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Newsletter 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Saturday 14th October 2023

This week the children have coped very well with the changeable weather. Please can all children bring a coat to school each day and please can parents send wellington boots in to school, if children do not already have these. This will help us to make the most of our outdoor spaces through the week.

On Tuesday this week, we were delighted to welcome Ginny Bayliss into school. Ginny is an Executive Headteacher from Eynsham Partnership Academy Trust and as a school we will be working with her, as the school moves towards academisation with the EPA Trust in December 2023. Ginny spent the morning visiting classrooms with me, seeing learning in action and getting to meet the staff and children. Through the morning it was great to see the children's positive attitudes towards their learning and their clear understanding about what they were learning and why. Ginny also commented on the children's excellent confidence and superb articulation skills, when explaining all about their learning to her.

On Thursday our two Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby teams performed fabulously well in the Partnership Competition. During each game, the children performed excellently, showing great determination, drive, passion and teamwork. This helped them to collectively win 11 out of their 12 matches during the competition. We finished the competition in 1st and 2nd place, which is a fantastic achievement.

Very well done to the following children for their sporting success:

Charlie B, Ollie B, Silva B, Henry C, Riley C, Eadie D, Ethan D, Imogen F, Sonny H, Alfie J, Jim-Bob K, Toby K, Oliver L, Eliza M, Logan M, Rory M, Ivy P-G, Matilda R, Albie S, Darcy T and Emmett T-C.

Thank you to Mrs Reid and Mrs Hopkins for their efforts with the organisation of the PTFA calendar yesterday in school. A huge thank you also to Mrs Cherry for her enthusiasm and also wonderful photography skills. The children loved the opportunity to dress up and also come together in 'months of the year' groups; this did make for a very colourful day in school. Thank you to also to parents for all your support in organising costumes and props. The PTFA team look forward to sharing the calendar with you in the very near future.

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.

Mollington Beaver Group

Mollington Beaver Group are looking for volunteers to help lead the group that meets weekly.

If you would like to help run the group or would like to know more about that it involves, please contact Philip Tree - philip.tree@btinternet.com

Next Week in School

Clear Plastic Bottles Needed for Year 1

Mrs Pounds has asked if children could bring in see through, plastic drinks bottles for Year 1 to use. These are needed for Thursday, when Year 1 children will be creating sensory bottles in Science.

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest School for Cygnets and Year 1 class. • 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. • Year 3 open to parents to enjoy children's writing, from 2.30p.m.
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • End of the first half-term.

Golden Rules Stars of the Week

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

Clemmie M, Noah B, Thea S, Henrietta S, Theodore C, Rosie D and Charlie B.

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

Sycamore	Willow	Oak	Chestnut
342	340	334	339

Stars of the Week

Jack M for fantastic phonics work this week - we are so impressed with all of your work!

Callie C for her effort with her letter formation this week - Well Done!

Toby K for his fantastic story writing this week.

Farris P for his phonics and his efforts with his tricky words.

Max C for a wonderful description of how his character escaped the Great Fire of London.

William G for remembering so many amazing facts about the Great Fire of London in our drama session. stars:

Isa B for sharing her wonderful writing with me. Isa's writing was full of rich and varied vocabulary and she read this to me beautifully. Very well done Isa and thank you for sharing your work with me!

Toby H for some fantastic research on Stonehenge, writing an abundance of neatly written facts.

Max S for great insight and contribution to discussions in our RE lesson on Hinduism.

Jacob S for taking such care over his handwriting practise this week. This was fantastic to see. Well done Jacob!

Ollie G for his fantastic compound sentence about Roman war machines and battle techniques.

Seamus G and **Rory M** for wonderful and informative comic strips about the significance of King Edmund the Martyr in English Viking History.

Ethan D for demonstrating an outstanding attitude, steely determination and resilience both inside and outside of the classroom over the past week. Well done Ethan - keep it up!

Toby K for being accurate and creative during English over the last week. Toby has been able to innovatively interweave a range of adverbials, speech punctuation and figurative language all whilst developing his distinct writer's voice. Excellent work Toby!

