



Friday 23rd February

Welcome back, we hope that you all had an enjoyable half term break!

Ofsted

We are sure it did not escape your notice that Ofsted visited the school this week. It appears that Ofsted have indeed made some changes to their approach with Inspections. The Inspector was very thorough yet listened well and was fair. Under Ofsted Regulations, we cannot yet let you know the result of the Inspection but we hope to be able to share the findings with you before the Easter break. We would like to thank you all for your support and kind words.

Lunch Time Supervisor Vacancies

We currently have 2 positions available for working as a Lunchtime Supervisor. One consists of the usual Lunchtime Supervisory Role and the other is a 1:1 Support position across lunchtime. If you are interested, please get in touch via email, phone or pop to the School office.

Letter from Oxfordshire County Council regarding an increase in cases of Measles

In case you missed the communication which was sent via ParentMail on Tuesday 20th February a further copy is attached.

Globefit Easter Holiday Club

We are aware that Globefit will be running an Easter Holiday club here at Woodcote Primary. Once we have confirmation of the dates we will send out more information.

School Clubs

On Tuesday this week our new Art Club members experimented with watercolour techniques and here are some of their beautiful creations.



Coffee Shop

Mrs Hunt is running a Coffee Shop in the Woodcote Community Centre next weekend (Saturday 2nd of March) raising money for The Injury Minimisation Program at Oxford University Children's Hospital. If you fancy cake and coffee next weekend, please come along to support this great cause.

Mindfulness

At the recent coffee morning, we looked at an online mindfulness activity, Rainbow Relaxation. Here is the link to this if you would like to try this at home with your child: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llbBI-BT9c4>

We do still have spaces on some of the Busy Bees Clubs both before and after school. Please sign your child up via ParentMail if you would like a place.

World Book Day in School – Thursday 7th March - Reminder

Your child is invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book on **Thursday 7th March**.

Class Updates

Oak	<p>We have had a wonderful week of learning and are so proud of the children so please see what they can tell you about their week.</p> <p>The children created a car wash outside- they were brilliant and could perhaps wash your cars at home for some pocket money! Inside, they loved the knitted story bag from Willow's grandma and have been retelling the story of 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy so a big thank you from Oakies for this wonderful resource. They have also been busy planning then creating with junk and making honey sandwiches - ensuring good hygiene which included washing up their own resources.</p> <p>On Tuesday afternoon, we had a visitor- Enid's Mum, who came to share her skills as an illustrator and read the children 'Icky Sticky'. Then the children used clay to make a teddy bear which will be coming home once it is dry so another big thank you to Caroline as the children loved this opportunity.</p> <p>The children have been introduced to the 'Zones of Regulation' which is a way to describe their feelings and is used across the school. The colours we use are green, blue, yellow and red- see if they can explain the feelings each colour represents.</p> <p>As we mentioned at Parent's Evening, we began handwriting and focused on the 'I' team letters which are all formed with a downward stroke. Please using the letter rhyme sheets we gave you to practice the following 4 letters: l i t u</p> <p>On Thursday they had a fabulous visit from two vet nurses, Mrs Gibson and Meg, from the Oakley Veterinary Surgery. The children had lots of fabulous questions including: 'Why do vets have to keep animals safe?' and 'why do dogs and cats sleep for a long time?' The children had a chance to dress up as a vet, wearing gloves, facemask and hair protector. They also took turns to scan the toy dog to find it's chip and use the stethoscope to check it's heartbeat! Thank you to our wonderful visitors!</p> <p>Dates for your diaries: Tuesday 27th February will be our trip to the moon so please refer back to the letter sent before half term to ensure the children have all they need to enjoy this imaginary adventure! Please remember to label all items. Tuesday 12th March - Sharing Time in Oak Class at 2.50pm. Thank you as always for all your support and have a happy and safe weekend.</p>
Hornbeam	<p>The children have worked very hard and are making us proud every day in Hornbeam. They have been learning about numbers up to 50 and identifying how many tens and how many ones each number has. In English we have been learning about a London bus and writing some facts to send to an alien who wants to visit and ride on one.</p> <p>In phonics tricky witch has been playing tricks on us and changing the ear to make the sound 'air' or 'ear' but thankfully the children could not be fooled.</p>
Beech	<p>Beech class have been exploring different nonsense poems this week. We enjoyed reading 'In the Ning Nang Nong' and identified different poetic features. We then used alliteration to create tongue twisters. In maths, we are continuing to multiply and divide. In addition, we are starting to identify different coins and notes. In science, we have planned our habitats boxes. Thank you to all the children who brought in</p>

