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Newsletter 11

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sunday 26th November 2023

This week in school, children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed their SCARM CORAF PSHE Workshops. The workshops were designed to help the children learn about themselves and what they can do to keep themselves safe and healthy. Thank you to Maria from SCARF for all her efforts in organising and leading these workshops for the children.

Football Success at Boddington Playing Fields

Last Sunday, some of our children took part in the football competition at Boddington Playing Fields, competing for the Bob Moore Cup. The children from Year 5 and 6 joined by Monty C, played fantastically well in the league section of the competition, winning 4 out of their 5 matches and progressing the semi-final stage with ease. In the semi-final we lost to Chipping Warden Primary School, however convincingly won the 3rd/4th play off to finish the competition in 3rd place out of 14 teams.

All of the boys played exceptionally well, demonstrating the core sporting values of Passion, Self-Belief, Respect, Honesty, Determination and Teamwork in all elements of their work. Thank you very much for Mr Dean who coached and led the team fabulously well during the competition. Very well done for fantastic success to:

Henry C, Monty C, Ethan D, Leo F, JimBob K, Oliver L, Rory M and Harry S.



Staffing Update

We are currently completing our teacher recruitment procedures for Mrs Pounds and also for Mrs Middleton-Mai who are leaving us at the end of this term.

Mrs Pounds will be leaving to take maternity leave, in advance of her new arrival in the new year and Mrs Middleton-Mai has made the very difficult decision to leave our school to pursue other avenues moving forwards.

As soon as the recruitment process for these teaching positions has been completed, I will inform all parents of staffing arrangements, as from January 2024. A key part of this is to support an effective and smooth handover for the children, helping the children to know their new teachers in advance of the new year.

If parents wish to contribute towards a leaving gift for these members of staff, this can be done through ParentPay.

Eynsham Partnership Academy Trust

Along with myself, the Governors have been working very hard to complete all relevant transition documentation for our move from maintained status with Oxfordshire County Council, to join Eynsham Partnership Academy Trust. Full Governor discussions have taken place and unanimous agreement for this movement has been gained; the Department for Education are keen for this transition to take place in early December.

I have led the due diligence work with the Governors which has built strong and effective relationships with the team at Eynsham. This builds on the school improvement work that the staff team have completed over the past three years whilst I have been Head. EPA have spent considerable time, alongside me, to develop their understanding of all our strengths and explore options about future partnership development opportunities that are in place within the trust, to help develop our provision further.

The Eynsham Team are very keen to meet again with parents soon, and I will inform you of this date when it has been confirmed with Eynsham Partnership Academy Trust. Thank you for all your ongoing support.

School Vacancy for Caretaker

We are looking to recruit a school caretaker for our school.

This will be a part-time position working 15 hours across the week. Times to be worked to be discussed, to help secure the best person for the role.

Duties to include:

- Locking and unlocking the school.
- General maintenance
- Completion of relevant Health and Safety checks (training to be provided)

For further information regarding the position, please contact the school office. Alternatively please visit the school website for caretaker vacancy details.

Next Week in School

After School Clubs

This week is the last week of After School Clubs for the term. I hope that the children have enjoyed the clubs that they have taken part in.

We are currently starting to plan for the after-school club programme for the Easter Term. If any parents are keen to lead a club for the children, please contact the school office.

Please note:

Due to PTFA Christmas Festival on Friday, Table Tennis will not be running after school.

Tag Rugby and Table Tennis have an extra week - both are running the week of 4th December – on Monday and Friday respectively.

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cygnets Village Walk a.m.• Forest School for Cygnets and Year 1.• Physical Education Lessons for Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5.
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical Education Lessons for Year 6.
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical Education Lessons for Year 1.
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical Education Lessons for Year 5.• Swimming for Year 4.
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 4 Water Safety Workshop and Canal Walk a.m.• Physical Education Lessons for Cygnets, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6.• PTFA Christmas Fest – please see bottom of newsletter for outline of the afternoon in school, location of stalls, timetable and collection arrangements for children.

