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Weekly Newsletter 8th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Kites loved dressing up as different adjectives this week for World Book Day! We have been learning a variety of stories to retell, act out and writing our own!

Stars of the Week are Lyra P and Isla A.

Year 1 have been building frame structures and writing exciting descriptions of a rocket launch!

Stars of the Week are Bobby P-H and Rudi C.

Year 2 enjoyed their medieval day on Wednesday where they had a banquet and entertained each other with jousting, juggling stories and dancing. They also made medicines, soap balls and leather pouches.

Stars of the week are Toby J and Emir R.

Year 3 enjoyed their time at Hill End showing off their brilliant school values and trying things from the Stone Age. I don't think anyone will be taking flour for granted ever again!

Stars of the Week are everyone!

Year 4 enjoyed writing newspaper reports all about Roman day. They named their papers, came up with snappy headlines and collected quotes by interviewing their peers.

Stars of the Week are Eliza G and Skyla W.

Year 5 loved the Young Shakespeare Company production of Henry V this morning, and took a full and active part in it.

Star of the Week is Jack G.

Year 6 hath verily observed the performance by the Young Shakespeare Company and do solemnly declare that it was splendid and most favourably received!

Stars of the Week are Elsa D and Redin Y.

Reading Heroes

The following children have impressed us by reading at home EVERY day since September:

Year 4 : Oscar P, Eliza G, Ella Y and Millie B.

Parent Consultations

These are on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March between 4pm and 7pm. The booking system will go live at 7pm this evening on MCAS, bookings cannot be made or reserved before this time.

World Book Day

Thanks to everyone for the thought and planning which went into yesterday's costumes. A fun day for all with everyone having a chance to read with another year group in the Hall. The selection of adjectives from each year group gives you a flavour of the day:

Kites: brave, hurt, hungry, scary, sparkly, colourful, fantastic, lazy, brave, stunning, speedy, jumpy, stunning, expressive, royal, cosy, camouflaged, brave, sparkly, bony, colourful, snowy, magical, tired, fierce, normal, bright, clumsy, brave, beautiful, nutritious, adventurous, amazing, pink, 'anything I want to be', sporty, superhuman and fluorescent!

Year 1: brave, helpful, magical, courageous, gloomy, clever, happy, plain, sleepy, cool, cosy, beautiful, colourful, fizzy, beaming, artistic, fluffy, floral, American, noisy

Year 2: regal, ambitious, sleepy, colourful, lazy, fragile, slippery, fast, arty, comfortable, camouflage, dark, soft, scary, brave, cosy, creative, creepy, magical, glamorous

Year 3: sleepy, colourful, drained, comfortable, bright, cheeky, hot, beautiful, rich, delicious, blue, chilled, cosy, dreamy, stunning, curious, speedy, camouflaged, sparkly, obscure, horsey, fast, vibrant, happy, smart and archaic

Year 4: magical, regular, ancient, courageous, unique, sporty, athletic, artistic, cool, reflective, fearless, strong, loving, intelligent, nerdy, colourful, various, sparkly, snappy, creative, monochromatic, brave, funny, camouflaged, elegant, confused, mythical, , creative, sparkly, bonkers, caring, friendly, sporty, tropical, comfortable

Year 5: itchy, cool. Casual, sleepy, cosy, comfy, normal, sparkly, fragile, tired, scientific, wet, dangerous, artistic, pale, musical, neon, fashionable, fruity, snug, caring, magical

Year 6: moody, deportivo (sporty in Spanish!), athletic, terrifying, fierce, depressed, casual, carnivorous, sleepy, melancholy, eerie, grumpy, comfy, ravenous, sneezy, fleecy, ebullient, sophisticate, feral, mischievous, sneaky, forgetful, exhausted, slovenly, bashful, rebellious, hard-working, lazy, asymmetrical, grubby, casual, tired, agricultural, forgetful, mathematical, beautiful, colourful, deafening, adventurous, mischievous, happy, speckled, posh

Cross Country

On Saturday 2nd March some of our hardy runners attended the Henley Youth Festival Run. It was very cold and very muddy but all had great fun!

Kites: Isaac C 1st

Year 1/2: Max C 5th, Myles S 6th, Mhairi R 6th

Year 5/6: Teddy C 7th

Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics

On Tuesday the year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics team travelled to Wheatley Park School for the South Oxfordshire Final. Just like last year, there would be no County Final to attend, so this would be our only chance to win an indoor athletics trophy this year.

