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### Newsletter 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023

I do hope that all families had a restful half-term break. It was lovely to see the children back in school through this week. I do hope that their first week of the new half-term was enjoyable.

This week our Year 4 children started whole class ukelele lessons, led by Mr Hudson. The children responded very enthusiastically during their first session, listening well and responding confidently to the new skills taught. We are very pleased to offer this opportunity, which is funded through school-led fundraising completed, linked to the Cropredy Festival.

Please see the attached letter regarding high level allergic reaction due to nuts. It is very important to ensure the safety and welfare of children who suffer from allergic reactions, that **no nut-based products come into school**. Thank you for your support.

#### **Nut Free School**

We are a nut-free school. Thank you for your support with this.



#### **Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Competition**

On Thursday, our two girls Year 5 and 6 football team took part in a competition at Blessed George Napier School, playing against children from other Partnership schools.

In the two leagues, the children played incredibly well, showing great determination and teamwork. From the matches played, both teams finished in second place in their leagues, which is a fantastic achievement.

Very well done to:

**Rosie A, Izzy B, Silva B, Isabelle C, Eadie D, Imogen F, Emiliana G, Harriet H, Inca H-H, Kitty I, Eliza M and Darcie T.**

#### **Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

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

## Next Week in School

### **The Poppy Appeal**

To help raise funds for the Royal British Legion, Year 5 children will be selling the following through next week in school.



- Poppies – for a donation of 20p
- Rulers, snap bands, wristbands, pencils and rubbers £1.00 each

### **After School Clubs for Next Week**

**Due to parents evening taking place in school next week, there are no after school clubs running through the week. Please can parents make sure that the office are informed of collection arrangements for children who take part in our club programme.**

Please note that for next week, the after-school club that runs Monday to Thursday (led by Mr Watts and Mr Richards) will still be taking place through the week in the school hall.

### **Individual and Sibling Photographs on Tuesday**

Nathan Allan is visiting school on Tuesday to take individual and sibling photographs.

**Please can all children come to school on Tuesday in school uniform**

For Year 6 children who have PE lesson on Tuesday, please can children wear school uniform and bring trainers with them to change into for lessons (no PE kit). Lessons will be adapted to support the children participating in their school uniform.

### **Parents Evening Organisation**

I hope that the individual parent meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday next will give you the opportunity to see your child/children's work in books and have productive discussions with your child's teacher about their strengths and areas for development as we progress through the school year.

We are all really looking forward to being able to welcome you into school for these meetings, with appointment times circulated by the school office. If you need a reminder about your allotted time or if you need to change appointment time, please email the school office on Monday.

- Meetings will be held in classrooms, with children's books available for you to see.

Please see below for detailing of rooms for the books and meetings for both Tuesday and Wednesday evening in school.

<b>Cygnets</b>	Books in Cygnets Cloakroom area. Miss Godsell will be in Cygnets classroom.
<b>Year 1 and 2</b>	Books will be in the <b>Year 1 classroom</b> . Teachers will be in the <b>Year 2 classroom</b> .
<b>Year 3 and 4</b>	Books will be in the <b>Year 3 classroom</b> . Teachers will be in the <b>Year 4 classroom</b> .
<b>Year 5 and 6</b>	Books will be in the <b>Year 5 classroom</b> . Teachers will be in the <b>Year 6 classroom</b> .

## The Week Ahead

<b>Monday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest School for <b>Cygnets</b> and <b>Year 1</b>.</li> <li>• Physical Education Lessons for <b>Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual and sibling photographs.</li> <li>• Physical Education Lessons for <b>Year 6. – children to come to school in uniform</b></li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical Education Lessons for <b>Year 1</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical Education Lessons for <b>Year 4</b>.</li> <li>• Swimming for <b>Year 5</b> – final swimming session.</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical Education Lessons for <b>Cygnets, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6</b>.</li> </ul>

### Date for the Diary

Non-Uniform Day to help raise funds for children in Need.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – suggested donation of £1.

Theme of colours and or spots for the day in school.

Please visit ParentPay link below to make a donation, through their Children in Need Donation Page

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12267>



### Golden Rules Stars of the Week

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

**Flynn C, Bella S, Bella B, Liliana P, Nicholas W, Jamezy T and Kitty I.**

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

Sycamore	Willow	Oak	Chestnut
516	521	509	512

### Stars of the Week

**Milena C** for showing fantastic progress in using her Phonics. Very well done, Milena!

**Savannah B** for making fantastic repeating patterns. Great work, Savannah!

**Oakley B** for his addition success in Maths this week.

**George S** for his descriptive writing of a wolf on a wanted poster in English this week.

**Poesy O** for being spot on with her answers in History and giving some very good suggestions, when answering the question, 'Why did the fire last so long'

**Jacub C** for working his socks off when writing a recount of his half-term break. Excellent writing Jacub and great description of the different things that you did.