Golden Rules Stars of the Week

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

Anaïs L, Celianne B, Chloe S, Jackson H, Chloe L, Aeva D and Ivy P-G.

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

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Stars of the Week

Delilah C for fantastic sentence writing this week - well done!

Bea B for creating some fantastic 'land art' during Forest School, thinking carefully and solving problems!

Benjamin D for his instruction writing on how to make a stickman.

Lorenzo L for his writing using verbs, nouns and prepositions.

Miles P for thinking of great questions about the world in English.

Aria R for a fantastic retelling of a scene from a story. Aria could order events and used great expression to re-tell it.

Hannah H for a fantastic start to your character description

Anairin E for your perseverance with your presentation in Maths and showing great improvement.

Thea C for working really hard on the pace of her writing whilst creating a time line of the events from The Wind in the Willows text.

Ava B for quality question writing in her classification key in science.

Rory M for an outstanding, accomplished explanation text which included every necessary ingredient for success.

Harrison L for sustained efforts in improving his handwriting – he has worked so hard, and it is paying off.

Reenie B and **Silva B** for their fabulous descriptive explanations of their trench sketch work. Great work girls!

Kitty I for showing the most wonderful and responsible attitude to help other with their learning. Kitty took time to organise presentations for children across different year groups, helping them to learn and understand about Diabetes. Kitty demonstrated great maturity in her approach, a very mindful nature regarding appropriate language and level of learning for different ages of children; her presentations showed amazing clarity, Kitty's great confidence and a natural affinity to engage with other children around her. Thank you for all your hard work Kitty. Amazing work through this week in school.

Out of School Achievements

Ellie L for excellent efforts and work, when learning how to fire a cross-bow. Ellie's accuracy improved greatly due to her fantastic efforts and hard work. Very well done Ellie, we are very proud of you!

Ruth A for achieving her IGA Level 6 Gymnastics Award at Jumping Jacks. This is an excellent achievement, Ruth. Very well done; we are very proud of you!

Francesca B for gaining her Level 2 Swimming Award . Francesca has also performed excellently at The Mill with her musical theatre group and performed a solo in front of an audience of almost 200 people. Wonderful to hear about your successes , Francesca. Very well done!

Rosie A for passing her Level 4 IGA Gymnastics Award. Rosie also has continued dancing success, gaining Distinction in her Grade 3 Modern Dance Examination with 91 out of 100. She has also been selected to perform a ballet solo at The Light Cinema in Banbury on 17th December; before the screening of the Royal Ballet Nutcracker at 2pm. Fabulous achievements, Rosie. Very well done!

Alfred K and **Toby K** for both achieving their Stage 4 Swimming Awards. Both the boys have been working very hard on their swimming skills, most notably Alfred for his front crawl breathing, Toby for his breaststroke legs and both of them for their skill development seen in the butterfly. Very well done boys; another super achievement for you both!

Chenderit Sports Festival

Very well done to **Alfred K, Toby K, Sophia B** and **Isa B** for representing the school at the Chenderit Inclusive Sporting Festival on Thursday. All the children worked extremely hard to learn new skills in archery, Tri-Golf, 'New Age' Curling and Boccia. The developments seen in their confidence, skills and accuracy were commented on by Mrs King the event organiser. Many congratulations to all these children on their excellent performances and efforts. Very well done to you all!

Our Week of Learning

Cygnets Class

This week in Cygnets, we finished learning all of our Phase 2 sounds! That means we can identify all the individual letter sounds and some digraphs like ch, sh and th in words. We love being digraph detectives during our lessons. After Christmas we will start learning the Phase 3 sounds. At home you can help us by reading our home reading books with us and practising the sounds sent on Tapestry. This week we have been looking carefully at sentences and trying to write our own to include capital letters at the start, finger spaces and full stops.

In Forest School this week we were inspired by Andy Goldworthy's 'Land Art', where he uses objects found in nature to create beautiful art work. We first collected lots of different colour leaves and sorted them by colour. Next we worked with our muddy buddy to create some circular land art. All of the Cygnets showed so much creativity and collaboration.

