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Newsletter 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

Saturday 21st October 2023

This week it was great to see parents of children in Year 3, who were able to visit the classroom to share in the children's learning about the Stone Age. The children were very excited and worked very hard in preparation for this 'open classroom' session. I hope that parents enjoyed the opportunity to see the children's learning and hard work.

On Thursday, some of our Year 5 and 6 children took part in a Chenderit Tag Rugby Tournament, playing against children from five other partnership schools. Playing confidently together, showing great determination and teamwork, the children won one match and drew two in the five games they played. Despite the very wet conditions, all the children enjoyed the competition. Very well done to: **Ollie B, Silva B, Eadie D, Ethan D, Jim-Bob K, Oliver L, Logan M** and **Matilda R**.

Yesterday our Year 4 children finished designing and making their Roman shields. They then recreated a testudo or tortoise formation, learning about how this would have helped protect a Roman Legion during battles and sieges. Very well done to all of Year 4 for their hard work and efforts in their learning.

School Council News

In our celebration assembly at the end of the day, we presented the new School Council to the school.

We will be holding our first full School Council meeting in the first week of the new half-term.

As voted for by the children, our School Councillors for this year are:

Celianne B, Sophia B, Evie G-F, Poesy O, Freya B, Max S, Henry-James B, Freeman W, Rory M, Tahlia P, Emiliana G and **Ivy P-G**.

As the half-term finishes, I would like to pass on how proud I have been of each child through the start of the year in school. They have worked very hard, have shown very strong attitudes towards their learning and have also shown great care, kindness and support for others around them.

I hope that all the children and families have an enjoyable half-term break and look forward to welcoming all back into school on **Tuesday 31st October**.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 13th December

Booking for children's Christmas Lunch is now live on Parent Pay.
Please can this be ordered by **Friday 10th November**.



Menu

Roast Turkey, cocktail sausage, stuffing ball, gravy, crispy roast potatoes, garden peas & sliced carrots

OR

(vg) Roast quorn fillet, stuffing ball, gravy, crispy roast potatoes, garden peas & sliced carrots

Dessert

Christmas shortbread or Christmas cupcake

Victoria Prentis Christmas Card Competition

Victoria Prentis has written to the school, asking if children would like to enter her Christmas card competition. The theme for his year is 'Nativity Animals and the winner will have their design printed on the front of her Christmas card.

If children would like to enter this completion, they should complete their card design at home and send this (to be received by Friday 3rd November) to:

RT Hon Victoria Prentis KC MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

First week of the new Half-term

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET Day for teachers in school
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School restarts for children. • Flu vaccinations during the day. • Physical Education Lessons for Year 6.
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Education Lessons for Year 1. • Year 6 Residential Meeting at 5.00p.m.
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Competition at Blessed George Napier School. • Physical Education Lessons for Year 4. • Swimming for Year 5.
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Education Lessons for Cygnets, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6.

Golden Rules Stars of the Week

Very well done to these children who have shown clear understanding and great application of our Golden Rules.

Samuel W, Isla G, Jacob C, Ruth A, Jacob S, Eadie D and Imogen F.

House Points Totals – awarded by each class, linked to Golden Rules.

Sycamore	Willow	Oak	Chestnut
422	426	412	418

Stars of the Week

Ivy B for fantastic effort in writing this week. We are so very impressed Ivy. Well done!

Bea B for always treating others with kindness. You have shown a wonderful, caring attitude Bea!

Noah B for super efforts and success when writing his story.

Elliot C for always being super star.

Thea S for amazing her teacher with her spelling understanding when writing sentences in Phonics lessons. Thea also helped support others in her group with their spellings

Rafa L for thinking of lots of great ideas for his 'Great Fire' Poem. Well done Rafa, excellent work.

Lucas H for excellent Maths skills. Accurate and very well-presented column addition.

William G for excellent scientific knowledge and contributions to class discussions.

Javi L for thoughtful and knowledgeable responses to how a Celt Warrior and Roman soldier might have felt at the end of the final battle.