Out of School Achievements

Very well done to:

Nicholas W for gaining his Learn to Swim Stage 5 Award. Great achievement Nicholas. Well done!

William W for continued trial motorbike success. William finished in 3rd place in round 6 of the Oset Cup. Due to his excellent performances, William also recently competed in a round of the British Youth Championship. Off the trials bike, William has also recently played in his first Under 7 football match for Easington Sports. Very well done William!

Our Week of Learning

Cygnets Class

At Forest School this week, we noticed how we are starting to see signs of Autumn, with leaves changing colour and starting to fall from the trees.

Using natural materials, we made some self-portraits, thinking about if we were happy or sad. We used leaves and bark to make eyes, grass for hair and sticks for noses.



Back in our learning garden, we have been building our own dens this week, working as a team to see how we can build and work together. This was really enjoyed by the children and their help and support for each other was wonderful to see.



Our autumn theme continued through our learning activities using our collection of conkers, acorns and pinecones to create collections of 3 and 4.

In Phonics we finished learning our sounds for the term, and next week we will be checking if we have any gaps in the sounds we know.



Year 1

This week we have used all of our writing planning work, to help us start writing our own stories in English.

In Maths we have been looking at numberlines and counting jumps using number lines, parts and wholes, using the part whole method and writing number sentences.

In Topic we acted out the six stages of the Gunpowder plot. The amount of facts that the children remembered was very impressive. This really helped bring the dramatic performances to life.

In Science we have been continuing looking at our senses and used feely bags to use our sense of touch. We also closed our eyes to remove the sense of sight and were led around by a partner.

At the end of the week the children learnt about frames and how to combine shapes to build structures. The children were amazing in their creative responses and worked incredibly hard to achieve success. Very well done, Year 1!

Our Week of Learning

<p>Year 2</p>	<p>What a lovely end to the week we have had in Year 2. The children loved sharing all their knowledge about the great fire of London in our drama session and they really impressed me with their facts.</p> <p>They used such imagination when writing similes in English ready for our poetry writing. See a few of our lovely ideas below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As loud as Neptune and Jupiter crashing together. • Quieter than an ant sleeping. • As quiet as infinity. • As hot as the equator. • As tiny as a grain of sand. <p>Well done Year 2, we can use some of these ideas next week in our poems!!</p>
<p>Year 3</p>	<p>This week in Year 3 we have been working hard on publishing our finished stories, using neat handwriting and decorating work with images from the Stone Age. We are so much looking forward to sharing the children's work with you next Wednesday at the end of the afternoon.</p> <p>In History, we have been researching Stonehenge and giving our opinions as to why we think it was built. We have then been creating models of the henge using the correct amount of different stones, which we will again look forward to showing you next week.</p> <p>In Maths, we have been adding 2 two-digit numbers using the written column method – we started by drawing on the tables with our whiteboard pens to understand how to lay out or calculations, which we all found great fun!</p>
<p>Year 4</p>	<p>Year 4 have continue working hard on their persuasive job adverts to entice men to sign up for the Roman Army. They have been focusing on the equipment they would receive, the luxurious lifestyle, the benefits and a pension.</p> <p>In Maths we have moved from adding 4-digit numbers using the column method with more than 1 exchange to subtracting them. The children have worked hard to conquer this new skill. Each Friday we are working on the times tables using a website called www.timestables.co.uk to help improve our rapid recall of the different number facts to 12.</p> <p>In RE we have made Torah scrolls; children aged paper using tea bags, then used the Hebrew Alphabet to write their names.</p> <div data-bbox="422 1523 874 2056" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1093 1019 1503 1550" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1093 1556 1503 2085" data-label="Image"> </div>

Our Week of Learning

Year 5

This week year 5 have written some wonderful setting descriptions based on the plight of the protagonist Ylva in our story She Wolf as she journeys up-river to find the incredible hand-shaped rock.