After lots of running, jumping, throwing and speed bouncing, it is with tremendous delight that we can say that we have retained our trophy and are still the indoor athletics champions of South Oxfordshire!

We would like to thank all the parents who have made sure that their child is awake bright and early on those freezing cold winter mornings to help us practise. Your support is always hugely appreciated!

We would also like to thank Mr Andrews, Mrs Salmons and Mr Witcomb for training the team, as well as each and every one of the children for their efforts and achievements as part of our squad this year.

The team was: Bethany B, Louie B, Hazel B-M, Levi B, Sylvie F, Georgie Q, Noah S, Toby T, Ella W, Jonah W, Sophie A, Lola B, Ella-Lily B, Elsie D, Ethan D, Maison E, Wynter G, Freya K, Max L, Xavi O'B-W, Evie Q, Arthur S and Joe S.

Goring 0-1 Sonning Common

On Thursday evening the Year 5/6 girls' football team travelled to Goring Primary School to play the second match of our football league season.

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We started well, keeping the ball in the Goring half and moving the ball around nicely. We also created a few chances, the most notable coming from Hazel, who fired just wide from a corner. As much as we persevered, we just couldn't get a clear cut opportunity and went in at half time with the score at 0-0. The second half continued in much the same way, with the girls coming closer and closer to scoring – Georgie had a good effort from long range saved, and Elsie shot wide of the goal.

With moments to spare, the best move of the match, as well as the winning goal, came. Sofia collected the ball in her hands and rolled it out to Evie, who passed it into the midfield where Georgie controlled the ball and played it out wide to Lola. Lola crossed it into Sophie, who laid the ball off for Elsie to hit a powerful shot into the far corner with what proved to be the last kick of the game.

Jubilant scenes followed the final whistle, with the girls deservedly proud of their performance and delighted to secure their first league win of the season. We take this result and performance into next week's South Oxfordshire Final, and will also look to build on this in our upcoming league matches.

Once again, thank you to those who helped transport the girls as well as those who provided some great support throughout the match!

The team was: Sofia M-P, Ella-Lily B, Evie Q, Elsie D, Lola B, Sophie A, Freya K, Lily HDLM, Lily-May Y, Hazel B-M and Georgie Q.

Inter-house competition Term 4

This term's inter-house competition will be run a little bit differently. Children will be asked to build something with LEGO or design something as though it was made out of LEGO. The theme is 'build the change' which is asking children to use their Geography, PSHE and problem-solving skills to create something to make our communities better in the future. There are specific themes which children can choose between and you can access them from home [using this link](#) from the Red Nose Day website. Classes will have a look in school and then will have time at home until the deadline to bring in entries on **Friday 15th March**. Entries to be photographs or drawings of their creation with a short description. Actual LEGO models should **not** be coming into school. Each child can enter once, with entries named with their house written clearly on it. Judging will happen the following week so the results can be revealed before the final newsletter of the term.

JNR Easter Holiday Camp

Held at Sonning Common Primary School over the Easter Holidays. Weekdays from Tuesday 2nd April to Friday 12th 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 \(buildarray.com\)](#)

On Your Bike 2024

We are delighted to have 'On Your Bike' return this year, on Sunday 21st April.

Some of the organising team attended the school assembly recently, and the children were very excited (probably more so after seeing a bike they could win), as Rob from AW Cycles attended. We hope your children may have mentioned it to you?

On Your Bike is open to everyone, regardless of ability, as it's a ride, not a race! This is a fun and relaxed way to enjoy cycling round the quieter roads of Oxfordshire whilst raising money for charity. Everyone cycles at their own pace or alongside friends and families. You choose: 6, 12 or 20 miles. There is also a supervised playground cycle for youngsters (an accompanying adult needs to remain throughout). 100% of all entry fees are shared between Sonning Common Primary School PTA and this year's chosen local charities, Sonning Common First Responders and Sport in Mind.

Registrations are now live. All registrations (at £7) by 22nd March will be entered into a prize draw to win a new bike, kindly donated by AW Cycles. The draw will take place on Monday 25th March in the school assembly.