Ava B for a brilliantly worded 'special offer' feature for her Roman Soldier Advert.

Leo F for a brilliant fact file on Alfred the Great, which flower well and was packed with accurate facts.

Alexander P for his excellent knowledge and enthusiasm during the children's Science Day.

Stars of the Week

Isabelle C for consistently showing a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards her learning throughout the past half term. She has shown lots of effort and impressed me with her resilience. Well done Isabelle!

Inca H-H for displaying creativity within her writing this week, which focused on speech, adverbials, parenthesis and relative clauses. Inca was able to interweave some fantastic phrases and vocabulary into her written work around WWI - keep it up Inca!

Very well done also to **Harry J, Javier L** and **Theodore C** for sharing their detailed pictures of Boudica and telling me many key facts about her and her strength and power. Thank you very much boys, for sharing your learning with me.

Out of School Achievements

Very well done to:

Ralphie G for competing in a recent horse jumping competition. Ralphie rode Nancy and Treacle very well to be awarded 2nd and 3rd place rosettes. Very well done Ralphie.

Evie G-F for gaining a 2nd place rosette for her excellent performance on Fancy, at the Area 12 Pony Club Eventer challenge at Rosehill. Very well-done Evie!

Thea D for taking part in the Coventry Dance Festival, performing a song and a dance and finishing in first place in her age division. Very well-done Thea!

Rosie A for great singing and dancing success at the Coventry Dance Festival. Rosie performed four solo dances, (tap, modern, song and dance, and ballet) and one duet. Rosie gained three medals - 2nd place for Tap Solo, 2nd place for Duet, and a 4th place medal for her modern solo. Very well-done Rosie!

Emiliana G for working incredibly hard and achieving great results in her recent 11 plus exam. Well done Emiliana!

Our Week of Learning

Cygnets Class

We can hardly believe that we have completed our whole first half term at school! We have had a week full of frosty mornings, harvest, conker runs and cheeky squirrels preparing for the winter.

In our outdoor area this week we have used all the conkers, acorns and pinecones that Cygnets families collected, and experimented filling, pouring and collecting with them.

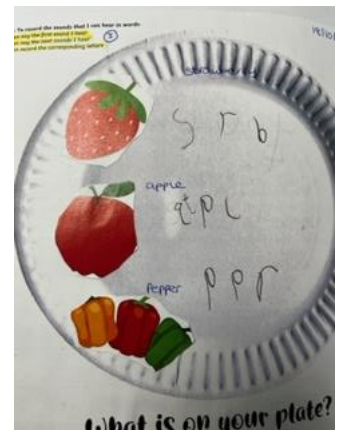
All week we have noticed a cheeky squirrel outside, and we caught him stealing the acorns and burying around the garden!

In RE this week we learned about Harvest Festival. With Mr Goldsworthy, the children drew pictures of different food that is harvested and put them into a lovely harvest basket. This tied into our healthy eating plates we created in English, where the children chose healthy foods and labelled them.



We all had lots of fun pretending to be superheroes in PE. We used the parachute as our superhero cape, and then worked as a team to make the parachute mushroom into the air and catch us inside!

Very well done to all the Cygnets children this half term. Mrs French and Miss Godsell are so proud of all you have achieved!



Our Week of Learning

Year 1

In English we have been finishing writing our stories and editing them. In maths we have been looking at fact families and number bonds within 10. In science we have finished looking at our senses by creating sensory bottles.



On Friday morning we walked to the church and met Reverend Canon Sarah Fenby. We enjoyed looking round Cropredy Church when we arrived and saw the stonemasons at work.

Reverend Sarah then talked to us about the different parts of christening service and we then used a doll to experience a christening service first hand.

The children also each got to ring one of the church bells, as we left the church, Thank you to Reverend Sarah for her time and lovely welcome to St. Mary's Church, Cropredy.



