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**Choir** had an amazing time at **The Big Christmas Sing** on Monday evening. After a long day of rehearsals, the event came together with a mix of schools singing solo items, audience carolling and massed choir items that were truly electrifying and echoed harmoniously round the beautiful Oxford Town Hall. Afterwards, the children all commented on how much fun they had had. Ladygrove choir was the last to sing, and as Mr Markham commented, "They saved the best for last!", which was so true; the children certainly saved their best singing for the event, I could not be prouder of them all! Please see the blog for pictures.

Tuesday saw Year 3, 5 and 6 take part in a **Skateability** workshop, provided by Team Rubicon. The children donned elbow and knees pads and a helmet to learn how to ride a skateboard. The coach, Adam, was very impressed with how quickly all of the children (most that had never ridden a skateboard before) grasped the various techniques. The children practiced jumping on with two feet (so the skateboard doesn't roll away), balancing on the board and then the tricky 'push and balance' while the skateboard is rolling. At the end of the session there was even time to practice some tricks! All of the children showed great perseverance when practicing the techniques and enjoyed the session very much!

**Year 3** went out and about today exploring and mapping the man-made and natural features of our local landscape. The children gained fieldwork skills, using sketching and photography to gather evidence, before considering how these features might have changed over time. We studied the book 'Window' to inspire their ideas and to help predict what could happen to the view out of a window at school or home, over the next few years. Finally, the children represented their ideas through models and pictures, using their choice of art medium.

We had a **Yoga** teacher in school today giving children in Years 1 and 2 an introduction to Yoga. It was a story based approach for children- themed around the change of seasons into winter, hibernation and sharing amongst the woodland animals, weaving the web of interconnection and kindness. They also experienced relaxation to music under rainbow blankets that flow down from the sky to calm, reassure and relax them. They then headed back to class after some magic yoga spray to help spread the calm feelings and Yoga magic!

I'm very proud of the work done by the **House Captains** over the last few weeks as they prepared to give a presentation to our school governors. Danielle, Leah, Shalom, Mikey, Rowan and Jamie worked on the Chromebooks in collaboration using Google Slides. The final presentation on Wednesday night was slick and the governors were impressed with the content. Well done.

## COMING UP...

It's a busy week next week. Below is a reminder.

### Dates next week:

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	<b>BOX OFFICE OPENS</b> CAMS Toy Activity Day Forest School Scratch Club	<b>8.30am</b> All Day 1pm Lunchtime	<b>School Office</b>  Year 5 School	<b>Tickets available for Yr 2 Production - £2 each</b> <b>FS &amp; Yr 1 – extra tickets available - £2 each</b>  Class 1 children
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Yr 5 Cycling Proficiency Yr 1 Mystery Reader High Five Club <del>UKLA Club</del> Didcot Carol Concert	Afternoon 2.40pm 3.15pm-4pm <del>3.15pm-4pm</del> 7.15pm	Ladygrove Year 1 School Court  Civic Hall	Selected children  <del>Meet in the library - Club cancelled</del> Choir attending
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	FS Maths Session Girls Football Club Yr 5 Kilvrough Meeting	9am-9.30am 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm	F. Stage Field Class 13	Maths session for Foundation Stage Parents  Parent meeting for Year 5 parents
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Stemillions Club <b>Victorian Day</b> <b>Yr 5 Open Classrooms</b> <del>Yr 3 @ Willowbrook</del> Cooking Club Choir Club Year 1 Cake Crumbly ASC in Class 1  <b>PALS Movie Night</b>	Lunchtime <b>All Day</b> <b>2.30pm</b> Afternoon 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.10pm 3pm-6pm  <b>3.30pm onwards</b>	<b>Year 5</b> <b>Year 5</b> <del>Willowbrook</del>  Courtyard  <b>School</b>	<b>See further information below</b> <b>Parents invited</b> <del>Badminton Hall unavailable</del> Meet in the library - LAST ONE Meet in Class 13 Please donate cakes to sell Please pick up from Class 1 or hall if your child is watching a movie. <b>See further information below</b>
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yoga Taster Sessions Sketch Club Yr 6 @ Willowbrook Open Classrooms	9am-10am Lunchtime Afternoon 2.40pm	School  Willowbrook Year 3	Year 4 children  PE Lesson Parents invited



**Year 6 Parent Helpers wanted.....** Are you able to help us with craft-making on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December and help us run the stalls on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon for our Money Matters Christmas Craft Fair? If so, can you email the school office and let us know what days you can do. Many thanks. *Year 6 Team*

In **Year 5** we are having a **Victorian** school day next Thursday (5th December). To help your child experience what it would have been like to be a Victorian school child we would like them to dress up for the occasion. This could be, for boys: dark trousers, white t-shirt, waist coat and cap and for girls: dark skirt, blouse and shawl. Please don't feel you have to go and buy these items and not all suggested clothing needs to be worn; a near match would be fine.