**William G** for excellent perseverance in geography when re-doing your map to improve it. Well done William!

**Wilbur R** for amazing work in maths! Setting out written columnar addition in a neat and accurate way. Great work Wilbur!

**Alfred K** for working very hard on his handwriting during English and topic work. Well done.

**Harry J** for showing amazing scientific understanding, clearly explaining about sound waves and how and why they change in volume over distance.

**Harriet H** and **Ollie B** for skill and understanding when crafting making their 3D model of the Earth from plasticine. They worked so well together and managed superb detail when making and placing the continents.

### Stars of the Week

**Silva B** for showing exceptional resilience, bravery and positivity towards both her Maths (division) and girls' football tournament this week; ending the week with renewed confidence and scoring the winning goal in one of our matches. Well done Silva!

**Albie S** for planning, writing and editing a sensational adventure narrative based on WW1. Albie used a broad range of vocabulary, intriguing sentences and an engaging plot to entertain and keep the reader interested. Superb Albie!

### Out of School Achievements

Very well done to:

**Hannah H** for gaining her Purple Wade Gymnastics Award.

**Amelia P** for working very hard in her Taekwondo, achieving her certificate of achievement for graduating to 10<sup>th</sup> Grade. Very well done, Amelia.

**Evie G-F** who has been awarded two rosettes from Warwickshire Hunt Pony Club. Evie came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 30cm rein competition and gained a 6<sup>th</sup> place individual rosette award for the 40cm jump competition. Excellent results Evie!

**Alice F** for completing 120 stars in her Muay Thai classes for excellent behaviour, listening skills and showing great improvement in Muay Thai skills. Very well done, Alice!

**Jada-Louise H** for gaining a certificate for graduating to 10<sup>th</sup> Grade in Taekwondo. Very well done Jada-Louise for your hard work.

**Miles P** for being awarded a certificate for his graduating to 10<sup>th</sup> Grade in Taekwondo. Great results Miles. Very well done!

**Nelly M** for working very hard to gain her Learn to Swim Stage 2 award. Excellent efforts and perseverance Nelly to achieve this,. Very well done!

**Toby K** for achieving a new personal best at Banbury Park Run. Toby best his previous best time, finishing the course in 30 minutes 21 seconds. Fantastic achievement Toby. Well done!

**Alfred K** for achieving a new Banbury Park Run personal best. Alfred completed the course in 29 minutes and 47 seconds, which is a great achievement. Very well done Alfred; superb time for the 5km race.

**Rosie A** for amazing dance success at the Coventry Festival of Dance. Rosie performed a Character Solo and won 1st place Gold Medal and a Lyrical Solo and won 4th place bronze medal. Rosie was also presented with the Runner-Up Junior Classical Aggregate Gold Medal. Wonderful, continued success Rosie. Very well done!

**William G** for gaining his Level 2 Learn to Swim Award. Fantastic efforts William and great success. Well done!

**Aria Jayne R** for winning her first Halloween Horse Show last weekend. Aria completed the course in 3 minutes 20 seconds. Wonderful news Aria and congratulations on your excellent performance in your first show.

## Our Week of Learning

### Cygnets Class

All of the Cygnets children return to school this week full of enthusiasm for more learning!



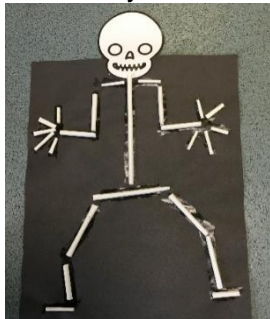
This week in Phonics, we learned the digraphs ff, ll, ss and also the j sound. We are always excited to spot digraphs as we read!

In Maths this week we have had lots of fun learning about patterns. We learned that patterns are everywhere – on socks, on buildings, in the days of the week, and in dances! We had lots of fun dancing to 'Banana, Banana, Meatball!' and creating



repeating patterns of our own using stampers.

We continued to learn about our bodies, and thought about what is inside our body. We learned about the job of our brains, hearts, lungs and stomachs. We then made skeletons, thinking about the different bones that we have in our body.



Bonfire Night celebrations also started with a BANG this week. After hearing about why we celebrate Bonfire Night, we made fireworks pictures and thought about the sounds that we would hear as they go off!



Next week we are looking forward to learning about Diwali, Remembrance Day and mastering v, w, x and y in Phonics.

### Year 1

This week we have started to look at our class text *The Three Little Pigs*. The children all enjoyed reading the story and then worked to discuss different adjectives that we could use to describe the wolf. These were then used very successfully by the children to create wanted posters for the wolf.

In our Maths work, we have been looking at number bonds to 10 as well as adding two groups of numbers together. The children have responded to this very well, showing good skill and knowledge.

As part of our Science work, we really enjoyed completing a mini beast hunt outdoors and learning about the different habitats that the minibeasts live in. This has been a lovely first week back in school and seeing the children's excitement about their new areas of learning has been wonderful to see.

