



Friday 26th January

Football Results

On Tuesday, a team from year 3 and 4 took part in a cluster football tournament. This was the first time they had played as a team. After a tentative first game, they found their football feet and some fabulous teamwork shone through. Will and Teddy gave some great tackles and fabulous goal scoring. Alex was a champion goalkeeper, Maud fought valiantly alongside the attacking line. Lucy, Rose and Alfie played as mid-fielders and defender. In all, they played 4 matches, lost 2, drew 1 and won the final match with a score of 2-0. Mrs Bodeker and Mrs Snowden, who took them to the match, said their behaviour and sportsmanship was impeccable and they were great ambassadors for the school. Well done all of you!



You will see from the above pictures that the team are wearing a new Woodcote Primary Football strip. We are extremely grateful to the Everyone Active Grant for covering the cost of this new kit. It is modern, softer and warmer than the older kit we have in school. Our logo is on the front, our name on the back, matching our PE shirt design. There is also a warm top to go over the t-shirt with the school logo and name as well. They certainly looked very smart and the team were very proud to be wearing them.

Cross Country Run

On Tuesday we were very proud to send 3 boys to the Oxfordshire Schools' Cross Country Championships.

Running against 249 other year 5 / 6 / 7 boys, over a 2.2k course, Angus came in 6th for the year 6 boys and 12th overall, Finlay came in 21st position putting him in 81st position overall and Geroage

was 17th in the category putting him 51st overall. Well done to all three boys. A huge achievement! We are now eagerly awaiting news of whether Angus will be selected to represent Oxfordshire at the National Primary Schools' Championships later this year.



I-pads or tablets

If anyone has an i-pad or tablet at home that they no longer use and would consider donating it to school, we would be very grateful. We find them incredibly useful but cannot afford to purchase them ourselves, so rely on older models being donated. Year 1 are currently looking for one so please let us know if you have one we could use.

Parent's Evening's will be held this term Monday 5th February from 3.30 – 7.00 and Thursday 8th February 3.30 - 6.00. The booking system on ParentMail will go-live on Monday 29th January at 6.00pm.

Young Voices

Thank you to all the parents who came to watch the year 5 and 6 children at The O2 Arena in London on Friday. The children were amazing! They sang beautifully and danced the night away with Urban Strides. They rapped with MC Grammar, sang Natalie Williams and Nandi Bushell. It was a long day ending with a very tired crew on the bus coming home! IF you were not able to come to see the concert – the whole thing can be streamed from the Young Voices website.





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 or visit the Oxfordshire County Council website or click on the link below page. <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/children-education-and-families/working-children-and-young-people/teaching-and-school-vacancies>

Measles - National MMR catch-up campaign

You may have noticed the recent BBC news coverage on the increase in measles outbreaks [Measles - BBC News](#). Measles is a highly infectious disease, especially within schools, and can be very serious.

NHS England has launched a national MMR catch-up campaign. Over the next few months, children aged 6 to 11 who are missing one or two doses of the MMR vaccine will be invited to contact their GP practice to check their immunisation history and book an appointment for the MMR vaccination.

[Your local Children's Immunisation Team](#) will also be holding local community clinics for 6- to 11-year-olds. You can find more information about measles and the MMR vaccination below:

- <https://vaccineknowledge.ox.ac.uk/measles> (with google translate to select your preferred language)
- [MEASLES - Don't let your child catch it - Schools version \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)
- [MMR vaccination \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

RSPB Big Garden Bird watch count this weekend – Maybe you and your children might like to take part, please click on the link <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