In RE we discovered what 'Advent' means, and that it is a time where Christians are getting ready for Christmas. We made a class advent calendar for us to count down the days on.

We are continuing to get ready for Christmas at Cropredy – preparing reindeer food for CropFest, practicing our acting for our Nativity and next week we will be making decorations for our classroom, measuring elves and writing Christmas lists!



Year 1

This week we have started to look at Stickman as our class text. We made our own stickmen then wrote instructions of how to make them. We then looked at the illustrations in the book and used verbs, nouns and prepositions to describe them.

In maths we have been subtracting using number lines as well as adding and subtracting 1 or 2. The children have shown great improvements in confidence through their hard work; they have also shown great ability to use strategies to support them, helping them to develop more independence in their work and how to apply their learning to solve problems.

In our topic work, we looked out the human and physical features in Cropredy.

Year 2

Year 2 have worked hard through the week, completing their retelling of the story of Traction Man.

The range of descriptive language was very pleasing to see; with children also showing excellent recall of events within the story. Our English work then continued with a focus on how questions are used in poetry. The children wrote a range of questions, inspired by the poetry piece, focussing on questions they would like to find out about the world.



On Friday morning, the children had a lovely time making our Christmas decorations for the Christmas fayre.

All the children took time to choose colours carefully, weave pipe cleaner tinsel and add some carefully chosen sparkle! This gave for a wonderful, creative morning for all!

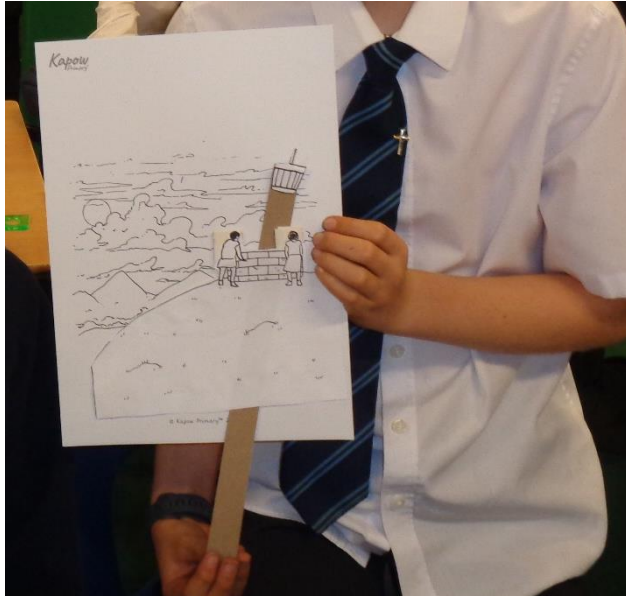


Our Week of Learning

Year 5

This week has been very exciting in class 5 as the children's project homework has been coming in.

I have been blown away by how much effort and thought has gone into each and every one, and there has been a real buzz in the classroom as the children present and discuss the techniques used and what they have learned.



We even had three controlled volcanic eruptions on the field! I have been equally impressed by the children's explanation texts on tectonic plate movement which demonstrate their language skills and understanding on the subject.

The children have also shown great skill in their Design Technology work, creating prototypes for their moving story books. The children have learnt about different types of mechanism to use, to help present moving elements in their storyboard work. Well done to all of Year 5!

Year 6

Through the week, the children have worked very hard, demonstrating great attitudes to their learning and a keenness to share their thoughts and ideas with others around them. In our English work we have looked at analysing explanation texts, linked to trench warfare.

Our Maths focus has been on developing skills when working with factors and multiples and also applying all our knowledge to approach problem solving and reasoning tasks.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Science work, creating circuits and changing variables, predicting the outcome and then testing to investigate and review their hypotheses. This was very successful.

I must commend the children on their drive and efforts to support their Cygnets Buddies. The children organised a lovely art and reading session with the children this week, helping to further build and develop their strong relationships together.

