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James Bishop (author of Iguana Boy) kicked off our book week on Monday afternoon. He gave an enthusiastic assembly in the afternoon and was then available after school for a 'book signing'. Our **travelling book fair** has also been a great success this week; the fair is still open today after school so come along if you haven't already. The more money we make, the more books we will then be able to buy for the library/class book corners so do encourage your children to have a look! Payment: Cash only please.



Year 1 had a real treat this week with a visit from Chris Pearson from Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in Harwell. The children enacted the Solar System, including orbiting moons, flying asteroids and comets with flying tails. Then they got to handle real meteorites in the afternoon and design their own 3D planets. Well done to Zachary for asking a question to which Chris had to check the answer! *How fast does Jupiter spin?* Well, you need to look up the answer or ask a member of Year 1!

Following on from last week's visit from the NSPCC, **Year 6** got involved in workshops on Monday and yesterday **all children** took part in Buddy's Big workout yesterday, a sponsored event, to support the work the NSPCC do. The workout involved lots of sports activities in class groups. All sponsor money should be returned in the tear off envelope to the NSPCC collection box in your child's class. **Sponsor money should be returned by Monday 3rd December.**

"Newsflash." As you know, BBC Radio Oxford recorded our **Choir** singing carols last week. The date and time of the broadcast has been moved to **Thursday 6th December**, 7:45am and 8.45am.

Our football teams have been playing a number of tournaments and matches over the last couple of weeks. On Thursday, the girls' football team played an intense, nail-biting match against Sonning Common. Although nearly dark by the end of the match, the lack of light wasn't going to stop Mia from scoring her hat-trick. Goals were also scored by Freya and Olivia. Although we had good defending and saves from Abigail, the final score was 7-5 to Sonning Common. *Coach Shorrock*

Last Friday, our boys' team won 4-1 against Wantage CE Primary School. We passed the ball decisively, creating many quality goal scoring opportunities. We worked hard as a team and deserved to win by three goals.

On Monday, our boys also took part in the U11 National League Tournament. We comfortably won two matches, but also narrowly lost two matches. Unfortunately, we just missed out on qualifying to reach the quarter-finals. Well done boys! *Coach Francis.*

After School Club is in **Class 1 today** as the hall is being set up for our Christmas Fair tomorrow. This is organised by our wonderful **PALS team**. Thank you to everyone who has brought in mince pies, cookies and biscuits today. Also, don't forget, the fair opens at **1pm for families with children who have SEND** to browse in a calm and quiet atmosphere before **officially opening at 1.30pm**. PALS have been working very hard in transforming our school ready for the fair and it will be great if you can come along.

COMING UP...

Tickets for FS and Yr 1 'Sing Song' went on sale Monday. If you haven't collected your tickets please note that these will be offered to parents who would like extra on Monday 3rd December.

Tickets for Year 2 Christmas Production go on sale on Monday 3rd December. Box Office opens at 8.30am. Please note that evening tickets are normally sold out within 24 hours!

Foundation Stage & Year 1 'Sing Song'



When: Friday 14th December

Times: 10am and 2.15pm

Tickets required? Yes - £1.50 each (limit of 2 tickets per family)

Tickets available? Box Office opens at 8.30am Monday 26th Nov

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

Any tickets not collected by Friday 30th November will be made available to parents who want extra on Monday 3rd December

Year 2 Christmas Production 'Lights, Camel, Action!'



When: Tuesday 18th December

Times: 1.30pm and 6.15pm

Tickets required? Yes - £1.50 each limit of 4 tickets per family (maximum evening ticket allowance is 2 tickets)

Tickets available? Box Office opens at 8.30am Monday 3rd Dec
If you cannot get to our box office (reception) please email the school office to reserve tickets.

Any tickets not collected by Friday 7th December will be made available to parents who want extra on Monday 10th December

On **16th January** M&M Theatrical Productions are in school in the afternoon to perform *Robin Hood* to Year 1-6 children. Each year, without fail, this touring theatrical company visit our school to briefly bring back the atmosphere of Christmas. They are experts in family entertainment of classic stories. We ask for a voluntary donation of £2.75 per child to cover the cost of this. Please pay for this via ParentPay.

Year 5 is having a Victorian morning next Friday (7th December). This is to help the children experience what it would have been like to be a Victorian school child and 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. Please can your child bring their school uniform to change back into for the rest of the day.

After a very successful Term 1 workshop on anxiety, the second of our Mental Health and Well Being Workshops will be held on Tuesday 11th December from 5pm-6pm and will focus on 'Ages and Stage: helping children to grow and develop independence at the right age', delivered by our learning mentor, Carol Saunders. During the workshops discussions will be held around what parents expect of children at the different stages of development and how this aligns with what we already know about development of children. Whether you have high or low expectations of your child's independence, this workshop will give you useful tips to take home so that your child is developing their independence at the right pace. We are limiting places to 25 so that an informal atmosphere is upheld in which everyone feels comfortable saying what they want to say. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to attend please email us at office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk you will then be notified whether you are successful in securing a place on the workshop.

NOTICES ...

We have seen an **increase in lateness** to school from some children. The registration period is particularly important as it is a time for children to settle into their classrooms and discuss work they will be doing during the day. Classes also often have guided reading first thing. Being consistently late is proven to have a direct impact on a child- socially as well as educationally. Please work with us by ensuring your child arrives to school on time in a calm manner. Thank you.

Reminder: Admissions to school (Academic Year 19/20): If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 you must apply for a school place for your child for entry in the academic year September 2018. You will be able to apply on-line from 25th October. Please visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions for further information. The deadline line date is 15th January 2019.

Please remember the following:-

- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place by the deadline of 15 January 2019
- 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/cms/content/online-school-applications>

Dates next week:

| Date | Activity | Time | Place | Notes |
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| Mon 3 rd Dec | Box Office Open | 8.30am | Office | Extra tickets for Yrs FS & Yr 1 now available |
| | Box Office Open | 8.30am | Office | Tickets available for Yr 2 Production |
| Tues 4 th Dec | OPEN Taekwon-do Event | 2pm-6pm | Willowcroft | Selected Year 6 children Foundation stage parents invited |
| | Writing Workshop | 3.10pm-4pm | F. Stage | |
| | Boys Football Club | 3.15pm-4.15pm | Meet in C9 | |
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| Weds 5 th Dec | Knit & Natter Club | 3.15pm-4pm | Library | |
| | Recorder Club | 3.15pm-4pm | Class 7 | |
| Thurs 6 th Dec | Choir on Radio Oxford | 7.45am & 8.45am | Radio | Listen to our Choir sing Carols on Radio Oxford |
| | Choir Club | 3.15pm-4pm | Class 8 | |
| | Netball Club | 3.15pm-4.15pm | Class 15 | |
| Fri 7 th Dec | Yr FS Cake Crumbly | 3.10pm | Courtyard | Remember to bring cakes to sell! |
| | Victorian Day | All Day | Year 5 | |

Andrew Markham and the School Team