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Newsletter 27

Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 19th April 2024

Many thanks for the friendly welcome I have received from you all this week. I am really enjoying working with the superb staff team – who are focused on maintaining great teaching and learning as well creating a positive school culture for your children. I look forward to working in school in the next few weeks, I'll be out and about either at the beginning or end of most school days, so come and say hello.

James Bird, Director of School Improvement, EPA MAT

Welcome back

Welcome back after the Easter holidays, we hope you had a lovely time. As we start the busy summer term, we welcome Mrs Jen Pennells to the staff team, working in Year 1. The school staff are busy planning lots of engaging learning activities across all subjects. Class curriculum letters, detailing the topics children will be focussing on this term, as well timetables will follow next week.

EPA Sports Event

On Thursday the children in Lower Key stage 2 attended a Dance festival at Heyford Park School. Both Years 3 and 4 had an amazing time joining other schools from the Eynsham Partnership Academy. Please see the class updates for more information.

Parking

A reminder to all parents and carers – please do not park on the zig zags outside school. We have had a number of complaints regarding unsafe and dangerous parking, as well as cars blocking the road and preventing access to driveways. Apparently, there is a Ford that is regularly parking on the zig zags at school pick up! Please be mindful of our neighbours.

Chenderit Schools Sports Event.

On Thursday 25th April there is KS2 Racket Sports (Tennis/Badminton/Table Tennis) 'Come and have a go' session at Chenderit. The session will start at 4pm with arrival from 3.45pm and finishing at 5.15pm. Please email the school office to let us know if your child will be attending office.3000@cropredy.oxon.sch.uk

Collection for Mr Goldsworthy

As you are aware Mr Goldsworthy is leaving Cropredy School. We would like to give him a leaving gift and if you would like to contribute, please do so on ParentPay by Friday 3rd May. Many thanks.

Out of school Achievements

It has been lovely to see the variety and range of awards brought into school to be shared, some really great achievements.

Thea C achieved her Level 4 Learn to Swim award.

Anaïs L smashed the Treetop Adventure while in the Forest of Dean over the holidays.

Thea S brought in her Legacy Cheerleader wings to share with her peers, Well Done Thea.

Henrietta S has been awarded her Level 3 learn to swim award.

Marty C has been awarded a Medal from the Mid Warwickshire Junior and Youth Saturday league football.

Congratulations to **Jackson H**, who shared his certificate of investiture to the North Banbury Club Pack.

Well Done to **Olivia H** for her 3rd place award from the Banbury Festival of Dance.

Rory M share his Rugby boot laces he had been given for his participation and for good passing.

George S, Well done to you for gaining your Level 2 Learn to swim award.

George S shared his medal given to him for a recent hockey tournament.

Olithia G has achieved her level 1 Learn to swim award.



Chole S has been awarded her Blue Award from Wade Gymnastics Club

During the school holidays, **Beatrice B** in Cygnets went to ski school in France and achieved her Flocon award in skiing.



Please send any out of school achievements information to the office. Thank you.

Next Week in School

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cherwell Youth Activators working in School – Year 4 and 5 wear PE Kit please. Year 4 Play leaders Day Physical Education lesson for Year 6, Year 3, and Year 4
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical Education lesson for Year 2 and Year 5
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ed Hudson Music Lessons <p>** Year 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder ** PGL Meeting ** 18:00 – 18:30 ** Wednesday 24th April 2024 ** Physical Education lesson for Year 1
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming Year 6 Forest School Sessions for Cygnets and Year 3 Physical Education lesson for Year 2, Year 5, and Year 4
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical Education lesson for Cygnets and Year 1 PTFA Break the Rules Day <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">The PTFA say,</p> <div style="background-color: #333; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">BREAK THE RULES</div> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small; color: #e67e22;">50p per rule broken – payable via Parentpay</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; color: #e67e22;">Friday 26th April</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Pick from these ideas of how you would like to break the rules!</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #e67e22; padding: 5px; font-size: x-small;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave your uniform at home Wear brightly coloured socks or tights Wear nail polish Wear a temporary tattoo Come to school with face paint (wear makeup) Have squash instead of water in your bottle Have a crazy hairstyle Bring any snack for breaktime (no nuts!) Change your name for the day Eat pudding before your main </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center; margin-top: 5px;">   </div> </div>

Our Week of Learning

Cygnets

Golden Rules

Jack M

Stars

Bea B for mastering blending whilst she is reading. Fantastic persistence!
Anaïs L for wonderful writing about the signs of Spring. Well done!

