

## OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



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### Weekly Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Happy News

**Kites** enjoyed creating Easter baskets and bunny ears to go on a numbered Easter egg hunt around the field this week!

Headteacher's Award goes to Lyra P, Ivy T-H, Nellie M and Albi R.

**Year 1** have had a fantastic term, topping off the term with creating a giant spider!

Headteacher's Award goes to Lola D-C, Grace B, Ronnie W, Bella N, Alexander C and Joseph M.

**Year 2** have enjoyed making puppets and learning about Easter.

Headteacher's Award goes to Theo W, Joshua A, Chloe C, Tegan B, Ocean S and Jessica C.

**Year 3** have really enjoyed singing this week including sharing their favourite songs and getting in the Easter spirit!

Headteacher's Award goes to Maleek J-W, Darcie D, Annabell A-C, Henry V, Louie M and Vivienne R-H.

**Year 4** got out in all weathers this week (sometimes within one lesson!), enjoying football, forest camp and basketball. Have a great Easter!

Headteacher's Award goes to Mateusz M, Jensen P, Keegan H-B, Saule B, Ivy H and Charlie H.

**Year 5** have enjoyed plotting ancient Mayan cities on a map and making small booklets in RE.

Headteacher's Award goes to Bethany B, Lexy S, Camden A, Scarlett H, Bay K and Jack G.

**Year 6** have worked their socks off all term and have made amazing progress. We are so proud of them.

Headteacher's Award goes to Belle B, Freya K, George B, Riley A, Lilah E, Leo C, Luca T and Evie Q.

**Staff Happy News** Mrs Hogan and Miss Brakspear are both leaving at Easter to start their maternity leave. We wish them and their families well and look forward to meeting the babies in the near future!

#### March's Big Thank You

Congratulations to Madame Baillie who is this month's Big Thank You winner! She was nominated as she is so kind and friendly, lovely with the children and can never do enough to help. Madame Baillie is so adaptable and doesn't let anything faze her. She is a great member of our team.

Thank you to The Angel Bar in Caversham for their kind donation.

### **Sporting achievements**

Thomas O (Year 6) came 1<sup>st</sup> out of 17 boys at the South East Region Skills Qualifier Diving Competition last weekend. Well done, Thomas! Good luck at the finals in July!

Millie B (Year 4) attended the Legacy Cheerleading Championship last weekend with her cheerleading team, Kick Start. They came 1<sup>st</sup> in their category! Well done, Millie!

### **Cross Country**

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March our runners headed to Oratory Prep School. Some great performances from all!

Year 2: Joey Q 1<sup>st</sup>, Max C 5<sup>th</sup>, Myles S 6<sup>th</sup>; Mhairi R 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year 5: Toby T 5<sup>th</sup>, Teddy C 6<sup>th</sup>, Felix C 7<sup>th</sup>

### **Year 2 Football Tournament**

On Tuesday a group of 10 children from Year 2 travelled to Kidmore End School to take part in a football tournament.

Our first game was against Kidmore End 2. Despite some great defending by Evie, some good saves by goalkeeper Ocean and a lot of great runs by Alexis, we were unlucky to lose 1-0.

We didn't let our heads drop and after a short break, we came back to the pitch to take on Kidmore End 1. It was a very well battled game, with plenty of action in midfield with Ariel and Flo, lots of great runs on the wing by Miles R and good clearances by goalkeeper Rhys. We won 5-2, with some great goals by Lucas, Sophie W and Jesse (3).

Our last game was against Peppard School. It was another solid performance by the whole team, coming back after conceding a goal and winning 2-1, with Lucas and Jesse on the scoresheet.

We were of course over the moon to come first and bringing home the winner trophy!

Thank you to the parents who helped with driving the children and a special thanks to Mrs Young for helping on the day!

Year 2 Team: Ocean S, Rhys H, Evie C, Sophie W, Florence C, Ariel D, Alexis S, Miles R, Jesse D, Lucas Y.

### **Year 1 Football Tournament**

On Tuesday the year 1 football team were victorious at the annual Kidmore End football tournament. The team started off strong, scoring 7-0 in their first 2 matches. Their third match was a tight game, which ended in a draw 3-3. After watching and supporting the other teams, the results were in...our Year 1 team were the winners of the year 1 tournament, bringing home the trophy!

### **Year 5/6 Boys Football**

Yesterday the Year 5/6 boys football played the Europa School in our last league match of the season. We won, and are now football league champions for the third time in four years. Read the match report in the link below!

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2024/03/28/year-5-6-boys-football-europa-school-3-4-sonning-common/>

### **Inter-House Challenge**

Thank you for supporting your child with building or drawing their environmental solutions. We have some talented futuristic thinkers and planners in our school!

