

Newsletter

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Young Voices success!

It was a real pleasure to take 28 children from the choir to Birmingham's NEC on Monday for the amazing Young Voices experience. Check out the choir page and gallery on our website for further information. Harry B said, 'It was an excellent night. When thousands of children waved their mini torches around and the lights went down, it made it look like a huge starry sky!' Thank you to all our additional adults and helpers, Mrs Smith, Mrs Pearce, Mrs Massey and Mrs Knight, all of whom gave up their free time to help at this event. We hope we have given the children an experience they will remember for the rest of their lives!

'WELL DONE!' to the following pupils who received awards this week:

Acorns Class: Lily Reed and Brodie Bye

Chestnuts Class: Joshua Grey

Sycamores Class: Archie Golding

Willows Class: Warren Stiffle

Oaks Class: Grace Bishop

Reading star of the week: Oilly Hinton

Writing star of the week: George Moss

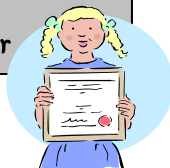
Maths star of the week: Leo Cubley

PE star of the week: Marley Cherry

Smartest dressed: Jamie Hawtin

Growth mindset: Gabriel Beale, Maddie Panting & George Belcher

Role-model of the week: Jess McStocker



Message from the Headteacher

Governor news: Theresa Collins, who has been on the governing body for many years and been part of many changes the school has undergone, has now left the governing body. Theresa has made a significant contribution to the life of our school and we will miss her expertise and support. But I am pleased to announce that, following on from the article asking for governors in last month's Dorn Free Press, Rachel Houghton has been successful in taking on a role as community governor. Many of you may know Rachel already as she used to be a parent at the school and has a very good understanding of education, working in the world of publishing. I hope she will enjoy playing a significant role in our school community.

Yesterday I met with the uniform committee who met three years ago with the aim of improving and smartening up the school uniform. This committee consists of a parent representative, a teacher representative, a governor representative and myself. This time we met to look at how our uniform now looks, what is working well and if there are any changes we want to make to improve things further. Miss Smith has also taken the views of our school council so that the children also have a say in any decisions made. Any changes will come into effect from September but in the meantime, please can you ensure that your child has black school shoes (no boots please) and if they wear tights, that they are grey, in line with our school uniform requirements.

Overall, we are very pleased with how smart and well presented the children are on a daily basis. Thank you. Finally, it is great to see so many children making the extra effort to walk on Fridays and, for many, parking in the village and walking from there. Keep it up!

NSPCC

The children in Oaks class (Y5/6) took part in a workshop on Wednesday afternoon about keeping safe. This was led by the NSPCC and we were also joined by our safeguarding governor, Mrs Tumman. Parents of Y5/6 children, please see the accompanying letter for further information about this.

200 club winners

Congratulations to Barbara Imbert, Rodney Benfield and Karyn Panting who each won £10 in January's 200 club.

Parents' evening

It was pleasing to see that every parent has made an appointment for this important event. We hope it was a useful way to engage with how well your child is achieving and progressing, as well as an opportunity to look at their work.

Extra Time Science club

The partnership primary schools have been asked by the organiser of this event to request that all parents take and collect children from the classroom itself please. Thank you.

Reminders for next week

Y1 class assembly: This is being held on Friday 10th February at 9.05am in the school hall. All parents, governors and members of the local community are welcome and we hope you will have time to stay on afterwards for refreshments.

Ball skills festival: This is for all of Willows class on Wednesday afternoon (8th Feb). Collection after the event will be from the Sports and Social club at 5.15pm.

FOMBS news - Auction of Promises

Put the date in your diary - Friday 24th February

This is taking place in the School Hall, doors open at 7.30pm and entry is free with complimentary chilli supper. Bidding starts at 8.15pm, see the attached list for the promises so far ...

This is not just open to school, please bring friends, neighbours, godparents, work colleagues, distant cousins to come and bid on our brilliant list of promises. If you want to reserve a table to be sure of a seat and sitting together – contact school on 340522.

We are still very much open to promises if you can offer a gift, a service and your time.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Netball tournament

Well done to all the Y5/6 children who represented our school with pride on Wednesday afternoon at the Chipping Norton partnership event. We came fourth and our sporting champions were chosen: Archie Street, Abigail Cubley, Jack Lomas and Natasha Denton.

Young Art

We are extending the deadline for this until 9am on Monday morning (6th Feb). If your child has not yet completed his/her piece on the theme of, 'The world around us', please do encourage him/her to participate. We would love to have some winners with their art work displayed at the Ashmolean in May.

Chinese New Year assembly

We have timetabled one assembly each half term to link in with our Global Learning theme and on Monday this focused on Chinese New Year. We looked at the twelve different animals represented and the personality traits associated with each - get your children to tell you more!

Able, Gifted and Talented artists

Well done to Ellie Garrod and Rosa Cavana from Y5 who represented our school at this partnership event on Monday afternoon. Rosa commented, 'We cut up different coloured birds from paper and displayed them so that it made it look as if they were flying out of the window. I thoroughly enjoyed it.'