It was so lovely to see all the Cygnets back at school ready and eager to learn this week. In class this week we have started our new topic 'How Does Your Garden Grow?'. We started by thinking about how the seasons have changed and what happens in Spring. We went on a spring walk around the school grounds, looking for the sign of Spring. We found blossom on the trees, lots of bugs, beautiful forget-me-nots and new burrows on the field. In the 15 minutes we also experienced spring weather – beautiful sunshine, rain and hail!

In Maths we investigated even numbers and odd numbers. We linked this to our learning about doubles from a few weeks ago. We found that when our towers had the same amount in each, the ball balanced on the top, but if we didn't have the same amount, the ball rolled off. This helped us to sort the numbers into odd and even.

Next week we will continue to look at how our garden grows, with the arrival of a special surprise due on Monday... but you will have to wait until next week's newsletter to find that what that is!



Year 1

Golden Rules

Oscar S

Stars

Woody C for working hard on composing a compound sentence which included an adverb.
George W for amazing knowledge in maths this week, he modelled and explained to the whole class how to use a ruler correctly.

It was lovely to see the children after the Easter break and to hear all their news. They have enjoyed welcoming and working with Mrs Pennells across the week. In English we are looking at a text by the author Shirley Hughes called 'Dogger', all about a favourite cuddly toy. The children have been writing different sentence types including verbs and adverbs.

The children were very excited to see the Maypole, ready for all the classes to learn a dance. They were amazing at learning the steps and skipping. They were very keen to practice to show you at the May Day celebrations.

Maths this week has been learning about length and height. They have been investigating and comparing longer, shorter, and taller, to be able to identify the difference and similarities. Alongside this we have been using standard and non-standard measurements to measure items around the classroom.



Year 2

Golden Rules	Aria for working hard in class all week.
Stars	Imogen D for contributing lots of great ideas- both in maths and RE. Thea S for working hard at her mental maths.

We were so pleased to see the children again this week, everyone came back with an excellent attitude, and we got stuck into our learning straight away! We planted our sunflower seeds so we can measure them as part of our maths curriculum and then we investigated the features of instructions and wrote our own. Everybody could confidently recall and input lots of information about plants from their learning in Science and use it in their writing. We started our module on Fractions this week. We will be learning to find half and quarter of a shape and amount and will be comparing equivalent fractions. We have also begun investigating our significant person this half term, Grace Darling. The children used their inference skills to predict what her life was like and what they would like to find out.



Year 3

Golden Rules	The whole of Year 3 for their impeccable behaviour during our dance event trip.
Stars	Sophie D – For a fantastic picture of a rainforest, using just a soundscape as a stimulus. Liliana P – For some neat and accurate work during our maths lessons.

It was lovely to welcome the children back after the Easter holidays and they have all settled back into the class routines and learning amazingly quickly. We have started looking at our new text in English 'The Great Kapok Tree' and the children have created some fantastic artwork using just a soundscape of rainforest as a stimulus. (see photos below) They then annotated their work with adjectives and some technical vocabulary, which they can use later to write our persuasive letters. In Maths, the children have been measuring in cm and mm and they will be moving on to do an investigation using their knowledge to support them. On Thursday, we really enjoyed a trip to Heyford Park School to take part in a dance workshop, where they learnt some street dance moves and then put them together to create a dance routine alongside 2 other schools. It truly was a fantastic morning, and I was immensely proud of both the children's

enthusiasm and effort they put in. Their behaviour was impeccable, and they represented our school beautifully.



Year 4

Golden Rules

Javier L for impressive behaviour on the class dance event.

Stars

Freeman W for excellent maths work converting mixed numbers into improper fractions.

Fran J-S for her fantastic explanation of the water cycle including lots of topic specific vocabulary.

The children were all amazing at the street dance event at Heyford Park. They joined in with enthusiasm and learnt so many new dance moves. They completed a full routine with two other schools, and they looked fabulous. I was extremely proud of all of them!

