



Friday 19th January

Mrs O’Neill

Mrs O’Neill has made the decision to bring her maternity cover forward to next Friday! We all wish her the very best as she has a rest before her little one arrived. Mrs Harbord is looking forward to holding the reins whilst she is away on Maternity leave. Year 3 parents are offered a meeting next week if they wish. Please see the ParentMail email sent yesterday.

Parent’s Evenings

These will be taking place on Monday 5th February 3.30 – 7.00 and Thursday 8th February 3.30 – 6.00, more information will be sent out next week. If your child is in Year 3 please read the ParentMail sent out yesterday.

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>

Bikeability – Year 5

A reminder that all children need to bring their bike and helmet into school on Monday for their Bikeability training. Please check the ParentMail email sent earlier this week which gives details of the other days that your child requires their bike and helmet in school. Please also ensure that your child has suitable clothing for if the weather is cold/wet.

Class Updates

<p>Oak</p>	<p>Oakies have been talking about the cold weather in class this week. The children have enjoyed freezing toys in the ice and seeing what makes them melt. They also had a special end of week treat, melting chocolate to make a cup of hot drinking chocolate! If you have a chance to look at weather maps with your children or watch a weather forecast that would be wonderful!</p> <p>Next Tuesday, we are having a class outing to the Woodcote Garden Centre and Londis as part of our learning about the community. The children will be following a simple map as they go. If you have an opportunity to draw a map showing parts of Woodcote with your child that will help with their learning. Also, just a little reminder that it would be really lovely if you could send your child in with £1 in a named purse so that we can help them buy a small item for our class tea party and goodbye to Anya. Thank you in advance for your support with this.</p>
<p>Hornbeam</p>	<p>This week Hornbeam have been focussing on our sentence writing in English. Trying to create compound sentences by joining clauses using the word ‘and’. In maths we have moved onto working on a number line, locating different numbers, recognising where numbers are missing and estimating where numbers should be. Finally, in science we have continued to work scientifically collecting and gathering data using tally charts.</p>

Beech	Beech class have completed some fantastic information posters all about how to look after stick insects this week. The children produced some excellent writing, including lots of ambitious vocabulary! We are still waiting for our eggs to hatch! Year 2 have started learning about habitats this week in science, by sorting different things into groups. The children enjoyed debating with each other about their choices, giving reasons for their answers. In art, we have started learning about Mexican art and explored different patterns. In maths, the children are learning about multiplication, and we have been using real objects to help us with our learning.
Ash	This week, we have been exploring what countries are in Europe and using an atlas to find the capital cities too. We enjoyed working with each other and using our detective skills to find different countries based on clues. In Maths, we have been working hard on measuring the perimeter of different shapes using centimetres and millimetres. Practice measuring the lengths of different objects at home and converting between cm and mm. In Science, we have continued our learning about Light and Dark and investigated reflective materials to use on a new book bag. What other reflective materials can you spot if you go out in the dark?
Rowan	It has been a busy week in Rowan Class! The children have done some super writing inspired by the winter weather we have been having. We have also continued to enjoy our class story, 'The Explorer'. It was fantastic to hear Rosaline sharing with the class some facts she found out for her homework when we came to a part of the story about Red-bellied piranhas. In computing, we have been using Paint to create pictures inspired by the painting 'The Equatorial Jungle' by Henri Rousseau. Continuing on the arty theme, in our art lesson, we were painting flowers in the style of Georgia O'Keefe.
Maple	This week has seen us continue fractions in maths, looking at 'The Longest Night of Charlie Noon' in English and many (many!) rehearsals for our performance at the O2 arena for Young Voices! In Maths we've been digging into improper and mixed number fractions, including how we can use them in addition and subtraction. English has seen us reading more of our class text and then digging into some aspects of it. We've been exploring tension and suspense, along with compound sentences, and now feel we could write our own spooky stories! Meanwhile, our afternoons have been dominated by rehearsals for our performance at Young Voices. Speaking of, as you receive this we are most likely eating tea, ahead of our performance for thousands of parents! We've safely arrived, found our seats, eaten lunch and practiced singing in multiple parts. After that we learned some street dance (including Mr Langley, watch out for him) and are waiting as the parent's filter in. If you're coming this evening, we can't wait to show off what we can do! Thank you for all your support with Young Voices (we're sure by now you too may be growing tired of the Matilda medley!), it promises to be an amazing show!
Willow	As you receive this, we'll be enjoying ourselves singing at the O2. It will be fantastic to finally put into practice all the hard work we have completed in the past few weeks. As well as focusing on our music this week, we have created adverts to encourage people to visit the imaginary island of Joya - where our class book takes place. In Maths, we have continued to build on our fraction knowledge and will move onto dividing these next week. As we look at this we will combine our knowledge with fractions, decimals and percentages - please read your revision books to support with this. In Science, we began our topic of light, reminding ourselves of our previous learning from year 3. We started by linking our learning on systems of the body from before Christmas to our knowledge of how our eyes work. Have a restful weekend

Important dates

Monday 22 nd January	Year 5 Bikeability *– please ensure that all bikes have been checked and are in a safe working order and your child's helmet fits
Tuesday 23 rd January	Oak children visiting the garden centre – don't forget your £1.00 in a named purse.
Tuesday 23 rd January	Year 3 chat with Mrs Harbord & Mrs O'Neill – please book via ParentMail
Thursday 25 th January	Year 3 chat with Mrs Harbord & Mrs O'Neill – please book via ParentMail
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
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day in School
Saturday 16 th March	FOWPS Coffee Shop & Uniform sales @ The Old School House

FOWPS

Thank you for all of your kind offers to bake or help out at our first Community Coffee Shop and Second Hand Uniform Sale on Saturday 27th January. In order for it to run smoothly we are in need of one more helper from 11am - 1pm. Please let Natalie know if you might be able to help: 07733 356314. Thanks so much.

OTHER NEWS

Pangbourne College Open Morning flyer – see attached