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LPPS Newsletter

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On Wednesday, Year 2 had a fantastic day dressing up as Vikings. All the children made an amazing effort with their costumes and looked like real Viking warriors. We did lots of fun activities, such as making Viking shields and brooches, writing our names in runes, having a battle against the Anglo-Saxons, playing some traditional Viking games and learning all about Viking food. Would you believe they didn't eat potatoes? *Year 2 Team*



Forest School Mud Painting

On Wednesday at Forest School, Class 6 created mud paints. We used our fantastic, colourful paints to create pictures of characters from the story 'How To Be A Viking' by Cressida Cowell.

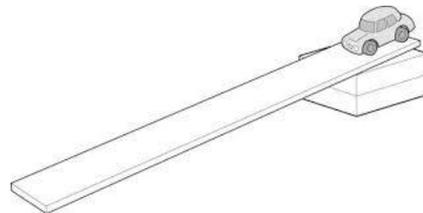
Pictures on our school blog! *Year 2 Team*



Foundation children have been observing the changes that have occurred with the chicks over the last two weeks. They have been enthused to write about, hold and care for the chicks. We now know that they boys are yellow and the girls are a brown colour. The chicks need feeding twice a day and cleaning regularly as they make a mess! They have grown so much in the last two weeks that they have started to grow their wing feathers already. The chicks were picked up this morning and we are missing them already!
Foundation Stage Team



FRICION! Year 5 have been spectacular scientists this week; they completed experiments using cars and ramps to test the force of friction. The children tried incredibly hard to change one variable to complete a fair test. There were some anomalies in results, which stimulated some interesting thoughts and questions. *Year 5 Team*



Eid-Mubarak to those who have celebrated Eid-UI-Fitr this week. It has been great to hear from the children about how the celebrations are being held this week and for the other children to learn about this festival.

Last Friday PALS raised just over £800 on Friday with our Break the Rules Day. On average each child broke 2 of our rules, and Class 10 can call themselves the biggest rule-breakers in school! Thanks to everyone who helped facilitate the event and to all our rule breakers for doing so with a good level of responsibility!

Apologies for not being able to unlock the gate on Monday at the end of school. My thanks to those parents who had to walk right around school to pick up, I believe the padlock we were using on that gate was as old as the school. It's now been replaced!

Congratulations to Lincoln in year 1 who is soon going to have a train named after him at a special ceremony, in honour of the charity work he has done, especially during lockdown. Well done Lincoln!

Today, the school nursing team have been in school to carry out the **National Weighing and Measuring Programme** for children in Year 6 and Reception. The team commented how well behaved our children are which is always nice to hear.

COMING UP.....

On Wednesday, proofs of **class photos** went home with your child. Please order online to take advantage of free postage (deadline for this is 26th May 2021). You can still order online after this date but you will then be charged postage. **Year 6:** We are still waiting for your proofs as it takes a bit longer due to the different format.



On Wednesday 26th May, **Year 3** will be having a World War 2 VE day celebration in school. The children will need to come into school that day dressed as a school child from the 1940's. This can be a very simple costume, such as shorts and a polo shirt or tank top for boys, and a dress and cardigan for girls. We intend to have a VE day style celebration on the field (within our class bubbles). The children will also be required to bring in an individual snack or picnic item (such as a piece of cake) to eat on the field together. We will not be sharing food with each other, but thought an individual treat might be a nice way to celebrate!

A letter, presentation and medical forms have been emailed via ParentPay this week to **Year 4** parents about our revised **Hill End residential trip**. The cost of this revised trip is reduced and refunds will be administered in due course to parents who have already paid the original amount. The deadline date to pay the balance for this trip is Wednesday 26th May. Please ensure medical forms are returned to school before the end of this term.

We continue to be in discussion with **Kilvrough Centre** about the **Year 6 residential**. Kilvrough Centre are the leaders and organisers of the week and we will follow their guidelines. At the moment they are waiting for the Welsh guidance to drop, in order to make final decisions about how to modify the trip. They are hoping to finalise plans next week after the government guidance is released.

As you all know, we reverted to full day Fridays this week and this happened to be at a timely moment with the latest government guidance being released for schools. It's worth noting that not much has changed for schools in terms of protective measures, so as society starts to unlock please bear this in mind. Lessons from other schools in the local authority are that if a case comes in to a school it is likely to spread to some extent. For this reason (and based on the supposition from local authority) we are anticipating that the restricted measures for schools will surpass the end of lockdown and might even go in to next academic year.

