on the day!

#### **Young Climate Warriors**

Keep up to date with their weekly challenges via our website:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/parents/eco-council/>

#### **Community Noticeboard**

Remember to look at Community Noticeboard for events and activities that may be of interest:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/community/community-noticeboard/>

#### **JNR Half Term Holiday Camp**

JNR are holding a holiday camp here at school over the February half term holiday. Further details can be found through their booking link: <https://www.buildarray.com/u/B0MX>. Their poster is also on our community noticeboard.

Your headteacher

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Mr Chris Hirst

### Dates for your Diary

<b>February 2024</b>	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 3 – school finishes at 3:20pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Term 4
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Football Tournament at Peppard Primary
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10am Cross Country at MECE
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Maidenhead Mosque Trip
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Kites & Year 6 Weighing & Measuring
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm Y5/6 Boys Football League Match v Goring (home)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	PTA School Disco
<b>March 2024</b>	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Mr Burrows' class to Hill End
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics Regional Final at Wheatley Park
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Miss Green's class to Hill End
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Medieval Day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Girls football match at Goring
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Young Shakespear Company performance – Henry V
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	STEM week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Village Quiz Night
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 & ^ Science Oxford Workshops
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 4 – school finishes at 1.15pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Sunday

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