



Friday 20th October

Oxford Schools' Challenge

It was an absolute pleasure to take 40 children to the Oxford Schools' Challenge run on Sunday. Despite the early start, the children were full of excitement and energy. This didn't waver at any moment! Their challenge was to run a mile along the Half Marathon course. The support from friends and family really spurred them on and they all ran so well! A huge thank you to the Mums who ran with us! We all had such fun. The children have received a finisher's t-shirt and a huge, heavy medal to remind them of their run. Well done everyone!



Lunch ordering

New ABM menus up until the end of November will be available from today on ParentMail. Please place your orders. Thank you for your understanding with lunches this past two days.

Cake Sale

Thank you to those that baked/bought cakes for the sale on Thursday. We made an amazing £48.00. Thank you for your support, the children always love a cake sale!

Parent's Evenings

Thank you to the parents that attended the Parents' evenings this week. It is always lovely to catch up with parents.

Student Update Forms

If you haven't already returned the student update forms, please can you do so by Friday 3rd November.

Busy Bee Clubs

After School clubs and Before School clubs will start the first week back after half term. To avoid any disappointment please book your child a place via ParentMail.

Christmas Card competition

Sent on behalf of Cllr Felix Bloomfield, Chair of Oxfordshire County Council

Dear Colleagues,

As Chair of Oxfordshire County Council, I would be delighted if you would take part in this year's Christmas Card Competition 2023.

I appreciate this may be a little short notice, I would love all primary age children to send their designs to me and I hope this half term allows them enough time to do this.

This year's theme is "The Nativity", the winner will have their design printed on the front of my Christmas card which is sent to over 200 people in the constituency and beyond.

Please send all entries to Chair of the Council, County Hall, New Road, Oxford. OX1 1ND no later than 6th November. Alternatively, entries can be emailed to chair@oxfordshire.gov.uk

With kindest regards,

Cllr Felix Bloomfield
Chair of Oxfordshire County Council



Class Updates

Oak	It's been a lovely final week to this half term which included a special visitor ...Turbo the tortoise on Wednesday! We are sending home a half-term activity called 'my birthday picture'. Please can you ask your child to draw a picture of their last birthday and encourage them to have a go at writing about it (you can scribe for them if needed). Please return this to us at the start of next term so that we can talk to the children about their friends and family. Thank you!
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	<p>It would be great if you can do an autumn walk around Woodcote looking at what is in the community. You could talk about who helps you and is a local 'superhero'! As well as discussing any seasonal changes such as leaf colour or temperature. For physical development we have been asking children to move in different ways in PE and it would be good for them to build up some strength too so do encourage your child to help with activities like bread making or using the monkey bars in the play park. Please do read with your child daily. Just a reminder that all Monster Phonics reading books will need to be returned on Monday 30th October. Finally, we would be delighted if you could join us for a shared class singing session at 3pm on Friday 10th November.</p>
Hornbeam	<p>This week in Hornbeam we have had a very busy week. The children have worked very hard, and we are very proud of them. We have written an apology letter to Little Red Riding Hood from the Wolf in English. In Maths we have written number sentences and learnt about number fact families. In science we used a table to record how items in the classroom felt. In PSHE we talked about feelings and did some role play showing different emotions. In music we learnt what the word tempo means. We wish you all a lovely half-term.</p>
Beech	<p>Beech class have worked so hard this week to write setting descriptions. It is so lovely to see the progress the children have made already. In art, year 2 created a still life piece using paints making sure they made careful observations to sketch and mix paint to a shade they were happy with. We have been busy in science this week. After observing the butterflies carefully, we wrote about their lifecycle. We looked at information texts to help us understand the best way to record our writing. We then released the butterflies in the flower garden. The Beech Team wish you all a lovely break. See you next term!</p>
Ash	<p>This week, we have been exploring the inside of the pyramids of Giza and finding out more about the different chambers and passageways inside the pyramids. After learning all about Egyptian mummification, we have written our own instructions for 'how to make an Egyptian mummy' and worked hard on describing each stage of the process. We really enjoyed learning about the different bones on a human skeleton in Science and locating where we can find a femur, tibia and fibula. PE kits have been sent home today, please remember to bring them back in on the first Monday back. Have a lovely half term break!</p>
Rowan	<p>This week Rowan have investigated the most suitable materials for making ear defenders. They were given the choice of tissue, bubble wrap, foam or fabric. After designing their fair test and making their defenders, it was decided that both bubble wrap and foam kept out the most noise, but foam was the most comfy around the ears. We have also been completing portraits, trying to show shape and form of facial features. Now we are looking forward to a well-earned break.</p>
Maple	<p>We have had an extremely busy final week of the half term. This week in Maths we have been learning about column addition and subtraction. We have been using RUCSAC to solve problems and are looking forward to using these skills in our homework over half term. In English we've been writing our Norse myths. They are finally finished (after many weeks of work) and we're looking forward to sharing them when we can. In Topic we've been creating posters describing various aspects of Viking life while also taking a look at Norse runes and how they were used to write back in Viking times. In French we've been thinking back on all our prior learning while in Science we've been diving into forces by exploring Newton meters, looking at them in detail and seeing how they can be used to measure mass in kilograms and weight in Newtons. We hope you all have a great half-term break!</p>
Willow	<p>It was lovely to meet many of you at Parents Evening earlier this week. In class, we have finished our classification topic in Science and our autobiographies in English. In PE, we held a full match of tag-rugby which was as exciting as watching the France v South Africa match on TV. As we had been working on the rules of Tag-Rugby, two of our pupils ably refereed the match. In History, we looked at the</p>