### Year 2

This week the children have continued to develop their learning about the Great Fire of London. We have looked at changes from before and after the great fire. The children were very knowledgeable about identifying how houses have changed and commented that they were made out of stone and brick and were also built further apart after the fire.

As we have reached the end of this project, I am so proud of the children. They have been just like sponges, soaking up all the facts amazingly well and also showing excellent recall of knowledge learnt. All the children have also really enjoyed this topic and have amazed us with their enthusiasm.

In our Maths work we this week have been focussing on 10 less than a number. The children have learnt how to use equipment to help solve problems involving 10 less from a 2-digit number. In our Maths warm up sessions, children showed great confidence in applying this knowledge, showing great mental calculations to solve a variety of problems.

We are now all looking forwards to be starting our new topic *Helping Heroes*, from next week. In this topic, children will learn all about different people who help us and how people's work helps to impact on the world around us. We are also hoping to organise another visit from the fire service, to help the children understand about the crucial role they play, in keeping us safe.

<b>Our Week of Learning</b>	
<b>Year 3</b>	<p>We have had a lovely first week back in Year 3 and have started our new areas of learning. In English the children have been creating images from the first page of text in our new book, using their imaginations. They then compared what they had drawn to the actual image noting any similarities or differences.</p> <p>In Science, we started our new topic of Forces and Magnets and planned our experiment relating to friction.</p> <p>In Maths, we are focusing on written columnar methods for addition ensuring we are setting out our work neatly and accurately.</p>
<b>Year 4</b>	<p>A super start to term 2 in year 4, the children have returned after the holiday really positive and ready to learn. We have started looking at our new areas of learning from our design and technology sewing task to our whole class music sessions with Mr Hudson. The children were very enthusiastic and engaged, they are learning a song to share later in the term.</p> <p>We have now finished our learning on our Romans topic. Work this week showed the great amount of knowledge the children had gleaned from the different areas of the curriculum. It has been wonderful to see their reflections and their enjoyment of the learning journey we have completed.</p> <p>This week we also started to look at our new topic geographical based about Rivers. The children have shared their prior learning from which we had a great opening debate about global warming; something that the children are very keen to investigate further.</p>
<b>Year 5</b>	<p>This week we have begun our topic with an evaluation on what the children already know about earthquakes and volcanoes...and it turns out that they know quite a bit and have been incredibly enthusiastic about the subject, asking lots of questions.</p> <p>We started with the enquiry question 'What lies beneath the Earth's crust?' and we found out many exciting facts.</p> <p>To consolidate this learning, the children worked in pairs to replicate the Earth and its layers using Plasticine. They LOVED this and I was impressed by their knowledge of continents which they demonstrated when adding their finishing touches.</p> <p>I can tell it is going to be a very fun term in school!</p>
<b>Year 6</b>	<p>Year 6 were welcomed back for the new half-term - on Halloween - and started the week with a flu vaccination, participated in a girls' football tournament at BGN (more on that from our reporters) and ended it with a ferocious game of Dodgeball on a wet and windy Friday afternoon. Sandwiched between all of that we conquered division after much resilience, hard work and determination shown, some children benefitted from consolidation of the tricky skill whilst some moved on to combining estimation and rounding withing related division problems.</p> <p>In English, we continued with our adventure narratives which are based around WW1 and are written to entertain our prospective readers - we'll be sure to share them when we've completed and edited our stories soon.</p> <p>In Art we have started on our display for Remembrance Day by designing and exploring different poppy styles, whereas in Music we have chosen our next song which is Carly Rae Jepson's 'Call Me Maybe'.</p> <p>Thank you for all the parents that came to the PGL meeting, all the relevant, non-picture based information has been emailed out to you all and if there are any questions please come and speak to myself or email the office.</p> <p>Finally, a huge congratulations to the girls from Year 5 &amp; 6 who completed a football tournament on Thursday morning, we came within one goal of winning the whole tournament and only conceded one goal all morning - well done girls!</p>

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely  
Phil Goldsworthy

*See below for:*

*Flyer for **PTFA Bottle and Sweets Non-Uniform Day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November***

*Flyer for **PTFA Christmas Cropfest** – held in school on the afternoon of **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December***

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





November  
Non-Uniform Day  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November



The PTFA are collecting  
bottles and sweeties for the tombola at



The following Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December



Please can children bring in any type of bottle, a bag of sweets or a bag/bar of chocolate as a donation.

If children would like to do a bottle and sweetie drive around their neighbourhood or ask family and friends to also donate. The three children that bring in the most donations will receive a prize!

We are also on the lookout for some good-sized strong boxes to keep everything in. Thank you in advance, Your PTFA.



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.



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

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**TASTER DAY**

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

To request an information pack, email [admin@odysseytheatre.co.uk](mailto:admin@odysseytheatre.co.uk)