In English this week the children completed their autobiography by redrafting and proofreading all the sections. They did really well looking for punctuation, spelling and grammar mistakes and adding and revising vocabulary choices to make their writing more exciting.

This week we have been looking at fractions and how to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers. They are all working so hard and are beginning to understand the processes needed. Well-done everyone!

In science, the children learned about the water cycle. They used topic specific vocabulary to label the diagrams and could order the processes in the cycle. Then they wrote a short explanation of how it worked. It was very impressive to see how much knowledge they had retained from this unit.

The water cycle
In the water cycle, first water evaporates and turns into water vapor. It is pushed up by the wind and the next part is called precipitation. It rains on mountains and ground then it's carried by rivers and the process starts again.

WATER CYCLE
The sun heats the sea and turns it into a cloud. The wind pushes the cloud and then it rains. The water runs down a hill then goes back into the sea. The rain can go underground into the sea and it carries on infinitely.

Year 5

Golden Rules	Rosie M
Stars	<p>Seamus G for impressive attention to detail when taking notes on the life of Queen Victoria</p> <p>Oak B for excellent focus and understanding in maths when working on decimals</p>

We have had a great start to the summer term and are now getting stuck into our new topic of The Victorians. Of course, we have begun with Queen Victoria herself, and the children have enjoyed learning about her achievements and interests. In English, we have begun story stepping our persuasive text *Dragons Must Go* – the children are really enjoying this innovative way of learning the key phrases and language patterns of a particular text type. They will later apply these techniques to their persuasive texts *Workhouses Must Go*. On Monday, The Youth Activators team worked with the class. They took part in a series of games outside, and everybody joined in. We look forward to the rest of these sessions over the coming weeks. In science we have been learning about how plants reproduce through seed dispersal.



Year 6

Golden Rules	Charlie B – consistent exemplary behaviour each and every week!
Stars	<p>Logan M – for heeding constructive advice on how to improve his writing. Logan produced a fantastic setting descriptive using several skills to engage the reader. I'm very proud of you, just ensure you keep this up please :)</p> <p>Silva B – for producing an excellent setting description about a fictional island. Silva used her author's voice to give both vivid descriptions and keep the reader intrigued – an awesome piece of writing! Well done!</p> <p>Read both of these below and two other pupil's work</p>

We welcomed back Year 6 this week as they entered into their final summer term at Cropredy. There is an enormous amount planned and ready for the children to enjoy so we can really maximise their last term in primary school. We started swimming this week at Spiceball, despite lots of reservations and some jitters, the class were fantastic and came out smiling from the experience. Just remember your swimming hats each and every week please.

In class, they concluded their topic learning on crime and punishment before spending time with their Buddies on Monday afternoon, recapping and catching up on what they had all done over Easter – the care, affection and attention they give them is simply wonderful to see.

In English we have started looking at suspense narratives and the class were introduced to 'Francis'. We used the model text to analyse the features before planning, writing, editing and redrafting our own – see below for a selection of what the children produced.

In Maths we have been consolidating a range of topics whilst introducing more complex units such as radius, diameter, sectors, arcs and circumference.

**** Reminder ** PGL Meeting ** 18:00 – 18:30 ** Wednesday 24th April 2024 ****

All information will be forwarded on if you are unable to make the meeting.

Photos

Foamy silhouettes of trees loitered over unkept piers next to festering piles of broken oars, used by once happy families. As you cross the landscape you could see abandoned composites, litter collected along the rough coast and a most abyss of sporadic clouds lit by the moonlight as a scent of woods smoke followed you.

Quebeco is a mysterious island with tall, dark, towering trees that look and feel like they have an eerie history to them, as if its meant to say something. The star-lit sky was peaceful, undisturbed and calm but the lake was just the opposite. X

The lake (sporadic splashes of ink), an infamous part of this place, is where darkness rules. There's three different parts to this unique location almost as if it's a jigsaw puzzle and all the pieces add up. The lake is rumored to be gloomy and breath-taking due to it being bottomless, yet still at night the moonlight ripples dance.

