

Newsletter

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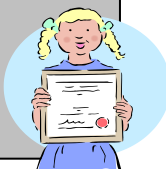
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European Languages Day

It was great to mark this cultural occasion today. We saw a sea of colours with each class' outfits representing different European countries' flags. In addition, the children enjoyed a range of food in the form of a continental breakfast. It was also good to see such a wide range of games and activities going on throughout the day. Get your children to tell you more! Particular thanks to Mrs Pearce who organised the day, as well as to our language experts who gave up their time to help. These included Evy Guichon (au pair to Imogen), Wendy Denby (mum to Lizzie and Jonathan), Liz Street (grandmother of Erin D), as well as the many Y6 pupils, who planned and led mini language sessions for classes to enjoy. Thank you all for sharing your expertise!

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

Acorns Class Values Star: Juno Merry
Chestnuts Class Values Star: Harrie Peedell
Sycamores Class Values Star: Modge Knight
Maples Class Values Star: Ollie Wallace
Willows Class Values Star: Taylor Hogan
Oaks Class Values Star: Sophie Jones
Reading star: Isabel Higgs
Writing star: Matilda Coates
Maths star: Reuben Smith
PE star: Gabbie Peedell
Lunchtime star: Imogen McKeown
Best Class attendance: Oaks Class
Role-model of the week: Jess McStocker



Message from the Headteacher

The RLT consultation period has now ended. Thank you again to those of you who attended one of the consultation meetings. We will be adding a consultation summary document to the webpage over the next few weeks and will keep you informed in due course about our next steps.

Is anyone interested in a lunchtime supervisor role from after half-term for between 3 to 5 days a week? If so, please enquire in the school office.

Our harvest festival is being held on Wednesday 18th October at 9.05am. All are welcome to come along! Please can your child bring one small item of produce. All the produce will then be collected and sent to Leonard Cheshire Home in Banbury.

Now that the weather is becoming colder the healthy snack bar on Fridays will be serving pots of fresh fruit (still at the same cost of 50p), rather than frozen smoothies. It is lovely to see the children enjoying the snack bar each week.

The closing date for secondary school applications is 31st October. Don't forget to complete your online application if your child is in Y6. For Y6 parents, please see the separate email regarding transport arrangements.

Please can all photo orders be in by 9am on Monday 9th October? Thank you.

Finally, does your child love singing? Would he/she enjoy spending the first two days of the Christmas holidays singing at Magdalen College in Oxford? For further information please go to <http://www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk/>

Choir at harvest service

Well done to all the choir children who took part in last weekend's service at Westcote Barton Church – the children received many compliments for their singing – and deservedly so!

Cake Sales galore!

Thanks to your kindness, we managed to raise £225 for the Macmillan cake sale.

We will be holding another cake sale on Friday 13th October (changed from Thursday 19th October) which will be run by FOMBS and held in the school hall straight after school. There will also be books for sale. All donations of cakes and books in good condition will be most welcomed – thank you!

Phonics talk

We do hope this talk aimed at Y1 and Y2 parents on Monday afternoon was a really helpful way of finding out what is expected in the Y1 statutory phonics test in June and how to best support your child at home. Thank you for attending - this support really does make all the difference!

Christmas poster

In assembly on Monday we welcomed visitors, Kate Carter-Windall and Trish Giles from the Parish Council to talk about a local Christmas poster competition. They would like to encourage any children who would like to enter to design a Christmas poster (A4, in colour, no text - picture only). The winner will be given the important job of lighting the Christmas tree in the village on the evening of Saturday 25th November. All entries must be returned to school by Monday 30th October at 9am latest so it makes an ideal half-term holiday project. Thank you and we look forward to seeing the entries!

PLT update

We are looking forward to hearing the presentations of the final ten shortlisted applicants in the whole school assembly on Monday next week, as well as welcoming Mr Duffy and his head girl and boy and Pupil Voice governor, Rachel Houghton, to be part of that process. If your child is one of these ten children, please can he/she bring his/her Powerpoint presentation (if he/she intends to present in this way) on a memory stick at 8.30am on Monday, so that we can amalgamate the presentations on to one memory stick. Thank you and watch this space!!

Parent Forum

Our first Parent Forum this year is being led by maths subject leader, Alex Bingham, on Wednesday 18th October at 6.30pm. This is a chance to find out the strategies we use to teach maths right across our school. Come along to enjoy a glass of wine and find out more!

INSET day

Just to remind you that there will be a staff training day on Friday 20th October - the teachers are spending the day in London at a 'Values based Education' conference. The children break up for half-term on Thursday 19th October.

Football tournament

Well done to Abi, Tash, Florence, Bella, Rosa, Emily, Ellie, Harry B, Harry L, Harry H, Tyler, Charlie, Zac and Nathan who represented our school at the first partnership tournament of this academic year and a particular well done to the boys group who came third! A particular well done to our sporting champions - Rosa, Harry L, Charlie and Tash!