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### Newsletter 9

Dear Parents and Carers,

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023

It was lovely to be able to welcome you into school for the parent/teacher meetings last week. I hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to look through your child's books and that the discussions with your child's class teacher/s were productive and informative. As we progress through the rest of the school year, if you need any help or support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Additionally, if there are any concerns that you have regarding your child in school, please see your child's class teacher or myself directly to share these concerns. This will help us resolve any issues quickly and efficiently, extending any layer of support needed for your child. Thank you for your support with this.

#### **Nut Free School**

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



In our end of the week assembly, along with celebrating all children's achievements through the week, both in and out of school, we spent time helping the children to learn and understand about the importance of Remembrance at this time of year. Children's knowledge about different people who help support and protect us was most impressive and their reflections on the importance of Remembrance Day, helped to show their understanding from work and learning completed within class lessons.

### **ECO Warrior Update**

The Eco Warriors led a school environmental TLC session on Friday with the rest of the Year 4 children. The school had been successful in gaining a donation of 600 bulbs from Bulbs4Kids.



The Eco warriors organised the gardening equipment, and green waste bins ready for the planting. They spent the afternoon clearing and digging the bed outside Mr Goldsworthy's office, the Year 4 and Year 1 classrooms. They laid out the bulbs and then planted them, ready for a display that will hopefully appear from April till May next year.



The Eco warriors will continue to work and maintain this area, with their next steps they have planned to cover the area with more soil and put an edging around the bed, to help stop the other children running onto it.

### **Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Final call for bookings**

Please can any remaining parents book Christmas Lunches for children by 10.00a.m. on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Christmas Lunches can be booked is now live on Parent Pay.

#### **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

### **Anti-Bullying Week 2023: Make A Noise About Bullying**

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week in school, working from resources provided by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year it has the theme '**Make A Noise About Bullying**'.

The week will be kicked off with **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday 13th November**, where we invite all adults and children to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.



Through the week, children will be taking part in assemblies and lessons, designed to help increase their awareness and understanding.

Through our learning, The Anti-Bullying Alliance resources will help the children understand that:

- Too often, we are silent when we see bullying take place, silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when we hear bullying dismissed as 'just banter'. It doesn't have to be this way.
- Of course, we won't like everyone and we don't always agree, but we can choose respect and unity.

Through our work, we want the children to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. This will help us all to make a difference and take a stand against bullying.

Please see attached for a Parents Guide, organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, to supplement learning completed in school. I hope that this is useful and supportive for you and your child/children.

### **Children in Need**

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>



<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>• Physical Education Lessons for <b>Year 6</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 4</b> – first swimming session. <i>N.B. Children not swimming will be placed with other classes, while children are at Spiceball.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-Uniform Day – in support of Children in Need.</li> <li>• Physical Education Lessons for <b>Cygnets, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6</b>.</li> </ul>

### Golden Rules Stars of the Week

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

**Jack M, Olivia H, Francesca B, Isa B, Theo K, Ryan B and Henry C.**

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

Sycamore	Willow	Oak	Chestnut
620	624	618	618

### Stars of the Week

**Thea D** for showing fantastic confidence in her Reading - Well Done!

**Samuel W** for thinking of lots of different jobs that people do in our topic work for 'People Who Help Us'.

**Jacob R** for his maths this week using addition and subtraction to find a missing part of a whole.

**Sophia B** for her writing of a story map for the Three Little Pigs

**Rafferty F** for showing his clear understanding by contributing ideas excellently in Maths clear sessions.

**Imogen D** for showing a fantastic 'have a go' attitude when answering questions and for using a confident voice with clear expression, when reading her lines in Christmas play rehearsals.

**Jasper B** for a fantastic drawing of the 'Old Man' dream.

**Elissia D** for great teamwork, determination and fantastic ideas in DT

**Monty C** for using present perfect tense in his non-chronological report.

**Freeman W** for his amazing attitude to learning, always willing to try his hardest and accept new challenges.

**Matilda R** for beautiful attention to detail in her science diagram of the solar system

**Darcie T** for super focus in maths when working on factors.

**Riley C** for making a concerted effort over the past fortnight with his learning and working hard in lessons - well done Riley and keep it up!

**Charlie B** for always giving 110% with his learning whether that be consolidating an area to improve on or challenging himself when he is more confident - a commendable attitude to have. Well done!