The results are as follows:

<b>Kites</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Isaac N (Air)
<b>Year 1</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jared B (Fire)
<b>Year 2</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Forest G (Fire), 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ocean S (Air)
<b>Year 3</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jacob N (Air), 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gracie (Air), 3 <sup>rd</sup> Harlow (Fire), 4 <sup>th</sup> Robin BM (Water) and Albie (Earth)
<b>Year 4</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Zac E (Water), 2 <sup>nd</sup> Freya (Water) and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Louie and Ben (both working together for Air)
<b>Year 5</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sylvie F (Fire), 2 <sup>nd</sup> Albert C (Air) and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Donnie and Jonah (working together for Earth)
<b>Year 6:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thomas Y (Water) and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jack H (water)

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These results translate into team points for the houses. Well done to the children who took part. Details of the Term 5 challenge to follow.

### **Maths Made Clear**

We are delighted to be able to tell you about two new projects which are aimed at supporting you with your child's maths. They are specific to Sonning Common and are called *Maths Made Clear (MMC)*.

#### **MMC - videos**

We have produced a series of nine videos where we explain how your children work through certain fundamental mathematical concepts in school. The videos cover the basic operations we teach your children, as well as some features on special topics. The full set will be available just after Easter. For the moment, please enjoy this introduction.

<https://vimeo.com/927105932/d5335a172c?share=copy>

#### **MMC – free in person course**

Maths Made Clear will also offer six in-person sessions for parents and teaching assistants. They will be led by Dr Loader and Miss Snowden. These sessions will explore each basic concept in a little more detail, and in particular will aim to demonstrate practical applications. The focus will be on helping you help your children, and perhaps chatting over some common life tasks that involve mathematics. The sessions will be absolutely non-technical. Please do not be scared – we are trying to support you to support your child. Outline sessions (with practical applications) might include: Addition and Subtraction - *weather and temperature*; Multiplication (ratio) – *planning an event*; Division – *reading music*; Fractions – *health and fitness*; Decimals and percentages – *money (shopping) and tax*; Measurement and conversion – *DIY and building*.

Please could you indicate your interest on this very brief form – we are hoping some parents will join some of our teaching assistants who are already signed up. The course will run on Thursdays – late afternoon or early evening. There will be provision (or funding) for childcare if you need it. We have around 12 places, so it will be on a first come, first served basis.

<https://forms.office.com/e/q09g29Ezvr>

#### **PE T-Shirts**

We have a limited number of smaller sizes available to purchase directly from the school office. Payment can be made either via MCAS or by cash in person. The only sizes available from the school office are: ages 3-4, 5-6 & 7-8. All other sizes (including these sizes) are available to purchase, as usual, from [Earth Uniform](#)

#### **Growing Sunflowers**

The children will be given seeds from the lovely sunny sunflower to grow at home. They will attract bees and birds to your garden. Please return one plant to school to include in our mini field of sunflowers that we plan to plant in the allotment. Happy growing.

#### **JNR Easter Holiday Camp**

This will be held at Sonning Common Primary School over the Easter Holidays. Weekdays from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. £25 per child and £22.50 for siblings per day. Please see their poster on the [Community Noticeboard](#) for further details and [JNR Holiday Camps \(buildarray.com\)](#)

#### **Free Membership and Football Sessions at Rotherfield United FC**

Over the last few years, Rotherfield United FC have made real progress with their girls' football teams. Their popular 'Wildcat' sessions, open to girls from Reception to Year 4, have grown to 18 players.

The club are looking to build on this by recruiting enough girls to create year group teams to enter into leagues and competitions. To help encourage this, Rotherfield United are offering a free club membership,

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lasting from now until the end of the current season in June, for any girls that sign up to the 'Wildcat' sessions.

If you are interested in signing up, just turn up to Bishopswood Sports Ground in Gallowstree Common on Saturdays at 10.15am.

The club are also looking to recruit more boys who are currently in Reception or Year 1 at school. The sessions for the boys are also at Bishopswood Sports Ground, begin at 9am on Saturdays, and are also free for new players until June.

If you are interested, please call Andy Tidswell, former chairman and current trustee, on 07710875728 or [andytidswell@gmail.com](mailto:andytidswell@gmail.com)

### Young Climate Warriors & What goes in what bin?

Keep up to date with the weekly challenges and news via our website: [Eco Council](#)

### Community Noticeboard

Remember to look at the [Community Noticeboard](#) for events and activities that may be of interest.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March Free Easter craft at SC Village Hall**

Your headteacher

Mr Chris Hirst

### Dates for your Diary

<b>March 2024</b>	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Sunday
<b>April 2024</b>	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Term 5 starts
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	On Your Bike
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School Class Photos
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y5/6 Girls Football Match v Goring at home, 3:40pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 French Play
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Yearbook Photos
<b>May 2024</b>	
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Book Fair in the KS2 playground at 3:20pm
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Girls Football Match v Fir Tree at home, 3:40pm

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