Year 2

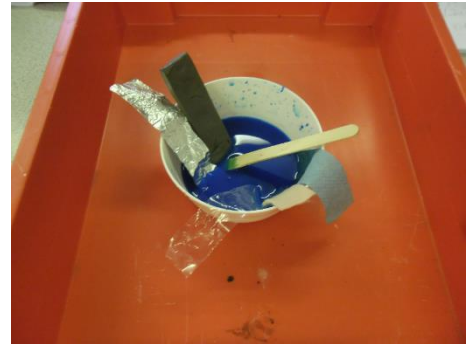
The children in year 2 enjoyed conducting an experiment this week when testing which materials are absorbent.

They had to predict what they thought would be the outcome as well as learn the importance of creating a fair test.

The children were great at suggesting how to do this by keeping the same size material and amount of time.

Working as a team, they all selected which material they were going to test, and all placed the item in coloured water on 'ready, steady, go!

There was a lot of excitement with watching the water travel up the different materials and they were able to conclude that the paper towel was the most absorbent material tested. Good work Year 2!



Year 3

This week we loved welcoming you to our classroom to show you all the great learning we have been doing. The children were so excited to share their topic and English work with you! I would like to thank you all for taking the time out of your busy days as it made the afternoon so special for the children.



We have been very busy in Science finishing our Rocks topic and looking at soil from 3 different areas.

We carried out an experiment to see which soil was the best drainer and which was the best soaker and although an anomaly occurred during our first attempt, we carried out the test again the next day and got the correct result.



Our Week of Learning

Year 4

This week, as part of our Roman topic, we have been investigating all about the life of a Roman Soldier.

In English we have been creating a job advert, looking at life in the fort, pay and pension, lifestyle, and fighting.

The Year 4 children have been using different features in their job adverts to persuade the reader to sign up, such as special offers, bullet points, catchy titles and great descriptions of the benefits they would be offered.

On Thursday and Friday we made Roman shields to help us understand how they soldiers used their weapons and worked together as a team.



Once the shields were dry, we went out on to the playground to march in formation, the create the 'Testudo', the tortoise.



The children enjoyed trying to stay in formation and move together.

Year 5

On Wednesday this week, Year 5 had a science day to consolidate our learning on materials with some practical, hands-on activates to bring the subject alive.

Mrs Mallock planned and delivered a fabulous carousel of experiments including:

- HOW TO MAKE A LAVA LAMP to help us understand chemical reactions;
- FIREWORKS IN A JAR to help illustrate the different densities of liquids and
- DISSOLVING MATERIALS to help us get to grips with the difference between solutions and mixtures.



The children loved taking part in these experiments and enthusiastically recorded their findings using scientific vocabulary.

A huge thanks to Mrs Mallock for organising the day and for providing all the resources for the children to use in our experimental work.

Our Week of Learning

Year 6

Our first half term culminated in a puppet show in science, which consisted of groups of four children designing and creating their own puppets then coming up with a short story to demonstrate how we can vary the size and shape of shadows from opaque and translucent objects. We definitely saw some 'unique and interesting' plots but each group was successfully able to explain how shadows can be altered and how variables such as the position of the object, place of the sun, time of day. etc play a significant role.

Year 6 also took some time out this week to design and make some Halloween cards for their buddies - some of which were given out in Friday's assembly and those Cygnets who were absent will receive theirs on the first day back - ironically on Halloween!

As a small reward for their hard work over the past half term, Year 6 chose to play a game of dodgeball in the hall and what a ferocious series of games we had. Special mention to Logan and Charlie for their sharp-shooting and Connie for being particularly elusive.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half-term break.

Yours sincerely

Phil Goldsworthy

See below for:

Mark Andrews Football Half-Term Camp

Odyssey Junior 'Wind in the Willows' Taster Workshop on Sunday 19th November (10.00a.m. to 12.00p.m.)



October Football Camp

@ St Johns Catholic School

Avocet Way, Banbury OX16 9YA

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October



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(Drop off available from 9.30am)

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mark@markandrewsfootballcoaching.co.uk

1 Day : £20

Thereafter

£15 per day

All 5 Days

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Payment Details:

Mark Andrews

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Sunday 19th November 2023, 10am - 12pm,
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