### Out of School Achievements

**Ivy P-G** for her fantastic efforts, perseverance and teamwork in the Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Competition at Blessed George Napier School. Ivy's performance really helped secure the 2<sup>nd</sup> place result for the team. Unfortunately, Ivy was missed out from the football report shared in the newsletter last week; many apologies about this Ivy. We are very proud of your sporting success. Well done!

**Sienna C-S** for showing great skill and confidence in her performance of her ballet and musical theatre class work at Susan Taylor Dancing Academy.

**Thea D** for winning the Pre-Primary Cup at the Susan Taylor Dance Academy Awards Ceremony. Very well done Thea!

**Alice F** for successfully completing her Level 3 Orange Band in Muay Thai Kickboxing. Super work, Alice. Well done!

**Layla-Mae H** for receiving the annual award for Baby Ballet from the Susan Taylor Dance Academy. Very well done, Layla-Mae!



## Out of School Achievements

**Matilda R** for successfully completing her Level 1 White Band in Muat Thai Kickboxing. Great achievement Matilda. Well done!

**Bella B** for working very hard to achieve merit in her Ballet Preparatory Grade exam at the Sharon Green School of Dance. Excellent work Bella. Well done!

**Jacob R** for working very hard to successfully complete his Level 3 Orange Band in Muay Thai Kickboxing. A fabulous achievement Jacob, well done!

**Rosie A** for sharing her dance success. At an awards ceremony last week, Rosie was presented with a bronze medal for the 3rd highest mark at a dance competition during the year. She also received a gold medal for the Most Improved student in the Inter Musical Theatre Classes and a trophy for the highest mark in the dance school (94 out of 100) for a Tap Exam. Very well done, Rosie!

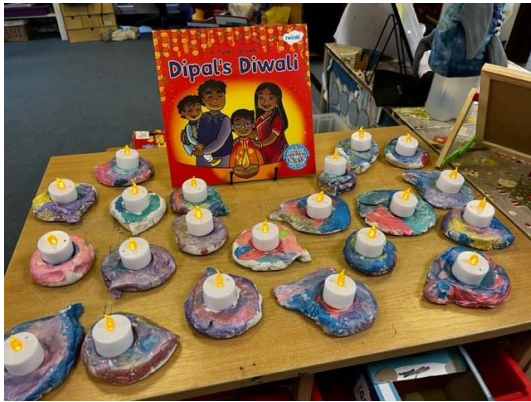
**Ivy B** for an excellent performance in her musical theatre demonstration at Susan Taylor Dance Academy. Ivy was also awarded a medal celebrating her wonderful efforts and improvements in her ballet. Super achievement Ivy, well done!

## Our Week of Learning

### Cygnets Class

It was lovely for all of the Cygnets parents to be able to have a look at their children's work during Parents Evening. I hope that you found them useful.

This week in Cygnets, we have started our new topic 'Real Life Superheroes'. We have been building in our Superhero City, and doing what superheroes do best – helping! We thought of all the different jobs that people do and wrote about what we would like to be when we grow up. From police officers, to doctors, Spiderman and princesses – the future is in good hands!



We learned about Diwali in RE this week, and using salt dough we made our own Diya lamps. Once they had been baked we painted them with beautiful colour paint and then put a candle in. Diya lamps are an important part of this celebration as Diwali is known as a festival of light.

This week we also learned about Remembrance Day, and why it is important to remember the soldiers who have fought in the wars. We painted poppies, which you can see in our classroom windows.

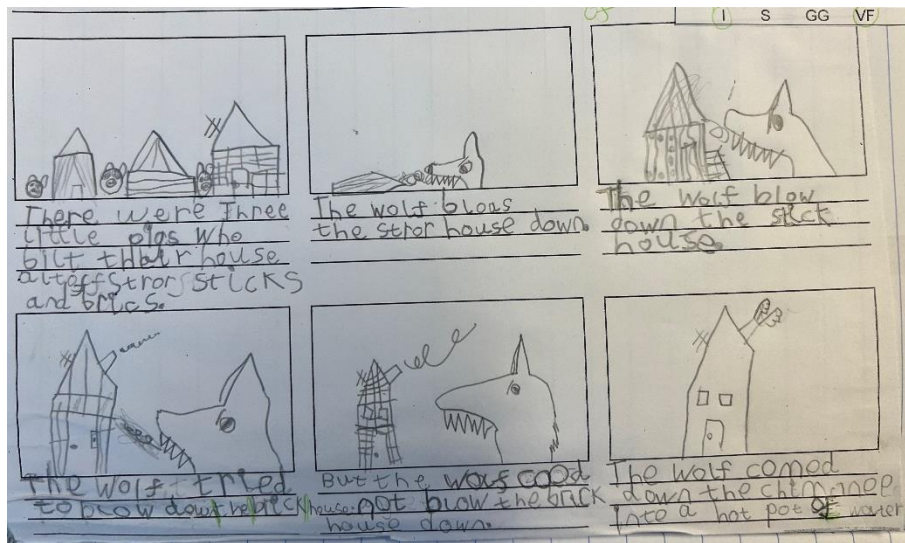
Next week we will be celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week and learning the sounds z, qu and ch in Phonics.