During the session it was lovely to see the kindness, care and support that the Year 6 children provided to the younger children. Very well done to you all!

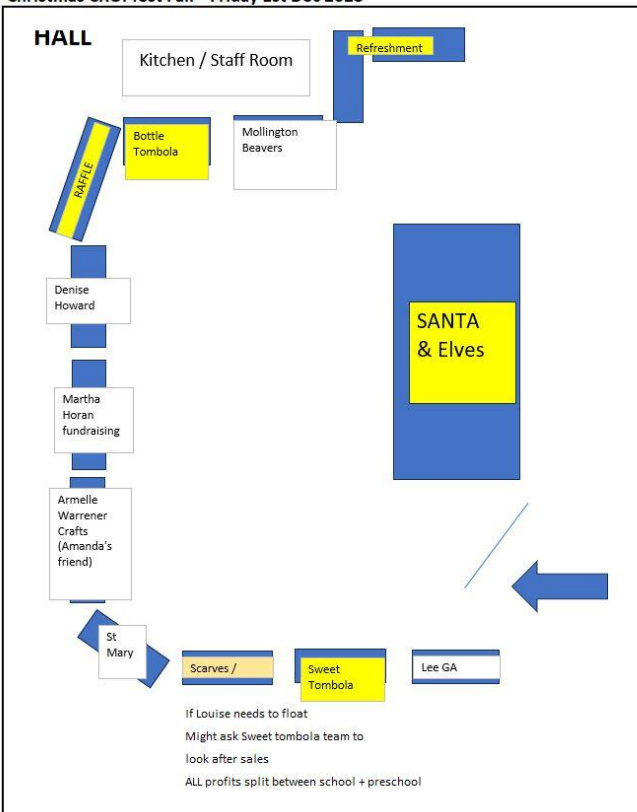
I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.
Yours sincerely
Phil Goldsworthy

See below for:

Organisation Flyers for **PTFA Christmas Cropfest** – held in school on the afternoon of **Friday 1st December**

PTFA Movie Night – Thursday 7th December 5.30p.m. to 7.30p.m.

Christmas CROPfest Fair - Friday 1st Dec 2023



Volunteers: Thank you Very Much :-)

		1 - 2.30pm	2.30 - 4pm	
Hall	Refreshments	Carine Varazet (Cygnets)	Megan Handler (cygnets)	Teas 50p / Hot Chocolate £1 / Sweet Treats 50pm. Louise will try and get urns on before 1pm. Can use Flask to make prepped Hot Choc. Squirry cream + marshmallows will be there :-)
		Sarah Woods (Cygnets)	Emma (Jacks Mum) (Cygnets)	
	Sweet Tombola	Radka (emailed) 1 to 2:30 (Cygnets)	Hanna Niven (cygnets)	20p each / 6 for £1. Year 6 preparing tickets on prizes. Lay out prizes + prep tickets to select from :-)
	Bottle Tombola	Victoria George (yr 2)	Esther Staples (yr 2)	20p each / 6 for £1. Year 6 preparing tickets on prizes. Lay out prizes + prep tickets to select from :-)
Hall / float around	Raffle	Lexi Gordon-Finlayson (Yr 2)	Eliza Jayne Robert (yr 2)	
		Caroline Fletcher (yr 1)	Hannah Giles (Yr 1)	
Classrooms	Year 3 Classroom	Nick Boaz (yr 1)	Tara Pratley (yr 1)	
		Nathalie Fornalczyk (yr 5)	Carole Kingerlee (Caroline Fletcher's mum)	Sarah has gifts + stall holders will donate prizes as stand fee
	Year 4 Classroom	1-2:30 Hannah Burrows (y4)	Laura Culwick (yr 4)	
		Rachel Dean (yr 3)	Lavinia Popplewell (yr 3)	Reindeer Hot Chocolate / Yr 4 truffles
	Year 5 Classroom	Jo (Beeneey?)	Louisa Smith (yr 3)	Knitted goodies / Yr 4 knitted Trees
		Natalie (yr 4)	Ellen Hale (year 4)	Hook a duck / Find Santa / snowball throw
		Joanne Robeson (yr 34)	Rachel (Kingerlee?) (Caroline Fletcher sister) Yr 4)	Cygnets reindeer food / Lolly stick decs
	KS1 Corridor	Warren Jackson + Rebecca Jackson (yr 6)	Warren Jackson + Rebecca Jackson (yr 6)	photo frames / Guess the weight
		Georgina (yr 6)	Lorna Giovanni (year 6)	Christmas Quilts
		2pm: Sue Wheeler (yr2)		Tree decs / Guess Mrs Claus
	2pm: Emily Higgins (yr 6)		Tin Can / Fimo Models	
			Help with children's handover	

