



NEWSLETTER 3 – 17th September 2021

A quote: To be a good neighbour is one of life's richest joys

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a successful week in school with classes beginning to explore new areas of learning in our curriculum journey whilst some took some time to complete the Lost Words work. In Reception and Nursery children whilst still learning routines and settling into school life are completing a Baseline assessment as per the governments expectations. This is all done through play and is a fun and interactive experience. They are also looking at people who help us and much of their learning is centred around that theme. In year 1 and 2 the children are starting to explore the Great Fire of London which will lead into other fire related areas and look at festivals. Year 3 and 4 are starting to explore the stone age – they are reading the book Stig of the dump currently and exploring some artwork. In year 5 and 6 their science and geography is exploring the water cycle and all things related!

This week in Collective Worship our focus has been on compassion and being a good neighbour – we discussed what being a neighbour means and how Jesus referred to it in the Bible. We also looked at the story of the Good Samaritan and Reverend Liz the Lost Sheep. Mrs Ostler talked a little bit about Democracy on Thursday and linked this to the prodigal son – we discussed different pupil groups within school we would like to set up and continue with, including School Council and a Vision and Values Committee of children too.

As part of the calendar of events, we have our parent tea and coffees session next week which are an informal chance to meet with me and a few governors – I hope you can pop along – weather permitting we shall be outside the main entrance. I mentioned setting up a parent forum previously and today further details have gone home about this. I really want to make sure we can move the school forward together.

On Thursday 30th September we will be holding our Harvest Service at Church. This year we shall be supporting the Banbury Youth Homeless Project and we have a visiting speaker coming in prior to our harvest collection. Further details will be out next week regarding a collection for this.

This weekend we have the Adderbury Community Day. Very sadly I am unable to attend due to a prior personal engagement, but I am so pleased that Year 6 will be there on our tombola stall as well as the PTFA running some stalls too.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, take care,

Mrs Smith, Headteacher

Diary Week: 20th Sept

Mon

Tues 2.30pm Tea/coffee
Afternoon Year 1/2

Wed 2.30pm Tea/coffee
Afternoon Year 3/4

Thurs 2.30pm Tea/coffee
Afternoon Year 5/6

Netball Year 5/6 at Warriner

Fri 9am Tea/coffee Morning
Y N/R Swimming 3
Parrots/Kingfishers

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.

Fresh Start vacancy – the kitchen are looking for a member of staff to work 2 hours a day as support during serving hours. Please contact: support@freshstartcatering.uk

SEN vacancy – we require an SEN teaching assistant to work in school 3 mornings a week. This is a fixed term position until July 2022. Please ask at the office if you would like further details.

Messy church - This is coming to St Mary's Church on Saturday 25th September from 3-5pm. Please see flyer attached for more details.

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Owls	Matthew HH for his great math skills when ordering and recognising numbers 0-10 Flora S for being an Earth Dragon (determined) when exploring with numbers to 20 this week
Puffins	Sophia W bringing in a big smile and positive attitude to learning every day this week Eli S for applying himself to every activity with lots of enthusiasm, particularly with his number work
Penguins	Logan G for exploring lots of learning areas and activities this week. He has tried his best in all of them! Maisie T for having lots of lovely ideas to share during our story writing session this week.
Flamingos	Roopinder C for an excellent start to Year 1 and showing her willingness to always have a go Jacob M for showing determination in his writing and always going above and beyond. Iris F for using her knowledge from her music lessons to inspire the class with their singing.
Peacocks	Elena F for always being ready to learn and share her great ideas in all our lessons. Freddie S for fantastic effort in all his learning this week, pushing himself to try new things and helping others along the way.
Woodpeckers	Zac R for being prepared to have a go in front of others (singing a solo and re-telling the story of Owl Babies) Harry P for being inspired with excellent ideas, especially in English.
Hummingbirds	Isla C for having a positive attitude when facing new and challenging learning Josh B for demonstrating determination, particularly with his poetry writing
Parrots	Toby C for making an impressive start to his time at Christopher Rawlins, diving straight in to all the work with enthusiasm. His artwork and handwriting has been particularly impressive. William J for super concentration whilst making a detailed observational drawing of a rock. He took lots of care and was determined to make it as accurate as possible.
Toucans	Talia WE for showing she is a true inner author and producing a wonderful acrostic poem based on "The Lost Words" -this inspired her classmates to be adventurous in their writing too. Alfie J for showing determination in his writing and turning his eager attitude into a lovely piece of work.
Hérons	Lilia R for consistently setting herself high standards and challenging herself in every lesson. Max H for being ambitious with his learning and participation in class.
Kingfishers	Isabelle C for her creativity in producing a biography on David Hockney. Harry B super perseverance in Maths this week.
Headteacher Value Awards	Harper V Sophie F Year 6 Sports Leaders

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

Holly H achieved from her 3-day pony club two rosettes for Jumping and a 1st place rosette for the best turned out.

Tallis A represented Banbury Harriers under 11s. She achieved a PB in 75m and 600m. A good running day!

Adam L achieved his Stage 1 Swimming Certificate

Simon L achieved his Stage 6 Swimming certificate.

Myles O has achieved his Ducklings Stage 2 Swimming Certificate

Huw O achieved his Swimming Stage 2 certificate

Florence C achieved her Swimming Stage 2 certificate

Rachel D who climbed 2 Munros (Spidean in Torridon and Schiehallion in Highland Perthshire both over 3,000 feet) and she cycled right round Loch Rannoch (23 miles)!

Our school library

This has the potential to be a superb resource but after being unused due to Covid does need some love and attention. If you are able to offer a few hours to help sort, then this would be very gratefully received.

Applying for Secondary School

Parents of children born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011 (inclusive) need to apply for a secondary school place for September 2022. From 3 September 2021, you can apply online for a secondary school place. A link to the Portal is [here](#). **Closing date for applications - 31 October 2021** .

Online #Wakeupwednesday- This is an information page produced by National Online Safety about key reminders for parents relating to online safety. **This weeks theme: Social Media Scams**