



NEWSLETTER 33 – 11th June 2021

A quote to start with:

“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step”.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful half term and enjoyed the gorgeous weather.

This week we have delivered some key messages around staying safe in the sun. One very important aspect is the wearing of a hat and ask that ALL children have a hat in school to protect them when they are out playing or learning in the heat of the day. Additionally, please ensure that children have a water bottle to keep hydrated in this warmer weather. Please see further information in the letter sent home earlier in the week about the work the school is doing in this area.

This week the children have been focussing on STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) activities including boat making, investigating magnets and thinking about icebergs melting and why. The children shared in assembly today some of the things they had been doing this week and clearly enjoyed the work carried out. We are looking at a new value this term ‘Respect’ – we looked at what respect is, who we respect and why and ways to show respect. We will continue to look at this over the term.

We also have continued with our Keys 2 Happier Living work and this week’s letter was D for Direction. We have been thinking about Dreams and Goals and how we can go about achieving these. Children have thought about what they want to be in the future both as a job but also qualities they will hope to have and where they live etc. It has sparked some lovely conversations and got children discussing realistic goals and dreams as well as the thoughts we all have and idealistic dreams. See some possible ideas for home attached.

I sent out a video that I made about my first year at the school as Headteacher and the different areas that have been developed and the journey we are on for further improvements– there was also a parent questionnaire link. Thank you to all those who have already completed this – it remains open until next Friday.

The update meeting this week from OCC indicated that the Delta variant is causing a slight rise in cases in Oxfordshire and Cherwell area. They asked us to remain cautious and careful still with distancing and precautions in place. They advised that some cases are present in those who have had both vaccines. Public Health England (PHE) are now advising as an extra precaution that close contacts of a positive case who are self-isolating from school get a COVID-19 PCR test (ideally 5 days after exposure or day five of isolation). We expect an announcement early next week on changes to restrictions and will then send out any further information as well as dates for the remainder of the term.

Next week it is Healthy Eating Week – we will be supporting this every day– you can find many activities on The British Nutrition Foundation website and hopefully you have already received the Veg Campaign letter. We also have our skipping workshops on Thursday in Years 1-6.

Take care, stay safe – have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Smith, Headteacher

Diary Week: 14th June ‘21. **Healthy Eating Week**

Mon	
Tues	KS2 Young Voices – Biggest Sing
Wed	Bags2School collection
Thurs	Skipping Workshop Y1-6
Fri	Swimming 2 – Toucans and Herons Final day for Student Teachers

School attendance figure for this week: 98.1%

NO NUT PRODUCTS IN SCHOOL

Please could you ensure that no items that contain nuts are sent into school due to the fact we have children with serious nut allergies – this includes peanut butter, nuts as a snack and some breads may contain nuts too.

Staffing Update

As Mrs Smith indicated in her video there are some staff changes. Amongst these the following four teachers are leaving at the end of the academic year: Mrs Kinch, Mrs Driver, Mrs Andrews, and Mrs Avilez. We have already recruited five teachers for September, interviews take place in the next few weeks for another teacher. This is to also have appointments for the new classes we have made. Further details and class organisation for September will be shared before the shuffle up day once we have made this final appointment.

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Owls	Matthew HH and Harley T for their perseverance with some new skills in Maths.
Puffins	Maya C for being a super scuba diver when doing our class active learning – she showed earth dragon qualities. Oliver P for answering and asking great questions about our new topic 'Under the Sea' – a great fire dragon.
Flamingos	Michael HW for his determination to design Mr Grinling a new lunch box. Isla C for her wonderful and inspiring ideas whilst writing kennings poems.
Peacocks	Mikhail D for great problem solving with number square work. Amelie C for showing perseverance and working hard to improve her writing skills.
Woodpeckers	Bobbie F for making better choices this week and for also moving to a new phonics group! Flossy C for being aware of how she can help others in the classroom with kind deeds.
Parrots	Ruby L for excellent work during STEM week. She uses good thinking and draws on previous learning to reach conclusions for her science investigations. Sophie F for making the most of every learning opportunity. She is always ready to learn and listens so carefully.
Toucans	Ellie Z for showing greater confidence in whole class discussions - sharing ideas and thoughts. Nathan W for being focused in his independent maths work and successfully taking on the challenge task.
Hérons	Joe G and Tallis A for inspired engineering and design when creating a Tudor boat to test buoyancy.
Kingfishers	Olivia M and Hannah L for creating a Tudor boat, super teamwork and discussion of ideas and great perseverance when facing challenges with their construction.
Headteacher's Value Award	<i>*NEW* Starting next week Mrs Smith will award certificates to children who consistently demonstrate the school's values.</i>

Out of school Achievements – Shout Out and Well Done to:

Hugo H for his fabulous climbing award

Anna B and **Sophie B** for their football certificates and achievements during Half term. Sophie achieved a Save of the Day!

Billy H for successfully joining a football team and being a superstar in goal.

Dylan M for his Personal Survival Level 2 Swimming certificate.

Luke G for receiving his Blue Peter Green Badge for his Power, Plastic and Plants Pledge.

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Children across Oxfordshire can take part in the Challenge at their local Oxfordshire Library from 10th July to 11th September 2021. This year the Challenge is celebrating nature and as they read, the children will help the Wild World Heroes save and improve their local environment.

Children will be encouraged to read at least six library books of their choice over the summer holidays. As they read, they collect stickers (some smelly) and rewards. If they complete the Challenge, they will be rewarded with a Wild World Hero medal, certificate and keyring and this year will be entered into a countywide prize draw. It is fun! It is free! It is local!

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**WILD WORLD
HEROES**

Presented by The Reading Agency.
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Letters:

Class/Individual Photos
Foundation Stage Minibeast Trip to Warriner
Year 6 Warriner Packs

Emailed:

Healthy Eating Week Information
Mrs Smith video/ parent questionnaire
Bags2School
Sun Safety Information

Adderbury Park FC

Summer Holiday Football Camp

At Lucy Plackett Playing Field
2nd August - 20th August 2021
9am-3pm or half a day

See flyer attached for further details.

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Online: #Wakeupwednesday- This is an information page produced by National Online Safety each week about key reminders for parents relating to online safety. **This weeks theme: Fifa 21**