With this in mind:

Carefully check any travel guidance if you are attempting to travel abroad during half term. We don't have the staff resources to supervise online learning for families who intentionally have to enter quarantine after taking a holiday. For all other children, either isolating or unexpectedly quarantining, we will continue to make remote learning available as much as possible.

Please remember to contact your child's teacher via the office by phone if you need to talk to them. It puts the teacher in an awkward position if someone attempts to have a quick word as the children enter school, leaving the children going in to class by themselves.

Next Thursday (20th May) is Census Day and one of the items it records is how many children take up the offer of a **Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM)**. This applies just to children in Reception, Years 1 and 2. As a reminder, the menu choice is *Sausage Roll with wedges OR Vegan Mexican Bean Roll with wedges; sweetcorn, broccoli, orange and lemon shortbread*. Our funding for UIFSMs is based on these 'snap shot' census days so the higher the uptake, the more funding we receive.

The IF Science and Idea Festival have announced their annual science poetry competition. Some classes may work toward this within the school day, but every child is welcome to enter privately. If there is a poem from home and school, they will just have to choose their favourite to enter, as you can only enter once!

Young poets can draw inspiration from anything from atoms to Attenborough, test-tubes to trains, rivers to rockets in any poetry style. How about a limerick, a haiku, a rhyme or even a rap! Science is full of surprises and they will love to be surprised by a poem with an unusual shape or structure.

Children can write their poem at home or school. Entries should be submitted by Friday 11 June. For more information and entry forms, visit: <https://if-oxford.com/poetry-competition/>.

The winning poems will be chosen by a panel of judges representing Oxford Brookes University, the Oxfordshire Science Learning Partnership and IF Oxford.



NOTICES

Free SEND BiteSize Training covering over 30 topics is now available This training is aimed at parents and carers, staff in schools and multi-agency professionals, is publicly available and can be found [here](#). Each session is, as it says, bite sized and contains links to further resources, materials and training. There's also chance to provide feedback on what further training or support would be useful so please try to find time to submit feedback. In terms of the technical details, each topic is presented as a Powerpoint with a voiceover so that it can be worked through at a pace to suit you. Please click on the relevant link and make sure you download the PowerPoint, go to 'slide show' and click 'from beginning' to enable the included audio and video content. Please also look on [Oxfordshire Local Offer](#) for more information, advice and support for SEND.

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| Reception 9am drop off 2.50pm pick up | Years 1, 3 & 5 8.40am drop off 3pm pick up | Year 2, 4 & 6 8.50am drop off 3.10pm pick up |
| After School Club finishes at 5.15pm | | |

Andrew Markham and the school team

REQUEST FROM OXFORDSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE ROAD SAFETY TEAM

We want to continue to improve the safety of child pedestrians and so we are reviewing the advice and guidance we provide.

If you are a parent / carer of primary school aged children, please provide us with your feedback by answering the questions in this survey. We would be grateful if you would encourage other parents / carers you know to complete the online questionnaire. The survey should take around 10 minutes to complete and the feedback we receive will guide our future Road Safety work.

To take part in the survey please visit

<https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/Footsteps/consultationHome>

The survey will remain open until 30th July 2021.

Thank you from the Road Safety Team.

PALS:

Who can grow the tallest Sunflower?

PALS sunflower growing competition starts March 31st. Order your sunflower growing packs here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLHcUJH2J4edBYPcJp8sxuo4rJxoFdZr709D2iGNta5gm-EQ/viewform?usp=sf_link Winner gets a £10 Waterstones voucher.



Full Circle Sports will be running their Sports & Activity Camp at Wallingford Sports Park (OX10 9RB) during May Half Term and for 5 weeks in the Summer Holidays.

Children age 4 to 13 years will take part in a variety of sports, activities, forest school and crafts to keep them busy and active in the holidays!

The Camps are Ofsted Registered and all Coaches are qualified and insured. There are multiday and sibling discounts and Childcare Vouchers are accepted. All Camps are fully COVID Secure.

Early booking recommended as places have sold out for the last few camps. For more information and to book email sam@fullcirclesports.co.uk



To celebrate, children under 11 are invited to collect a

FREE

'I'm a reading star' goody bag.



With support from Didcot Town Council, we have 50 bags to give away!

Just visit Didcot Library and tell us your favourite book!

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