Quebeco is a comforting park, with litter-free lakes as clear as looking through a recently polished telescope. Well-taken-care-of woods and gorgeous skies, smoke free with a deep earthy smell is left after each time it rains.

The overgrown plants gently tap the surface of the leaf-littered stone path. Leaves, ruby red and pumpkin orange, fall off the Autumn tree as gusts of wind pass by. Flowers bloom right next to the water's edge, as the broken, old wooden pier is engulfed with dust and the wood-sharp enough to cause splinters - by just touching it.

Well, atleast that's what it used to be, now its left untouched. Birds don't dare sing in the mornings, trees scatter their leaves all over the dead grass every autumn dawn and you can barely even see the woods with the amount of smoke coming in from factories built over-time that pester the woods peace. All the lovely scents abandoned these woods because option one, all the sweet-smelling plants died, or option two plants have been picked by the city people to smell and take a breath from their smoked filled air. Not even animals are left alone.

The trees almost consume you as they block the light out leaving you left in a dark forest that goes on for miles. You can hear the 'plops' of leaves on tree branches losing grip and lightly splashing into the deep, deep ~~dark~~ undiscovered and polluted lake.

The last time anyone stepped foot on the grounds of 'Quebeco Camping park & lake' was approximately 7 years ago; ninth of October, 2017. And I'm one hundred percent sure that this destitute family regrets and rues every single decision they made, after the appalling incident. They were left grieved on their way out.

Dates for Your Diary



Friday 17th May
1:30 - 3:30
Family & Friends Welcome

Ice Lollies and Drinks available

May Day
Celebrations and Picnic

Children's Maypole
Dancing Display

BYO Picnic, blanket or chairs and Garden Games

Friends of Cropredy School

Yours sincerely,
Cropredy School SLT

PTFA Update

Riverport Poster Inspiration



The PTFA are very excited to take over the famous Cropredy Fairport Scarecrow trail where all sales of trail maps will go to Cropredy Primary school to help development our outdoor sensory garden and learning ideas

Theme: RIVERPORT

Life in and around British waterways

Your CREATIVE support is much appreciated to make this a summer spectacular & amazing fundraiser for our children.

POSTER ARTWORK

Get creative this Easter to create RIVERPORT artwork for our posters & promotion. Hand in your artwork to the school office by
Wednesday 17th April ready for selection.

** we would also love to use all the artwork to create an inspiring, bright collage for the outside walls of schools if funding can be raised for printing

External Opportunities

Gloji Energy & YOU MOVE

A FREE healthy lifestyle programme for families with children aged 4-12.

- Fun weekly physical activity sessions for children taking part.
- Weekly sessions working with parents covering topics like fussy eating, portion sizes, physical activity, and how to lead a healthy lifestyle.
- Free 12-week programme, funded by Oxfordshire County Council.

Nutrition

Movement

Mind

Sleep

Scan the QR code to sign up and find out more!

When and where?

St Leonards school, Overthorpe Rd, Banbury OX16 4SB

5pm-6pm

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6-7PM (Y3/4)

7-8PM (Y5/6)

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Would you like to join a Local Choir?

My name is Ben Goodall, I am the Musical Director of the Chipping Norton Choral Society, and of our newly formed Cotswold Youth Choir.

To celebrate our 150th anniversary of music making in the community, the Choral Society decided to form a new youth choir to become part of our family, in order to encourage young people to sing and to support the next generation of musicians. Following a series of workshops in a few local schools, we are now starting regular rehearsals and concerts, and we'd love to get the word out about it far and wide!

- The choir is open to all young people aged 10-18.
- We run 10 rehearsals each term, which culminate in an end-of-term performance.
- We begin our rehearsals on Wednesday 17th April.
- Our final rehearsal this term is on the 26th June, directly followed by our first concert!
- All rehearsals are 5:30pm-7pm in the Chipping Norton Town Hall.
- Music and refreshments are all provided.

To sign up please follow this

link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfylZSzU2uA1MIDAKagUhwCW-38A9pdrPFt98uL8j-kVWDdXQ/viewform>

If you have any questions, please email us at contact@cotswoldyouthchoir.org.uk or check out our website for more information: <https://www.cotswoldyouthchoir.org.uk>

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Musical Director

Cotswold Youth Choir