

## OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



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### Weekly Newsletter 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Happy News

**Headteacher's Award for this week is Lilah E, Year 6.**

**Kites** had a fantastic time attending the highly anticipated banquet. They had a feast, performed dances and played musical instruments!

Stars of the Week are Nellie M and Lily W.

**Year 1** really enjoyed their session in the Space dome on Wednesday (and so did their teachers!) and have done a fantastic job learning their first set of spellings.

Stars of the Week are Jasper B and Grace V.

**Year 2** enjoyed learning all about the stars and planets during their visit to the planetarium.

Stars of the week are Lucas Y and Ella K.

**Year 3** have enjoyed improvising on glockenspiels and xylophones in music this week. They have also loved thinking like Augustus Gloop, Charlie Bucket and Veruca Salt from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Stars of the Week are Eliza S, Kit G and Darragh F.

**Year 4** continued to enjoy their murder mystery topic in literacy this week. In P.E., we started tennis (which means it must be summer soon, right!?) and in science, we learned about tooth decay as part of our topic on animals.

Stars of the Week are Caine H-B and Millie-Anna K.

**Year 5** have had a fantastic week planning, designing and baking their own bespoke muffins. The results were spectacular, and tasty too.

Star of the Week are Romeo H, Hazel B-M and Donnie F.

**Year 6** loved putting on the French play! Their French was excellent, matched only by their enthusiasm and acting skills. A great evening, thank you Madame Baillie and all the staff who helped out!

Stars of the Week are Elsie D and Isobelle H.

#### Year 5/6 Girls Football

On Tuesday the Year 5/6 girls football team played Goring in our penultimate league match of the season. We won and are now guaranteed at least second place in the league table. Read the match report in the link below!

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2024/04/23/y5-6-girls-footb...ommon-2-0-goring/>

### **PTA Running Challenge**

A parent from our school is undertaking a running challenge in aid of our wonderful PTA!

Phil is running 4 events this year, his next event is the Silchester 7 mile, then Nettlebed Stinger 10K and finishing with the Basingstoke Half Marathon in October.

For further details and to donate please visit his JustGiving page: [Phil's Just Giving link](#)

### **Pollution Competition**

Are you passionate about pollution? Do you have an idea to save the planet? This COMPETITION is for you! At SCPS we have the chance to take part in an exhibition during the 'Great Big Green Week'. This year's challenge is all about POLLUTION.

Pollution of various kinds is having a significant impact on society and the environment. For instance, we know that air particulates have contributed to the increase in asthma and other respiratory diseases in humans, but did you know that insects such as butterflies, moths and bees are affected too by the clogging of their antennae making them unable to sense/smell a mate or find food? Likewise light pollution is causing major problems to many non-human species.

**To enter this competition**, all you need to do is create a piece of work around the subject pollution! The work can be in any form you like; written, art, surveys, 2-d design, 3-d design! You could think about how pollution affects the ocean or you could create a LEGO model of part of our planet and write about how pollution affects it! Be as creative as you can. All pieces of work need to be submitted to Mr Hirst and Miss Snowden by the **8<sup>th</sup> May** to be part of the exhibition on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May in Henley. Good luck and we can't wait to see what you come up with!

### **Spare swimming kit**

A request to please donate any outgrown swimming kit to our stock of spare kit! Any donations can either be given to the school office or your child's teacher.

### **Nits**

There are reports of unwelcome visitors across various year groups. Please ensure you check your child's hair (and yours!) and treat if necessary.

### **After School Activity Clubs for Term 5**

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/parents/activities/>

### **Young Climate Warriors**

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

### **Community Noticeboard**

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

Your headteacher

Mr Chris Hirst

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## Dates for your Diary

<b>May 2024</b>	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> to Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Scholastic Book Fair in the KS2 playground 3:20pm
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Girls Football v Fir Tree (home) 3:30pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 1 Earth Trust Trip
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3/4 & 5/6 Quad Kids first round at MECE
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kites Bucklebury Farm Park Trip
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 5
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	Half Term
<b>June 2024</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First day of Term 6

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