



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

### **Sport**

On Tuesday a team of year 6 pupils went to the Tennis finals at The Oratory School. They were invited to the finals from their second place achievement in the qualifiers last week. The standard was incredibly high and we are pleased to report that our team came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done to Tilly, Finlay, Meggan and Bobby.



### **Parent Governor vacancies**

A reminder that we have 2 vacancies, details as per the attached. All nominations need to be in by Friday 21st June.

### **Reception Parents – September 2024**

Next Wednesday we have the New Parents' Evening for those who have a child moving into Reception in September 2024. If you are a current parent and have another child joining us, you are still very welcome to come along and meet the team, gather information and ask any questions you may have.

### **Gardening week**

If the weather is kind to us, we will be gardening with the children next week. We are going to be tidying up the flower beds and areas around the grounds all week, learning about weeds and the good plants to keep. If your child would like to bring in a winter / spring flowering bulb or a summer flowering plant that they would like to plant during the week, we would be very grateful. We are also going to set up some herb beds. If you are dividing up any herbs at home and would be able to let us have a bit, we would also be very grateful for this.

Any children with their own gardening gloves could bring them in if they wish and also any small handheld forks or trowels (but please give these directly to your class teacher for safety reasons.) Hopefully we will soon have the school looking like the Chelsea Flower Show!

## Class Photographs

A reminder that class photo orders need to be ordered on line or returned to us by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

## Lunch Time Supervisor Vacancies

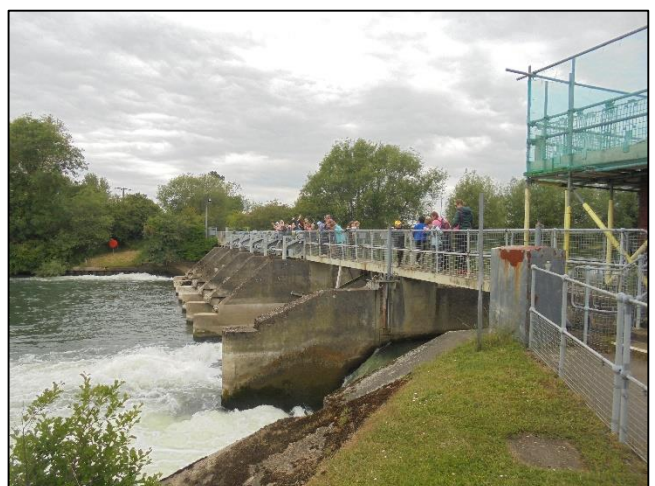
We currently have positions available for working as a Lunchtime Supervisor, both full-time and part-time, as the usual Lunchtime Supervisory Role and also 1:1 support positions across lunchtime. If you are interested in any of these, please get in touch via email, phone or speak to the School office.

## Class Updates

<b>Oak</b>	<p>This week Oakies have started to think about changing up to year 1 and they have visited the year 1 classroom to meet Mr Neal. We have set up a few more sessions where they can get to know him so that it is a smooth transition for next year.</p> <p>Handwriting this week has been for the upper case L, I, T and U. We have had a special emphasis on teeth-brushing this week and the importance of clean teeth. If you are able to check your child is doing this properly at home that would be great! Please can you supply us with a baby photo and current photo of your child by the start of next week, thank you so much. We will be having a class Sharing Time on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July and a Scientist day (where children can dress as scientists!) on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Exact times will be confirmed asap.</p> <p>As the weather is so changeable please can you provide your child with a waterproof jacket every day, even if it's gloriously sunny in the morning - thank you! We would like to say a big thank you to Anya who finishes today for all her help and support with the Oakies. We will miss you Anya but wish you well on your way to becoming a Norland Nanny. Lastly, have a very happy Father's Day to all our Oak dad's!</p>
<b>Hornbeam</b>	<p>We have had a very busy week in Hornbeam this week, working especially hard for the Phonics Screening Test! We are all incredibly proud of the whole class who have tried their best all week. Outside of phonics we have been learning about all different types of sharks and have written some fact files about the Hammerhead, Great White and a Whale shark - be sure to ask us for some interesting shark facts. Later in the week we created our own sharks and have begun to write a factfile. We were very excited in DT this week - in preparation for our trip to Pizza Express we researched what our favourite pizza topping is. The top five we discovered were; sweetcorn, bacon, pepperoni, cheese and (overwhelmingly) ham! we created pictograms to represent the results of our research. Finally, in PE this week we have begun to prepare for sports day, we practiced our running races, relay and throwing events.</p>
<b>Beech</b>	<p>In English this week we have drawn a story map of the Three Little Pigs story and then explored using ambitious vocabulary to retell the story. We have been continuing to develop our understanding of statistics in maths this week, interpreting pictograms and block graphs. In P.E, we have been practicing our running, jumping and throwing skills in preparation for sports day. In science, we have identified different materials and considered their use. You may have spotted our stained-glass artwork on display. In R.E, we have been learning about signs and symbols in Christianity. We then chose a Christian symbol to inspire our art. The class have enjoyed practicing our weaving skills and using them to weave with wool to create sun burst ornaments. We continue to discuss and learn about the significant monarchs in British history.</p>
<b>Ash</b>	<p>In Ash Class, we have continued to look at measurement in our maths lessons. This week, we have been thinking about capacity and volume. In Science, we have been learning about plants and the functions of the different parts. We have been logging changes with our bean seeds as they have started to grow roots and some shoots this week and set up another investigation to look at how water is transferred within a plant. We used our measurements in millilitres and litres from our maths learning to set up a fair test using the same amount of water and dye for each investigation looking at how coloured water would be transferred in our plants.</p>