I've been so impressed to see the children apply all the skills they have learned during the term, to this final piece.

Please see an example of writing to describe setting, character and atmosphere. Super writing Bridget!

Cathryn had taught Ylva how to listen to the surrounding sounds of the forest before they split up. Ylva's suspicions grew, did Cathryn just set her up as a decoy to get away from the raging warriors? As she rode through the forest a glistening river came into sight, Ylva could hear the music from the mysterious and murky water. The horse trotted into the brook with little splashes as all four hooves entered. Beyond long, it began to be dangerous with only the horse's neck head and back above the surface. But they had to stay in the stream as it was the only way to cover their tracks, besides if the raiders found and followed her trail they wouldn't know whether to go upriver or downriver. A bit of water splashed up to her, the water was greening she felt bad for the poor animal being submerged up to its belly.

In Maths we have been using rounding to both estimate and check our answers in addition and subtraction and in History, the children have been captivated by the gruesome end of King Edmund at the hands of The Great Heathen Army, as they produced some incredible story boards of the events.

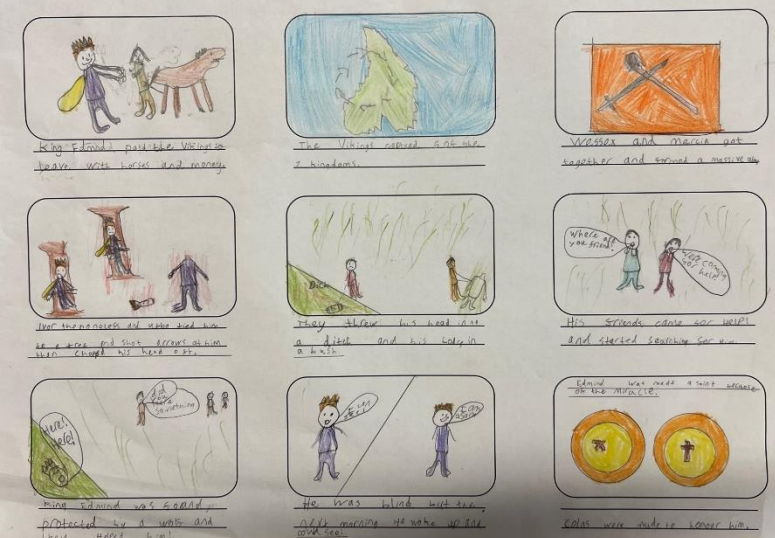
Please see two excellent examples produced by Alexander and Aeva.



WALT; find out about beliefs, behaviour and characteristics of people.

TASK: Explore the significance of King Edmund the Saint as an important historical and religious figure

Aeva



Our Week of Learning

Year 6

This week began with the last tastes of the summer sun and is ending with a chill in the air as the rain is drenching us all, in between the turbulent weather, year six are now starting to hit the heights that we all expect of them at Cropredy.

A fantastic rehearsal of 'Stand By Me', creativity aplenty within English this week as we explored how to hone our writer's craft and manipulate the reader with specific language choices whilst we worked hard in Maths with some tricky reasoning, estimating and multiplication problem solving.

I expect them all to put in the required degree of effort and I have been really impressed with them this week.

This culminated in a glorious and resounding victory at the annual tag rugby tournament at Banbury Rugby Club. Cropredy A team romped to a triumph tournament win, with an undefeated record, whilst Cropredy B team did marvellously too and came second overall with just one sole defeat. With over fifty tries scored and 11 out of 12 victories secured by the Year 5 and 6 team - to say myself and Mrs Kerton, who kindly accompanied us, was proud is an understatement. Very well done to the team!

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend

Yours sincerely

Phil Goldsworthy

See below for:

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

Odyssey Juniors present

A "Show in a Week" theatrical experience
for children in Years 4 - 8

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The Wind in the Willows

TASTER DAY
Sunday 19th November 2023, 10am - 12pm,
St Mary's Primary School, Banbury

To request an information pack, email admin@odysseytheatre.co.uk