



**Friday 17th November**

### **KS2 Cross country**

On Tuesday, in the pouring rain, a stoic team of Cross Country runners took part in the South Oxfordshire Schools' Tournament. They were incredible. It was cold, extremely wet and very muddy. Each and every one of them kept a positive attitude and ran so well. They really made us proud! Congratulations to them all. Individual congratulations to Angus and Stanley W who came in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place respectively in the Year 5 /6 boys' race. There were 61 runners in that category! Also to Martha who won the year 3 /4 girls' race closely followed by Ada who came in 7<sup>th</sup>. There were 55 runners in that race in total! Finally, to Will N who ran with 60 runners in the year 3 /4 boys' race and came in 1<sup>st</sup>. Terrific results! Well done everyone from Woodcote.



### **Children In Need**

Thank you to everyone that dressed in yellow and bought/made cakes for the cake sale in aid of Children In Need today. The children have had a super day. We will let you know much has been raised in due course.



## Flu immunisations

Parent/carers of children who had completed a consent form but were unable to be vaccinated on Monday will receive an email which will provide them with a link to book an appointment online for their child to receive their vaccination at a catch-up clinic. Only children who are at high risk from flu, due to one or more medical conditions are able to have this vaccination at their GP surgeries.

If there are parent/carers who have not provided consent but wish to book an appointment for their child at a catch up clinic this can be done via the following link <https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/>

The Cabin Pre School were delighted to receive a thank-you letter from the King.



## Class Updates

<b>Oak</b>	This week Oakies have had a special focus on hand washing and hygiene. They have been learning how to hand wash properly and why we need to do this. We are so pleased that children have made really good progress in their phonics in the past few weeks. Thank you all for reading with your children at home and modelling reading yourself, this really helps. We have also been reminding the children that they are part of a school community and that they need to encourage each other to make good choices. Do talk to your children about this at home as that will help reinforce good behaviour in and out of school. Thank you so much.
<b>Hornbeam</b>	This week the children have worked very hard. In English the children created a map for the story "It was a Cold, Dark Night" and practised writing sentences including capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. In maths we worked together to answer word problems involving numbers to 10. In Design Technology we created a moving picture of Jack and the Beanstalk using levers and a pivot. In History we learnt about how communication has changed through the years and for Children in Need we have discussed how to be grateful. Well done for this week everybody! We hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend.
<b>Beech</b>	Beech class have had a lovely week learning about the Hindu and Sikh festival of Diwali. The children enjoyed making Diwali cards, Rangoli patterns and Diya lamps. On Thursday we had our very own festival of light celebration which included making Indian sweets (ask us about these- they were delicious!), painting glowing stones and using invisible ink and mini torches to read secret lists. In maths the children have been using their measuring skills to estimate, measure

	and compare objects. Year 2 continued to reflect on the school value of 'respect' and enjoyed some role-play to help them think about resolving disagreements in the classroom and playground. As it is anti-bullying week, we have written kindness pledges onto hearts. Have you spotted them in the window of Beech class?
<b>Ash</b>	This week, we have been exploring simple sentences and identifying the subject and verbs used. We have also been learning about the five parts of a story and focusing on the resolution part of Egyptian Cinderella. After identifying the verbs used in the story, we worked hard on retelling the Pharaoh's journey from the palace to the banks of the river Nile. We also enjoyed getting into character and writing as the Pharaoh and describing how we felt at the party. In Science, we have been learning about muscles and creating our very own tricep and bicep muscles. Did you know, there are over 600 muscles in your body?! In Topic, we have been learning how to create our own timelines and use BC and AD to organise important dates in order.
<b>Rowan</b>	Rowan have been working hard on times tables knowledge and using the facts in a class situation, but should still be using their times tables rockstars logins as often as possible to build their speed of recall in readiness for the Year 4 test later in the year. This week we started the construction of our lighthouses using the "junk" brought in. Our aim is to evaluate our planning and building processes as we go to build the best finished product we can. If you have any more Pringles or similar tubes, please send them in.
<b>Maple</b>	Maple Class has been hard at work writing our Non-Chronological Reports this week. We've dived deep into 'The Lost Thing' universe and we're adding our own creatures to the mix with detailed descriptions, technical vocabulary and handy generalisers. We're planning to publish our final versions on the website so keep an eye over the next few weeks. Maths has seen us looking at factors and prime numbers, including talking a little about how prime numbers are used to encrypt important documents! In Art we've started drawing some self-portraits (Viking helmets, beards and face paint to follow!) while in Computing we've continued our work on our 'Chase Me' projects, where we control a character that is trying to eat while being chased by the computer. Finally, we wrapped up our week with PSHE (we've been planning out who we want to be when we grow up!) and our ukuleles where we've started to work on the D chord!
<b>Willow</b>	Year 6 had a fabulous week experiencing what it was like to be selected to face the Minotaur in Ancient Greek. They then used the experience of being in a labyrinth to write descriptions about characters from the story and the feelings they might have whilst in the Labyrinth. We will use all of these skills next week when we start to write our own myths. In Art, we have reviewed our watercolour work and given advice to each other on how we can improve our work further. In Science, we looked at the link between the circulatory system and the respiratory system and how our lungs actually work. In PE, we looked at accurate passing – using both the inside and outside of our feet.

