

# Newsletter

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## New awards!

We are delighted to announce that we have this week received two new national awards. Firstly, the Silver Green Tree award for our commitment to outdoor learning. Secondly, the Fairactive award for our commitment to Global Learning. This is another accolade for our wonderful school! Thank you, Miss Smith, for your hard work with the applications and well done everyone!

## Message from the Headteacher

This week we were pleased to welcome Harry Lockett into our Y5 class. Harry has just moved into the local area and has settled in really well already. We hope you'll enjoy being part of our school community, Harry!

On Wednesday this week I attended some Artsmark training, along with our Art subject leader, Miss Bingham. We are now in the process of reapplying for this coveted award as it is three years since we last achieved it. We are proud of the quality of our arts provision (art, music, dance, drama) and will keep you informed of progress and developments with this.

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

**Acorns Class:** Harley Harrison

**Chestnuts Class:** Ellie Newell

**Sycamores Class:** Jamie Hawtin

**Willows Class:** George Belcher

**Oaks Class:** Sophie Jones

**Reading star of the week:** Phoebe Garrod

**Writing star of the week:** Tom Harris

**Maths star of the week:** Oscar Bye

**PE star of the week:** Ethan Burch

**Smartest dressed:** Eily Norris

**Growth mindset:** Afia Osei-Bempong

**Role-model of the week:** Emily Ridgway



### Y1 dance festival

Our Y1 children represented our school at this partnership event on Wednesday afternoon. The theme was Animals and the book around which the dance work was based was Commotion in the Ocean. 'It was fun' – Honey Harris, Y1

### KS2 production

The theatre have contacted us this week and asked if we can make our theatre hire days Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July, with our performances on the Thursday afternoon and evening. This is therefore a change from the dates given on the Parent planner at the start of the year. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. Further information about this exciting event which will involve Willows and Oaks classes will be provided within the next few weeks.

### Chipping Norton Music Festival update

Well done to our Y5/6 children in Oaks class who participated in this lovely singing event on Tuesday afternoon and evening. Thank you parents for coming to form our audience and a particular thanks to our parent helpers, Diane Cubley and Caroline Knight. Good luck to our pianists – Erin, Abigail and Emily- who are all performing in the piano class on Saturday. Break a leg, girls!

### Foundation Stage class assembly

Just a reminder that the FS class assembly is taking place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 9.05am. It is a special Mothers' Day assembly and all mums, dads, grandparents, governors and members of the community are welcome. We look forward to welcoming you.

### Fairtrade total

The final amount raised from our Fairtrade cake sale last week was £207. This will go towards the Fairtrade foundation. Thank you, School Council, for organising this.

Able, Gifted and Talented Science  
Well done to Ronnie Harris and Florence Pearce who represented our school at this partnership event on Monday. Ronnie said, 'We did lots of experiments including looking at particles in pondwater and how diseases get spread.'

### Red Nose Day

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, as well as our FS class assembly, it is Red Nose Day. Children can pay £1 to wear a red item of clothing and a red nose (if they have one) to support the Red Nose Day appeal.

Well done to Nathan and Afia Osei-Bempong who are helping to raise money for this important cause by making a comedy video with lots of other children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQPNZdOp2mQ&feature=youtu.be>

Go to

[www.justgiving.com/cantstopthefeelingforrednoseday](http://www.justgiving.com/cantstopthefeelingforrednoseday)

to help support them. Thank you.

### Marathon update

Now that the weather is getting warmer (we hope!), we are looking forward to increasing our marathon totals. You may be interested to know that the number of miles completed by each class was as follows at the start of this week:

- Acorns: 1.3 miles
- Chestnuts: 143.2 miles
- Sycamores: 1117.3 miles
- Willows: 371 miles
- Oaks 240.8 miles

This is impressive – well done to you all!

### Eco site update

Components for our forthcoming eco site are now beginning to arrive and with work due to start next month, it's getting exciting! We will keep you posted...

### FOMBS bike ride

On Sunday 2nd April from 10.30 am there will be a bike ride followed by a barbeque. There are three routes depending on your ability, all starting and finishing at the school grounds. Entry costs £5 per person or £10 per family. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please do join us!

### 200 club winners

The latest winners of the 200 club for February are Emma Belcher, Caroline Knight and Jo Ilott. Congratulations to you all and thank you to all our contributors to this ongoing fundraiser.

### Foot First Friday

It is great to see so many families making a real effort to walk to school on Fridays. Keep it up everyone – certificates to come at the end of term! Thank you PLT for leading and organising this initiative.

### Farm visit for Foundation Stage

Yesterday FS children enjoyed a visit to Mr Goffe's farm and were able to have the wonderful experience of actually seeing a lamb being born! Thank you Mrs Cox for organising this lovely outing and to Perry Knight for accompanying the class as a parent helper.

### Our Bus Bartons

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm there will be a public consultation meeting at Middle Barton Sports and Social Club to review progress and discuss proposed changes and new routes for a revised timetable. All are welcome.

### TLC day

Just some advance notice that, as stated on the Parent Planner, we will be holding our annual TLC day on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Please do keep the afternoon free to come along and lend a hand, making our buildings and grounds spick and span!

### Y2 visitor

We love to make use of local expertise and knowledge to enhance the curriculum and bring it to life for the children. On Wednesday of this week Xenia Raft came to talk about African animals (she is from Zimbabwe) which links to the topic of Senational Safaris. Thank you, Xenia!