## Our Week of Learning

### Year 1

This week we have continued looking at our class text *The Three Little Pigs*. We story stepped the story and acted it out. We then used this to sequence the story using a story map.



In maths we have been looking at find a missing part to a whole by using addition and subtraction.

In topic we started our Geography topic looking at our local area. We discussed rural and urban and what the words mean. We then organised photos into which category they were.

In our Design Technology work, children are enjoying learning about creating moving story books. This week, the children started to design their background for a moving story of the nursery rhyme, *Humpty Dumpty*. The children's creative ideas for their backgrounds are just fantastic and we are looking forwards to designing our moving characters, using sliding mechanisms and levers, to make them move.



### Year 2

In our English work this week, the children have been learning about 'Traction Man', our current text that we are focussing on. The children wrote lovely responses, showing that they could draw meaning from different pictures within the book. The children also discussed and explained different things that they want to find out about Traction Man and his adventures; these ideas will help steer our work in English moving forwards.

During the week, the children worked very hard in their Science work, planning out an experiment to test different materials, following their investigation work learning about the different properties of materials. The children impressed us with their knowledge of scientific vocabulary when discussing and describing materials. We are all excited about completing the investigation planning and then conducting the experiments in our Science lessons in over the next week.

In Design Technology Year 2 have been learning about structures and what makes them stable. I was amazed at the breadth of questions the children had about how bridges and towers are made. We enjoyed testing the stability of 3d shapes with play dough. We learnt that the pyramid is a stable shape and the sphere is very unstable! Well done Year 2!



## Our Week of Learning

### Year 3

This week in English we have at last found out the name of our book 'The Tin Forest'. We have been making predictions as to what the old man may be dreaming about and creating our dream bubbles for display.

In PE, we have been continuing our gymnastics and have been practicing our balances both on the crash mats and then on the various pieces of sports equipment.

In French, we have been learning the days of the week and months of the year using a song to help us.



In Science this week, we have been experimenting with magnets, making predictions and finding out which materials are magnetic.



### Year 4

This week in Science we have started our animal classification topic. We began by discussing what living things do and learning the mnemonic device MRS GREEN to help us remember; Movement, Respiration, Sensitivity, Growth, Reproduction, Excretion and Nutrition. The children were able to classify different animals, by their attributes, into Venn diagrams with 2 and 3 overlapping circles.

In English, the children began their non-chronological reports on the animals from The Wind in the Willows. They discussed the features of a model text on hedgehogs and were able to locate examples within this. The children used present perfect tense in their introductory paragraphs and could decide what topics would best suit fact boxes and bullet points.

For DT the children are making sewn Christmas decorations with fastenings. The children analysed the pros and cons of different fastenings, made a paper prototype, cut out their felt pieces, and started sewing the parts together with a running stitch.

### Year 5

This term, our science topic is Earth and Space so we have been learning a mnemonic and song to help us remember the names and order of the planets (as well as some of their characteristics) in our solar system. We have also been learning about the important scientific figure Nicholas Copernicus and the important role he played by the introduction of his controversial heliocentric theory of the planets.

In English we have been deconstructing relative clauses and relative pronouns before moving on to punctuating parenthesis. In maths the children have smashed factors. The children have worked hard through this week; well done to you all!