For further information and to register: [On Your Bike](#)

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These events can't take place without many volunteers, if you are happy to help for a couple of hours route marshalling or maybe in the kitchen then please get in touch via:

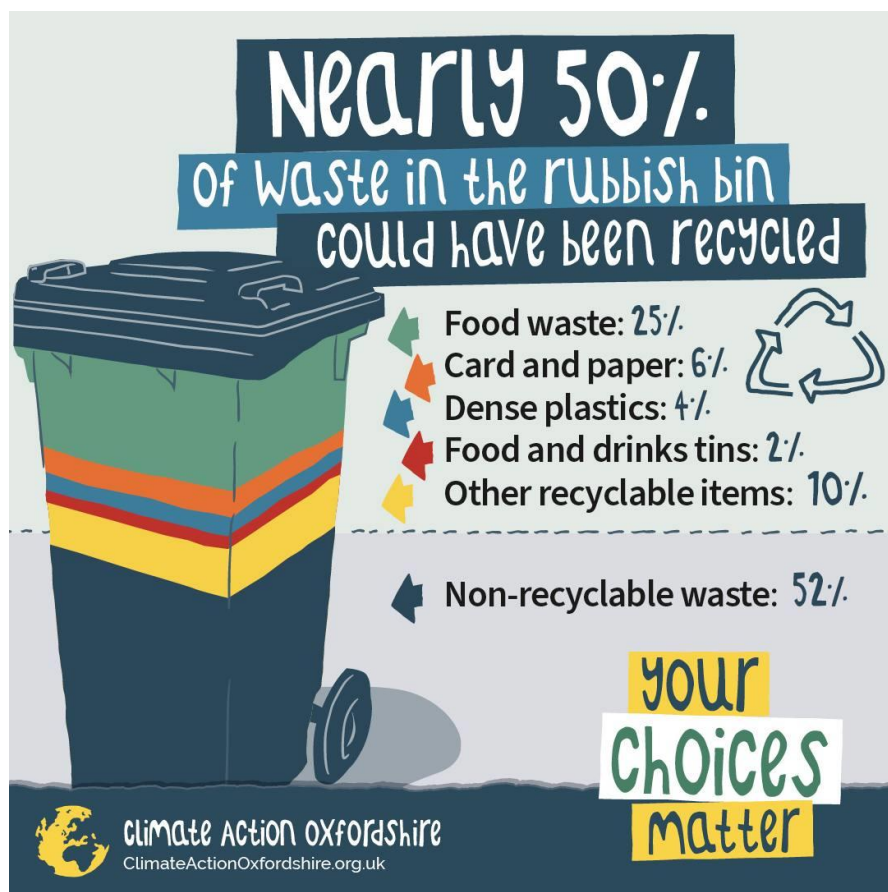
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What goes in what bin?

Following a visit to Ardley Energy Recovery Facility our Eco-council is on a mission to either promote or transform the way that you recycle.

What goes into your Black / Grey bin – is burnt.

Currently, residents in Oxfordshire -



For help with, what goes in what bin and what to recycle where see <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/recycling-rubbish-and-waste/>

The more we recycle the better it is for our environment.

Big Walk and Wheel Challenge

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is taking place from the 11th – 22nd March.

On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can get the highest percentage of their pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school. There are daily prize draws for schools who have over 15% of pupils taking part. Pupils inform their teachers at register if they walked or wheeled to school and this will be submitted by the school on a daily basis. As an added bonus (and to encourage some healthy competition!), the class with the highest percentage of 'walkers and wheelers' will win an extra break-time!

Young Climate Warriors

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

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

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Community Noticeboard

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

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Your headteacher

Mr Chris Hirst

Dates for your Diary

March 2024	
Mon 11 th to Fri 15 th	STEM week
Tuesday 12 th	Year 5/6 Girls Football County Final at MECE 1pm
Thursday 14 th	Y5/6 Boys Football League Match v Goring (home) 3:30pm
Friday 15 th	Red Nose Day
Friday 15 th	Village Quiz Night
Tuesday 19 th	Parent Consultations 4 – 7pm
Thursday 21 st March	Parent Consultations 4 -7pm
Thursday 21 st	Year 5 & 6 Science Oxford Workshops
Saturday 23 rd	Cross Country Winter Dash at Oratory Prep NEW DATE
Tuesday 26 th	Year 1&2 mixed football tournament at Kidmore End 9:15am
Thursday 28 th	End of Term 4 – school finishes at 1.15pm
Friday 29 th	Good Friday
Sunday 31 st	Easter Sunday

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