

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



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Weekly Newsletter 5th July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Headteacher's Award for this week is Serenna B (Year 5)

Kites have enjoyed creating a giant bug hotel this week for the minibeasts in Kites garden!
Stars of the Week are Gabriel M and Lyra P.

Year 1 have started work on their moving animal pictures and it is paper-geddon!
Stars of the Week are Eva-Mae W and Eviee F.

Year 2 have enjoyed making fruit smoothies.
Stars of the Week are Daniel R and Jesse D.

Year 3 have been so excited to learn and share early moments of their life as they start to create their own autobiography. You will be surprised at how many things they've already managed to accomplish!
Stars of the Week are Harvey W-B and Jack D.

Year 4 have enjoyed seeing their caterpillars grow and grow, take residence in their chrysalises, and come out as butterflies this week. Gordon, Bennet, Fly and Butter have successfully been released into their natural habitat!
Stars of the Week are Harrison E and Ivy H.

Year 5 have had a really fun week, building their own marble runs in DT and enjoying a trip to MECE this morning!
Star of the week is Corey W.

Year 6 enjoyed a photography workshop this week with parent and professional photographer, Kathryn Fell (thank you!), whilst some children were out visiting their new schools. The play is making good progress and most children now know all their words. The singing is sounding great too!
Stars of the Week are Gabriel M-L and Vlad B.

Summer Fair

On Saturday we had our Summer Fair. It was a lovely sunny day and lots of fun was to be had whether it be winning one of the many games, having a jump in the bouncy castle, watching the children singing or having a go at one of the many sporty challenges available. We had over 800 visitors to the fair. We are so happy to see that so many of you attended and we hope you all enjoyed your time there. Thanks to your

generosity we were able to raise nearly £3000 for the school. We would like to thank all those that helped organise the fair and for those parents and teachers that volunteered on the day. These events would not be possible without our wonderful volunteers. We would also like to thank all the external stall holders from the community that took part as well as the local sponsors of the raffle prizes. It felt like such a wonderful community event for all and so thank you to everyone again for making it such a success.

Sponsored walk in aid of Sport in Mind

Poppy C (Y4) and Florence C (Y2) are completing an 8-mile sponsored walk to Henley on Saturday 27th July in aid of Sport in Mind. Please follow their link for more information and to donate: [Poppy and Florence's JustGiving page](#)

School Photo

The whole school photograph, which was taken on Thursday 13th June, is now available to view and purchase from Tempest Photography: <https://htmp.st/360124-262WSG> For free delivery to school, please place your order by 7th July.

MCAS (My Child At School) App update

Please ensure that you have the most up-to-date version of the MCAS app as there has been a recent upgrade.

Guitar lessons

Russ Payne teaches guitar in school on a Monday afternoon during school hours and will have availability from September for pupils in Years 3 to 6, beginners and experienced. Please contact Russ directly for enquiries: Russ Payne, Go Guitar, goguitarmail@yahoo.co.uk or 07921 087816

JNR Summer camp

Please click on the link for information on JNR's Summer Activity Camp:
<https://www.buildarray.com/u/BOMX>

Young Climate Warriors

Keep up to date with their weekly challenges via their website: <https://www.youngclimatewarriors.org/>

Community Noticeboard

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

Your headteacher

Mr Chris Hirst

Dates for your Diary

July 2024	
Monday 8 th	Year 1 visit to Harcourt Arboretum
Wednesday 10 th	Highdown School Year 5 Day
Friday 12 th	INSET Day – No children in school
Thursday 18 th	Year 6 Performance at 1.45 and 6pm, plus Evening Leavers' Ceremony
Tuesday 23 rd	Kites singing to parents 2.30pm
Wednesday 24 th	End of Term – school finishes at 1.15pm

Space to learn: Space to grow;
Space to be inspired

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