	work about habitats. They loved sharing these with the rest of the class and we displayed them in Beech class. To finish off the week, for such fantastic behaviour, we had popcorn and film afternoon, on Friday.
Ash	In Ash class this week, we have started to share Ted Hughes' story of The Iron Man in our English lessons, predicting what the story might be about and writing descriptions of the Iron Man. As part this literacy topic, please could we ask for donations of any metallic-coloured recycling materials you may have at home (clean yoghurt pot lids, foil, metallic paper or card etc.). In Maths, we have been making links between the 2,4 and 8 times tables as we finish the first section of our Multiplication and Division learning. During our Geography lesson this week, we looked at European cities and made a comparison between two capital cities (London and Paris), getting ready to make a class book on Europe next week.
Rowan	This week we have been learning about perimeter and rectilinear shape. We have begun with counting the cm square sides and are moving to measuring edges with a ruler and totalling them. We are also practicing our times tables, but please, it is essential that you support with this at home, too. We have had fun with a cross curricular investigation in to deforestation, setting up an experiment. See picture below. We are observing how water flows through different land types, plain compost, a mix of compost and bark, and planted compost, the pots aimed at simulating a deforested area and a planted area. Our investigation revolves around "what I think" and "what I see". We await some findings. In English, we have been using the research we did for homework to start our non-chronological reports and we are looking forward to compiling them to create an encyclopaedia about animals. In our PSHE lesson, we discussed how to stay safe when sharing photos online. We came up with some rules for sharing photos, including not sharing personal information, either in the photo or in comments, and making sure that if we are going away, we don't share photos until we are home. We played a game online in class where we had to decide if a photo was safe or unsafe. Some of the children have asked for the link to do this at home so here it is: https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/bcyberwise The activity is Picture Wise. Have a lovely weekend everyone.
Maple	What a busy first week back we've had! Week 1 has seen us diving into new English and Maths units, testing our geographical skills with a variety of maps and beginning to explore ways we can be more critical consumers. In English we've started to look at newspaper reports with the aim to produce a newspaper article about our recent visit to the O2 to perform at Young Voices. We spent much of this week dissecting a newspaper to find their features then spending time looking at how they use direct and reported speech. In Maths we've been exploring perimeter, including the perimeter of rectilinear shapes (ask your kids!). We've been identifying how we can find missing lengths on shapes and the most efficient way to add lots of lengths together to find a perimeter. Meanwhile, in Geography, we looked at OS and Satellite maps, comparing the two, before diving into some of the common symbols they use on OS maps. We designed our own, but found the actual OS symbols were much simpler and easier to follow. Finally, we wrapped up our week by exploring how we can be critical consumers with our money, looking at how manufacturers use advertising to persuade you to buy their product and trying to work out which of two deals is better. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the answer invariably seems to be 'it depends!' Thank you for a fantastic first week back!
Willow	Welcome back, what a week it has been. Not only did we get to hear about your amazing adventures during Half Term but we were incredibly proud, as always, of our Year 6s and how well they supported the school this week. This week we have looked at the nonsense narrative poem 'The Jabberwocky', added actions to it, performed it in Sharing Assembly and written our own versions of it. In Maths, we looked at the relationship between decimals, percentages and fractions. We will continue to develop this next week and look at real life problems that involve these. Next week is also our project review week (Tuesday 27th)- please bring in

notes, plans, powerpoints and any photos or designs of models that you are making (these do not need to be finished yet!) so we can discuss what support you need and what you need to do next. In Science, we started our topic on electricity and reminded ourselves of how to make a simple circuit. We also discussed keeping safe with electricity.

Year 4 enjoyed a cross curricular investigation in to deforestation



On Thursday, Reception class children had a visit from Oakley Vets. It certainly looked like the children enjoyed dressing up as Vets.



Important dates

Friday 1 st March	National offer Day for Secondary school places
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day in School – please dress up as a character from your favourite book.
Thursday 7 th March	FOWPS – Second hand book sale after school for World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	FOWPS Disco with DJ Ethan – PreSchool, R, 1 and 2 16:50 – 17:40 Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 18:00 – 19:00
Saturday 16 th March	FOWPS Coffee Shop & Uniform sales @ The Old School House

Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 16 th April	National offer day for Primary School Admissions September 2024

FOWPS News

World Book Day Book Sale.

We are now collecting second hand books for our book sale on Thursday 7th March. If you are looking to rehome any children's books in good condition, please drop them off in the kitchen chalet **before Wednesday 6th March**. Thank you.

School Disco

Don't forget to book your tickets online at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-events/>
If you can help on the night, please sign up here: volunteersignup.org/DFAXH

As always, we appreciate your help. Thank you.

OTHER NEWS

Chiltern Art & Poetry Competition – deadline is Thursday 29th February
Please see the attached flyer.

Understanding Anger – please see the attached flyer