



Friday 10th May

Athletics

Our first athletics tournament of the year took place yesterday at The Oratory School. Twenty Year 5 and 6 pupils ran long distance, sprinted, jumped, and threw their way to 3rd place overall. Well done to the team. Some individual successes from the day - Meggan in year 6 came 3rd in the girls A team competition and Tommy came 2nd in the boys B team competition and were awarded individual medals. The Olympic value medals were awarded to George and Emelia G for Sportsmanship, to Maya K for Courage and Ben for determination. Mrs Bodeker said that "Woodcote pupils competed with such enthusiasm and sportsmanship. We can be very proud of their efforts. The results were fabulous." Well done everyone! What a great tournament.

Head lice

We have cases of head lice in school, please can you check your child's head thoroughly and treat accordingly to avoid it spreading. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Pupil Premium Grant Free School Meals and Uniform

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian are also eligible.

If you think that you are eligible please email the office with your full name, date of birth and National Insurance number and we can check on your behalf. Thank you.

Class Updates

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| Oak | What glorious sunshine this week and Oakies have enjoyed every minute of it! They have had lots of water play and time for independent play outside. Luckily half the garden area has good shade in the afternoon which has really helped. The hot theme has carried on in the class text, 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne, which is based in Africa. The children have loved learning about the tropical fruits Handa has in her basket like guava's and tangerines. This week we have been learning about the artist Georgia O'Keefe and looking at the still life pictures she liked to paint. In handwriting, the children have been |
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| | <p>forming 'b', 'd', and the numbers '0' and '1'. Please practice these at home. In maths, children have been practicing counting from 0 to 20, forwards and backwards and looking at number patterns. We have also been re-capping what it means to be part of a community; the children have learnt so much about this from the class visits around the village and to Wallingford which is great to see. In the week before half term, we are going to take the children on a 'flight' (or two!) in a class-based aeroplane with the brand new company, 'Oak Airways'! This will depart the classroom and venture to a country that is either hot or cold, depending on where our pilot decides to take us! So children will need to be prepared and have a small bag of 'hand luggage' containing a couple of things for cold or warm weather! There is absolutely no need to bring in passports!! We will make our own. Once upon a time Mrs Somerville worked as Senior Cabin Crew for Virgin Atlantic Airways so will do her best to ensure our young customers have a good experience, even if there is turbulence! More information to follow next week. Have a lovely weekend.</p> |
| Hornbeam | <p>We have had a really fantastic week in Hornbeam this week. We have begun to look at 3 Billy Goats gruff as our traditional take and the children have enjoyed listening to different versions of the story and have been fully immersed. I was also very impressed with their acting when they retold the story through drama. We have also introduced something new in maths this week - Fractions. The children have learnt what half is and how to recognise it as well as being able to calculate half of a quantity. Finally, in art we have continued with our sculpture topic and have imprinted a variety of different leaves and patterns into clay ready to hopefully paint next week.</p> |
| Beech | <p>In Science year 2 have been investigating what a seed needs to germinate. We made predictions last week and recorded our observations this week. Some children were surprised to observe that the beans without soil had started to germinate and the ones kept in the dark had also germinated but were a yellow colour. We will continue to make observations as part of our ongoing experiment. In English, we have been working hard to write some beautiful descriptions including ambitious vocabulary. Some of our work is displayed outside Beech classroom. We are now learning about capacity and volume in Maths at the end of each week and enjoyed looking at containers in the water bath. We are also very happy making our castles in DT.</p> |
| Ash | <p>In Ash class this week, we learnt about the formation of rocks during our science lesson. We used wax crayons to help us investigate; chopping, squishing and melting them to think about sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks. During our topic lesson, we looked at Skara Brae, thinking about life in a Stone Age village and how the discovery of the remains of Skara Brae has helped archaeologists and historians. And in English, we have continued with our class book, The First Drawing, focusing on using a thesaurus to help improve our writing of character descriptions.</p> |
| Rowan | <p>As well as continuing our learning on decimals in maths, we have been exploring books with mathematical concepts. This week, we have begun to plan our own stories. Some of the concepts we have included are money, time, place value and counting. In science, we have continued to learn about the digestive system, learning the names of some of our internal organs and what their functions are. PE has focused on athletics, making the most of the sunshine whilst practising running and throwing skills. This week's TTRS tournament is Rowan vs. Maple. Make sure children are practising at home! We would also like children to practise any times tables they are not yet confident with, focusing particularly on the 6, 7, 8 and 9 times tables. Have a lovely weekend everyone.</p> |
| Maple | <p>While bank holiday weekends are certainly wonderful, it has brought a certain focus and speed to our tasks this week! Maths has seen us wrapping up our work on translation and reflection where we have been ensuring our use of mathematical vocabulary in discussing these topics. In English we've been attempting to wrap up our time-slip stories (still a little bit to go) and Science saw us finishing off our work on the different stages of development of humans. In Topic we had an opportunity to</p> |

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| | dive into VE day, which celebrated its 79 th anniversary this week! We tried to put ourselves into the position of someone finally surviving this 6 year long war and how we'd feel. Finally, we wrapped up our week with some art where we've begun to dive into propaganda posters. We're going to be designing and painting our own over the next few weeks so keep an eye out! |
| Willow | This week has all been about revision - the children leading what they wanted to just go over 'just one more time' so they feel confident for next week. We looked at the learning journey they have been on and just how much they now know. We are all incredibly proud of how well we have done as individuals and as a team and are very excited for breakfast next week. We have also had lots more discussions about residential and what this will be like, including the work that we'll complete on our return that we can share with parents and the rest of the school. |

Important dates

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| Monday 13 th May – Friday 17 th May | SATS Week – Year 6 |
| Friday 17 th May | FOWPS dress in home clothes (for a donation of a bottle for tombola) |
| Monday 20 th May – Friday 24 th May | Year 6 Residential trip |
| Thursday 23 rd May | Oak class sharing time – 2:50pm |
| Thursday 23 rd May | Year 5 WW2 Evacuee day (in school) |
| Thursday 23 rd May | 100 Club sign up opportunity |
| Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May | Summer half term |
| Monday 3 rd June | INSET day – no children in school |
| Thursday 6 th June | School Photographs |
| Friday 7 th June | FOWPS dress in home clothes (for donation of sweets for tombola) |
| Wednesday 19 th June | Reception intake 2024 – Welcome meeting @ 6:00pm |
| Friday 21 st June | 4.30pm - 7.30pm Big Summer Bounce –more details to follow |
| Monday 24 th June | New starters Sept 2024/ children in class & coffee morning for new parents 9:15 – 10:15am |
| Tuesday 25 th June | Sports Day – KS2 – AM & KS1 - PM |
| Thursday 27 th June | Back up Sports Day |
| Saturday 29 th June | 9.30am - 12.30pm FOWPS Coffee Shop and Second hand uniform sale |
| Tuesday 2 nd July | Reception intake 2024 in class 9:30 – 1:05 |
| Wednesday 3 rd July | Inset Day – no children in school |
| Tuesday 9 th July | UKS2 performance dress rehearsal |
| Wednesday 10 th July | UKS2 Performance – pm – further details to follow nearer to the time |

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| Thursday 11 th July | UKS2 Performance – pm - further details to follow nearer to the time |
| Friday 19 th July | Disco with DJ Ethan – more details to follow nearer to the time |
| Wednesday 24 th July | Last day of Term – 1:00pm finish |