At 2.30pm, we have open classrooms for parents to come along and see all our work. If you have any questions or queries, please let Mrs Fowkes or Miss Shepherd know.

**PALS Movie Night:** A reminder to all that our Christmas Movie Night will take place on Thursday 5th December. Key Stage 1 classes are invited to attend the session straight after school, to see "Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas". Key Stage 2 classes are invited to attend the 4.30pm session to see "The Grinch" (the 2018 animated version). Please return your **green slips** with £3 payment via the office postbox to secure a place for your child - **the deadline for this is Tuesday 3rd December**. If you have lost the slip please contact [ladygrovepals@gmail.com](mailto:ladygrovepals@gmail.com). **Helpers are needed for this event. If you are happy to come along and lend a hand, please contact [ladygrovepals@gmail.com](mailto:ladygrovepals@gmail.com) and let us know which group you can help with.**

**PALS Raffle tickets** have been sent home today. Please return stubs along with raffle money in a sealed envelope to the office (or the post boxes located in the courtyard and reception area). Draw to take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 3.10pm. Prizes include a Christmas hamper and vouchers for family days out!

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHES:** The deadline to pre-order a Christmas meal was now passed. It is therefore, too late to pre-order a Christmas meal so please ensure your child brings in a packed lunch on all three days.



Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December Years FS and 6	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December Years 1 and 5	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December Years 2, 3 and 4
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**Christmas Performances:**

**BOX OFFICE OPENED on 25<sup>th</sup> November for FS & Year 1 'sing song'. Any tickets not collected today will be made available to parents who want extra on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**

**BOX OFFICE OPENS at 8.30am on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December for Year 2 Production. Any tickets not collected by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December will be available to parents who want extra on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Foundation Stage & Year 1 'Sing Song'**



**When: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**Times: 10am and 2pm**

**Tickets required? Yes - £2 each** (limit of 2 tickets per family)

**Tickets available? Box Office opens at 8.30am Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov**

If you cannot get to our box office (reception) please email the school office to reserve tickets.

**Any tickets not collected by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November will be made available to parents who want extra on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Year 2 Christmas Production 'Christmas with Aliens'**



**When: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**Times: 1.30pm and 6pm**

**Tickets required? Yes - £2 each** limit of 4 tickets per family (maximum evening ticket allowance is 2 tickets)

**Tickets available? Box Office opens at 8.30am Monday 2nd Dec**

If you cannot get to our box office (reception) please email the school office to reserve tickets.

**Any tickets not collected by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December will be made available to parents who want extra on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**NOTICES ...**

**SWIMATHON-** Aspire swimming challenge: **Mrs Parsons and Mrs Fowkes** have spent many painful hours in the pool recently in the hope of swimming 22 miles in 12 weeks, as part of the Aspire Swimming Challenge. Part of the challenge includes raising as much money as they can to support people affected by Spinal Cord Injury. If you have a spare penny or two, they would be very grateful if you could donate to this worthy cause. Here is the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/lpps-channel-swim-2019>

It is worth knowing that our **school field** has now become quite saturated due to the weather and therefore won't often be used at breaktimes. Specific teacher led activities might still go ahead (if deemed appropriate) but general play is currently highly unlikely.

**Reminder: Admissions to school (Academic Year 20/19):** If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 you must apply for a school place for your child for entry in the academic year September 2020. You will be able to apply on-line from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019. Please visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) for further information. NB The deadline line date for online applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**Please remember the following:-**

- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place by the deadline of 15 January 2020
- If your child is attending nursery classes within a primary school, you must still apply for a place in the main school
- You can list three different schools in order of preference. We strongly advise you to use all three preferences
- We advise you to enter your catchment (or designated) school as one of your preferences
- Attending your catchment school does not entitle you to free home to school transport if it is not your closest school and / under 2 miles away
- If your application is late, you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.

Click on this link for easy access to OCC website <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place>

**Andrew Markham and the school team**

## New parents group

# Thrive

Empowering parents to support  
their autistic children

Understand and see your child, no matter what  
age, through a different lens. Come for the  
support, to learn new strategies and to connect

with other families

**When:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30 – 9pm

**Where:** Larkrise School, **Green Room**,  
Boundary Brook Road, OX4 4AN

**Cost:** £5.00 (get in touch if cost is prohibitive)

Refreshments available – please bring your own cup!



**Drop –in! No need to book.**

Sessions to be run by

Deirdre Nic Sitric from Autism Champions

For further information please email:

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