If staffed well enough might move volunteer to Classroom.

- 1pm: Hall opens for stall holders**
- Carol Singing**
- 1.55pm Light Switch on**
- 2 - 4pm Stalls Officially Oopn**

CHRISTMAS CROPFEST

Friday 1st Dec

1pm
Carol Singing around the Christmas Tree

1.55pm
Light Switch on

2pm - 4pm
Year 3 /4 5 Classroom Festive Games
Hall: Festive Stalls, Santa & Refreshments
Foyer: Festive Stalls

CHRISTMAS CROPFEST

2pm
Pupil Collection Classrooms

Cygnets Classroom: Cygnets + Yr1

Year 1 classroom : Years 2 + 3

Year 2 classroom: Years 4 + 5



CHRISTMAS FEST

2023



1:30 Playground – Parents and family welcome, Classes singing carols around the Christmas Tree

1:55 Christmas Tree Lights switched on; Fete is now open!

2pm Cygnets classroom – Cygnets and Year 1 children for collection

Year 1 classroom – Years 2 and 3 children for collection

Year 2 classroom – Years 4, and 5 children for collection

Year 6 Children will be helping to run the fete until the end of the school day

Year 3 Classroom – Yr3's Reindeer Hot chocolate bags, Find Santa's missing presents and Hook a Christmas Duck & Yr4's Sewn Christmas Trees, French Chocolate Truffles, Guess how old Santa is (No googling!), Snowball Throw and Penguin bowling

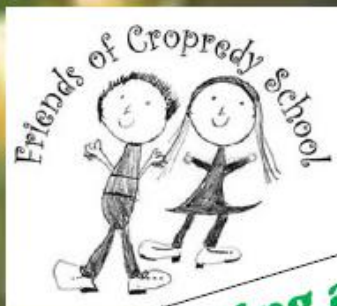
Year 4 Classroom– Cygnets Reindeer Food, Guess the Teacher in the Santa disguise and Pin the Star on the Christmas Tree; Yr1's Christmas Photo frames, Guess the Name of the Reindeer, Feed Santa some mince pies & Yr2's Lolly stick tree decorations, Guess the weight of Christmas Jelly Pops and Christmas Quits

Year 5 Classroom – Yr5's Hanging Star Tree Decorations, Guess Mrs Claus' favourite Christmas Movie and Christmas Tin Can Alley & Yr6's Christmas Fimo Scenes, Guess the address of the Gingerbread House and Christmas Bottle Flip Challenge

Library & Foyer – Outside Stall Holders

Hall – Selfies with Santa, Bottle and Sweetie Tombola, more Outside Stall Holders (including cards, decorations and crafts), an on the day Raffle drawn at 3:30pm, and Teas, Coffees and Sweet Treats

There is a machine for card payments in the hall but raid the change pot for the classroom activities.



Cropredy C of E Primary School

Calling all
Children!



Christmas Movie Night



Thursday 7th December
5:30 – 7pm

Tickets are available through [Parent Pay](#) for a minimum donation of £3.50 each.

This will include the movie, a drink and a snack.

Wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas Pyjamas, cuddlies and pillows. The most Christmassy people will win a prize!

Cygnets, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6 Movie



Mickeys once upon a Christmas
in the hall

Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 Movie

The Muppets Christmas Carol
in Year 3