Class Updates

Oak	<p>It has been an exciting week in Oak class as the children enjoyed a visit to the Woodcote Garden Centre and to the local shop. There are some photos on the school website which your child may like to talk to you about.</p> <p>We have started doing some phonics assessments this week and are pleased with the progress children are making. We will share this with you at Parents Evening. A reminder that there will be a class sharing time on Friday 9th February at 3pm. It would be great if you can join us for this.</p>
Hornbeam	<p>Hornbeam have worked very hard over the last week, and we have created our very own stories based on Oliver Jeffers books 'lost and found'. We have had heartbroken ducks taken back the pond as well as lonely birds taken back to the woods. With the children showing they are able to sequence their writing to form a story. In maths we have finished our place value unit looking at comparing numbers, we are able to identify that the hungry crocodile (> symbol) always eats the greater number. Finally, in RE this week we have been looking at the Christian story of creation and how God created the world in just 7 days.</p>
Beech	<p>Beech class have been using the internet to research facts about animals living in a woodland habitat. The children have started writing a non-chronological report, remembering to include all the special features and ambitious vocabulary. We explored our school grounds searching for wildlife, in science this week. The children were delighted to find so many mini beasts, bird and plants right here in our school habitat. In maths, we are getting really good at making groups to multiply and our times tables are improving hugely - well done everyone for spending some time practicing at home! We enjoyed showing off our music skills in assembly this week and sang beautifully in rounds.</p>
Ash	<p>This week, we have been researching William Shakespeare and organising our research into paragraphs. We have also been working on the long I sound in our spelling and learning to write in third person. In Maths, we have explored equal groups, made arrays to help us represent multiplication and reminded ourselves how to count forwards and backwards in jumps of 2,5 and 10 from 2 and 3-digit numbers. We really enjoyed starting to learn the songs for our upcoming play 'Jonah' and look forward to performing with year 4. Thank you so much for all your generous gifts for baby O'Neill, they are all very much appreciated.</p>
Rowan	<p>It has been a busy week in Rowan Class. We have been tasting Jewish food, listening to classical music and in French, continuing to learn about the weather. We have shared some of our poems in our whole school music assembly, inspired by Vivaldi's 'Winter'. We have also done some superb independent writing. It is fabulous to see the children's growing enthusiasm for writing in a range of genres.</p> <p>A request from us - please can pencil cases now be kept at home. Children should have brought them home today. We have had an increasing range of pens and other stationery being brought in which are at times causing issues in class as well as causing work to smudge. We will allow one black pen from home, if it is of benefit to handwriting. This should ideally be named. Thank you for your support with this.</p>
Maple	<p>Well, it doesn't slow down in Year 5! Despite last week being our trip to the O2 to perform and Young Voices (where your children made us so proud!), we've dived into another busy week here in Maple Class with Bikeability. Across the week, your children have been learning how to cycle safely on roads. They've been working on hand-signals, how to be aware of your surroundings, making sure they are balancing correctly and learning how to apply brakes safely. The instructors have had nothing but praise for your children and they have really made us proud all over again! They now know how to stay safe, but would certainly benefit from some more practice with yourselves at home before they are set free alone on the roads! While not in Bikeability we have remained busy, digging into homophones and suffixes, exploring adding and subtracting fractions and starting our new Topic, 'Human Planet.' We've also been working on D&T where we have designed our own flags for Woodcote</p>

	which we'll soon be recreating using fabric and our sewing skills! Check out the website for a few photos from our busy week!
Willow	Well, what a fantastic end to last week - performing at the O2 was absolutely magical! After recovering during the weekend, we spent Monday recounting our adventures, looking at the photos and watching the videos. We wrote our recounts to share with our Oak buddies and, in our Music Assembly on Wednesday, performed some of the songs to them and the rest of the school. In Maths this week, we have begun to look at dividing fractions and linking this with decimals and will move onto percentages too. Remember you can use the CGP revision book to help you with this at home. In Geography, we looked at Pangaea and Tectonic Plates as part of our Restless Earth topic. We have also discussed our project for this term and the children will let us know on Monday what the topic they're choosing is going to be. In Science, we got the torches and mirrors out and had a look at lines of incident and lines of reflection. Start saving boxes, as next week one of the homework sessions is about building periscopes.

Year 5 children enjoyed taking part in their Bikeability cycling course this week.



Important dates

Saturday 27 th January	FOWPS Coffee Shop & Uniform sales @ The Old School House
Monday 29 January	FOWPS meeting (all parents welcome to attend) 8:00pm
Monday 5 th February	Parents Evening 3:30 – 7:00
Thursday 8 th February	Parents Evening 3:30 – 6:00
Monday 5 th February – Friday 9 th February 2024	Children's Mental Health week
Friday 9 th February	Oak class sharing time – all parents welcome – 3:00pm
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	Spring Half Term

Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day in School
Saturday 16 th March	FOWPS Coffee Shop & Uniform sales @ The Old School House
Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April	Easter Holidays

OTHER NEWS

Chiltern Poetry & Arts competition – flyer attached

Family activities at the Oxfordshire Museum

https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/leisure-and-culture/museums/oxfordshire-museum/whats-oxfordshire-museum/family-activities?utm_source=Museums+-+learning+and+access&utm_campaign=6885d1b3d7-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_07_06_04_36_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_cdbada3277-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D