## Our Week of Learning

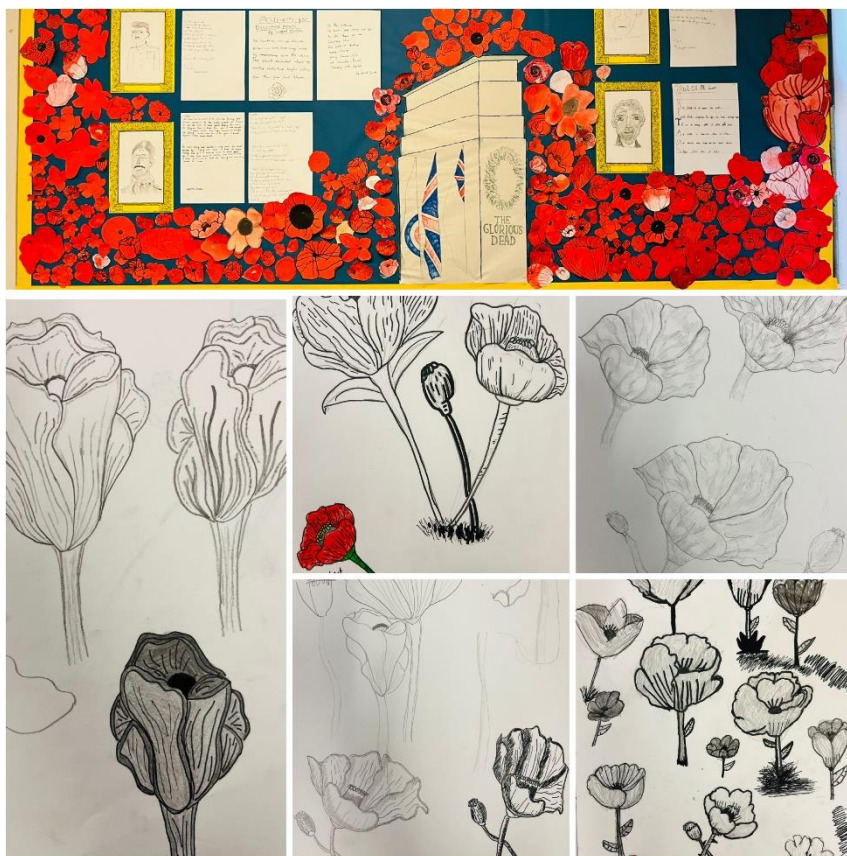
### Year 6

Thank you for all the parents who came to parents' evening this past week, it was lovely to either meet some of you for the first time or rekindle a former connection where I've previously taught siblings.

In class this week, we have worked hard to complete our adventure narratives based on WW1, these are now fully edited and typed up ready to be read the next time you're in. To go alongside these, the children have created an avalanche of poppies (various shapes, sizes, styles, tones and techniques) which you can see in the accompanying picture. A special thank you to Mr Watt who has created our class remembrance display using the children's poppies.

In Maths, our resilience and work ethic has been truly tested in Maths where we have been learning division - despite some wide-eyed looks, frustration and even tears - the class have worked hard to improve their understanding of this tricky concept. Well done Year 6!

In Geography we have been exploring the Earth, in particular learning about longitude, latitude, the equator and the all the other aspects that help us identify the location of landmarks, countries and such.



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.)*

*Mark Andrews Festive Football Activity Days*

*Love Ballet Dance Company Christmas Holiday Workshops*





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



The PTFA are collecting  
bottles and sweets 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 Quoits

**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)



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Our FUN camp  
 for ages 4 to 12  
 Of ALL abilities  
 will be held in the  
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# Festive Football

INSIDE @ Christopher Rawlins School  
 Adderbury - OX17 3NH

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> & Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Kick Off : 10.00am - Final Whistle : 3.00pm  
 (Registration/Drop Off from 9.30am)

Book Early - Limited Spaces  
 Call - Txt - WhatsApp Mark : 07952 579358  
[mark@markandrewsfootballcoaching.co.uk](mailto:mark@markandrewsfootballcoaching.co.uk)

Please bring a snack - packed lunch - drink (NOT fizzy)

1 Day £20 / 2 Days £35





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### Barbie Workshop

A day of Barbie Fun based on the Film,  
Themed Dances,  
Games & Crafts

Friday 5th Jan @ LoveBallet Studios, Southam  
9am - 4pm £35 for the day



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### EVERYTHING DISNEY!

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THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY  
LOVEBALLET STUDIOS, SOUTHAM  
9AM - 4PM

DAY FILLED WITH DISNEY ACTION, HEAPS OF DANCES, GAMES, THEMED  
CRAFT ACTIVITIES AND MORE, ACTION PACKED AND LOTS OF FUN.



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