

Newsletter

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KS2 Visit to Sheldonian

What an experience it was to visit the Sheldonian in Oxford today with the KS2 children for a classical concert.

Ellie, Y6 said, 'It was a very impressive concert because of all the different instruments and different styles of music.'

We were pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to our children.

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

Acorns Class Values Star: Darcey Grey

Chestnuts Class Values Star: Poppy Edgar

Sycamores Class Values Star: Tom Harris

Maples Class Values Star: Jamie Hawtin

Willows Class Values Star: Zac Donaghy

Oaks Class Values Star: Alana Galbraith

Reading star: Lily Webb

Writing star: Jess McStocker and Oscar Hague

Maths star: Ellie Newell and Izzy Phelps

PE star: Maizey Lemonius

Lunchtime star: Morgan Coggins

Best Class attendance: Sycamore class 98.4%

Role-model of the week: Jess McStocker



Message from the Headteacher

Richard Brown, parent governor, has completed his term of office and has decided to step down from the governing body at the end of this month. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his hard work and support. We will shortly be advertising for a new parent governor to replace him – watch this space!

I am pleased to let you know that we have three new community governors who are joining the governing body, all voted on by the current governors. Emma Merry, Alison Umney and Peter Wild have been welcomed and we look forward to benefitting from their expertise, knowledge and support. This week we have also appointed a new lunchtime supervisor. Diane Cubley has begun this week and we are pleased to welcome her to the team.

Please can we reiterate that it is really helpful for children in KS2 classes to come into the cloakroom area and classroom independently each morning. If there are important messages to be relayed, these can be sent via the office.

This avoids the cloakrooms becoming congested and means that staff can focus on beginning teaching and learning really promptly – thank you for your co-operation.

Stay and Play in Acorns!

We were delighted to welcome so many parents of FS children this afternoon to our second Stay and Play session. This time the focus was number games. The tea, cake and biscuits were popular too!

Open morning

Just a reminder that this is being held next Friday morning between 8.45 and 9.15am – all current parents/grandparents are welcome. We hope this will provide you with a good opportunity (between parents' evenings) to see your child's work in their books, as well as the lovely work on display in all the classrooms.

Year 2 class assembly

Well done to Sycamores class for a lovely class assembly this morning. The assembly showed us the great topic work that the children have taken part in and even involved some acting out of a race between the animals. The children hope that you have learned some new facts about the Chinese New Year too! Thank you, Miss Trafford and Mrs Mortimer, for planning and organising this event.

SATs information sessions for parents

If your child is in Y2 or Y6, please do come along to the briefing session being held by the respective class teachers in the classrooms on Thursday of next week. This is a chance to find out how best you can support your child at home in the build-up to these tests in May. The meetings will last about half-an-hour. Children are welcome too.

Daily Mile

We have had to cancel some of our recent daily sessions of this due to very wet weather making the track rather sodden and unsafe. But, we will be back on track soon (literally!).

Film night

Thanks to the wonderful FOMBS team for providing a lovely evening out for our KS2 pupils last weekend. As well as entertainment and snacks to enjoy, the film was much enjoyed and £266 was raised. Thank you to everyone who came along.

TA swap!

This week on Wednesday morning all our TAs had the opportunity to swap classes and spent the morning with a different year group. You may remember we organised a similar activity recently for our teachers and it provides a good professional development opportunity, whilst also giving staff a better understanding of effective practice across the whole school.

Science Bazaar!

This year Oxford Brookes University is celebrating 10 years of the Brookes Science Bazaar and inviting pupils and parents to celebrate with them! The Science Bazaar will take place at Headington Campus on Saturday 24 February from 10.00am to 4.30pm. This **free event** will be packed with exciting activities offering something for everyone, from fitness to healthy foods, building the highest spaghetti marshmallow tower and learning about your genes. Go to : <http://www.brookes.ac.uk/science-bazaar> to find out more....