### Important dates

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop & second hand uniform
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	FOWPS & The Cherry Tree Inn Wreath Making workshop and dinner.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	FOWPS Christmas Fair <a href="http://www.volunteersignup.org/F4AR3">http://www.volunteersignup.org/F4AR3</a>

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	FOWPS Christmas Grotto and Santa at the Woodcote Christmas Market (tickets coming soon)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Greek Museum in the hall
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & KS1 Nativity performance – 14:00
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & KS1 Nativity performance – 14:00
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 & Y6 After School Cake Sale
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Bag2School Fundraising Textiles Collection
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Nominate a Charity £1,000 donation deadline. To enter: <a href="https://movementforgood.com/#nominateACharity">https://movementforgood.com/#nominateACharity</a> please use charity number: 1038615
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	Year 5 Bikeability

## **FOWPS**

Due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control FOWPS will not be running a Grotto at the Village Hall on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Thank you to those who had volunteered to help. A refund is on it's way to those who have booked tickets.

However, we are pleased to announce that the grotto will now be moved to the school fair on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 5-7pm in School. We would be grateful for some elves if you have an hour on the evening: [www.volunteersignup.org/F4AR3](http://www.volunteersignup.org/F4AR3)

Tickets to see Santa will be available to purchase at the fair.  
We apologies for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

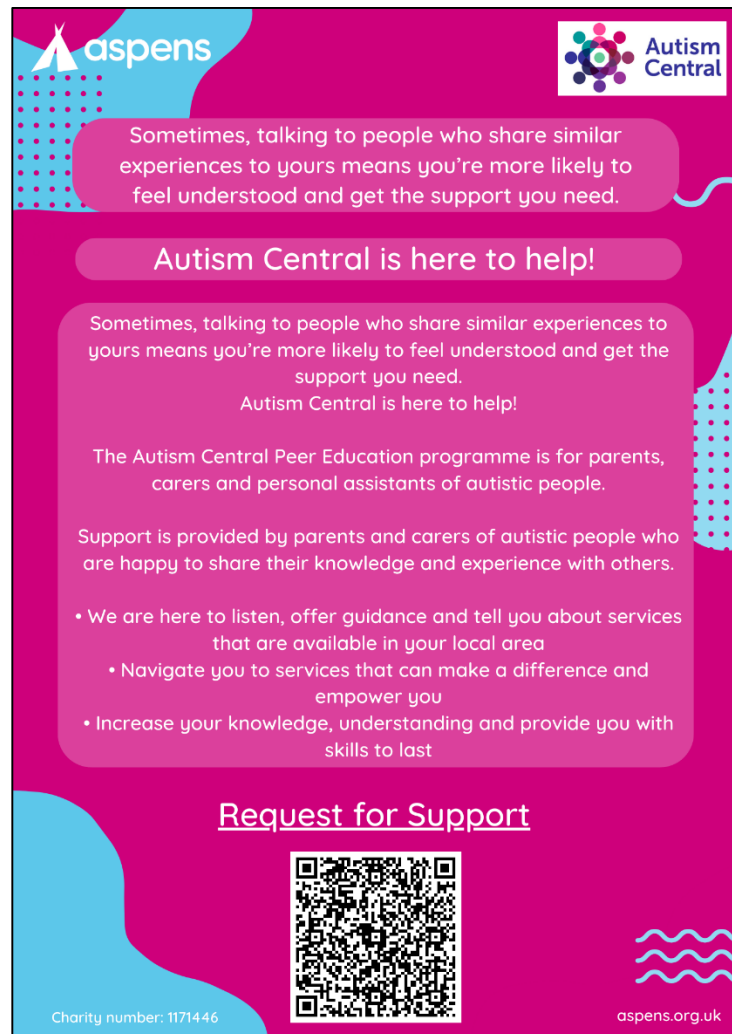
Thank you very much to the Woodcote Rally Charitable Association for their generous donation of £600, which is being used to purchase new books for the children to use in the Snug.



Thank you to everyone who supported us via their co-op membership card. FOWPS and Oak class representatives met with the Co-op manager this morning to celebrate the fantastic amount of money raised to pay for early years equipment and garden renovations.



Thank you to everyone that came to the FOWPS disco last Friday, it was a great success and enjoyed by all. A big thank you to DJ Ethan who kept everyone dancing!

## OTHER NEWS



Sometimes, talking to people who share similar experiences to yours means you're more likely to feel understood and get the support you need.

**Autism Central is here to help!**


Sometimes, talking to people who share similar experiences to yours means you're more likely to feel understood and get the support you need.  
Autism Central is here to help!


The Autism Central Peer Education programme is for parents, carers and personal assistants of autistic people.

Support is provided by parents and carers of autistic people who are happy to share their knowledge and experience with others.

- We are here to listen, offer guidance and tell you about services that are available in your local area
  - Navigate you to services that can make a difference and empower you
- Increase your knowledge, understanding and provide you with skills to last

[Request for Support](#)



Charity number: 1171446  aspens.org.uk