	And in History, we have thought about different theories about why Stonehenge might have been built and made our own models of the ancient monument.
<b>Rowan</b>	On Wednesday, Year 4 visited the Earth Trust. Here are some comments from the children about what we did: 'Our leader Sarah kept stopping to tell us more about rivers. She told us some scientific words. Some of the words we learnt are 'source' which means the start of the river, 'mouth' which means the end of the river, 'meander' which means bends in the river and 'flood plains' which means a field that floods.' - Ada 'Sarah talked to us about the otters living in Dorchester and she showed us the crayfish head she found and mayfly shells.' - Alex H 'I tested how fast the river was flowing by throwing a stick in. It wasn't very fast but I would have hated to fall in. The next bridge we crossed was much faster.' - Martha
<b>Maple</b>	In English this week we've continued to look at poetry that came out of World War 1 and 2. We had a big focus on the poem 'Dulce et decorum est,' a poem written by a soldier following a difficult event in WW1. We discussed how we sometime have a very rosy view of the world wars as Britain stepped up and did something amazing (still very true!), but we also wanted to recognise that the people that took part were forever changed by what they experienced and that it is something we do not want to happen again. Meanwhile, in Maths, we've been continuing to work on decimals, comparing them against fractions and now finding equivalent fractions that can help us identify the appropriate decimal. We spent some time learning about the Dunkirk evacuation in Topic and had lots of fun looking at all of the amazing homework projects your children made over the last few weeks! A huge thank you to anyone that supported your children in completing their work. Finally, we've started to look at our play, Porridge, learning some of the songs and beginning to look through the script. We're going to be spending a lot of time over the next few weeks putting it all together and we can't wait to show you when it's done!
<b>Willow</b>	This week we have begun our play rehearsals, well done to those who have been busy learning their lines already. There have been lots of offers of props that can come into school. We have asked pupils to check with parents that it is okay to bring items in first, make sure items are labelled and then bring them to class. Please ask your child about a costume list as they have brought this home today. In Science and Topic, we have begun to learn about Forces and engineering - looking specifically at bridges, tunnels and railways. We had a go at making bridges out of paper and straws that had to span, at first 20cm and then 55cm. We learnt a lot about design and also how we work in teams.

Children in Year 4 had an enjoyable learning experience at the Earth Trust



Children in Year 3 made models of Stonehenge from clay



## **Important dates**

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	3 for 2 Travelling Book Fair after school in Maple classroom. All welcome.
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	FOWPS committee meeting all welcome 7:30pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 trip to Pizza Express
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception intake 2024 – Welcome meeting at 6:00pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 6 Open afternoon, more details to follow
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	4.30pm - 7.30pm Big Summer Bounce Pre-book tickets <a href="#">here</a> Volunteer sign up <a href="#">here</a>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	New starters Sept 2024/ children in class & coffee morning for new parents 9:15 – 10:15am
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – KS2 – AM & KS1 - PM
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Back up Sports Day
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am - 12.30pm FOWPS Coffee Shop and Second hand uniform sale
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Reception intake Sept 2024 in school 9:30am – 1:05pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Inset Day – no children in school
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	UKS2 performance dress rehearsal
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	UKS2 Performance – pm – further details to follow nearer to the time
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	UKS2 Performance – pm - further details to follow nearer to the time
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Disco with DJ Ethan – more details to follow nearer to the time Volunteer sign up <a href="#">here</a>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Oak class – Scientist day
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term – 1:00pm finish

Natalie (Bryher and Ada's mum) organises our community coffee shops in the old school house to raise money for our school. Our next coffee shop is on Saturday 29 June. To run coffee shops we really appreciate donations of cakes (homemade or bought). Please message Natalie on 07733356314, if you can provide a cake! Thank you

It's now time to get your tickets for our Big Summer Bounce [here](#). This year we are trying a twist on the usual summer fair and are filling the school field with INFLATABLES! This event is open to all, so please make sure to share with friends and family! If you can help on the day, please sign up [here](#).