legacy of the Olympic Games and, although the Year 6s are slightly too young to remember it, we looked at the 2012 London Olympics and what legacy that has left. We also discussed the sports that the Ancient Greeks competed at and the Modern equivalent, luckily everyone who competes in the Modern Olympics is clothed! Please check Teams for the Ancient Greek homework, this doesn't have to be started yet but some of the children have asked if they can so we have said yes, if they want to. Have a restful Half Term.

Year 2 released the butterflies in the school garden



Important dates

Tuesday 31 st October	Closing date for Secondary school applications.
Wednesday 1 st November	Woodcote Primary Open morning for reception children 2024 9:30 – 11:30am
Friday 10 th November	Oak Class – shared class singing
Friday 10 th November	FOWPS Disco with DJ Ethan
Saturday 18 th November	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop
Wednesday 29 th November	FOWPS & The Cherry Tree Inn Wreath Making workshop and dinner.
Friday 1 st December	FOWPS Xmas Fair 5:00 – 7:00pm
Sunday 3 rd December	FOWPS Christmas Grotto & Santa @ The Woodcote Christmas Market
Wednesday 13 th December	Reception & KS1 Nativity performance - tbc
Thursday 14 th December	Reception & KS1 Nativity performance - tbc
Friday 15 th December	Y3 & Y6 After School Cake Sale
Friday 15 th December	Bag2School Fundraising Textiles Collection

FOWPS NEWS

Sadly we have again had to turn down another fundraising opportunity (Woodcote Food Fair Refreshments) due to a lack of support. Please let's not let it happen to our Disco with DJ Ethan on Friday 10 November. If you can help on the night please sign up here: www.volunteersignup.org/DFAXH. Disco tickets cost £3.50 per child and can be bought here: www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-events

We are still looking for a parent representative from Reception and Year 2. The role will include liaising between the FOWPS committee and your class about school fundraising events and volunteering opportunities. We hope to encourage a two-way dialogue to enable parents to feedback ideas and comments. We need your help to support our children's education and the school community. Please sign up here: www.volunteersignup.org/TXPE3

Congratulations to our recent 100 Club Winners

July - Jo Colley
August - Mike & Jacky Ford
September - Amanda Lyons
October - Mike Hammer

Other News

Active communities – October half-term activities, flyer attached.

Cranford School – Free Community Festival of Sport as per the attached flyer.

St Leonard's Church is holding a fundraising fair on Saturday 4th November in Woodcote Village Hall from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and admission is free. All the traditional stalls will be there, if you have any donations please contact Janet Casson on 681483. Many thanks.

