

Newsletter

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Visit from Mr Courts

Today we welcomed the Conservative candidate, Robert Courts, who visited our school almost three years ago. He was given a tour by the PLT and the KS2 School Council members and he seemed extremely impressed with the wonderful positive atmosphere and by the exciting range of learning opportunities going on in our school. He talked in our celebration assembly about his role and how important it is to have a growth mindset in order to be able to achieve your dreams. Some of the children posed questions for him which included 'Why are you making so many cuts to education?' (Maddie, Y4) and 'Do you think it is a good idea to leave the EU?' (Sophie, Y5). We were very interested in his responses! Do get your children to tell you more!

Message from the Headteacher

This week I have been lucky enough to see a whole series of maths lessons across the school with Mrs Smith, the maths subject leader. It is really pleasing to see such consistently high quality teaching and learning going on in school and the children's engagement and enthusiasm for this important area of the curriculum.

Next week is a significant week for our Y6 children as they sit the national tests, the SATs. Please could you make sure that your child gets plenty of sleep, eats a good breakfast and arrives at school punctually in order to give their best. Thank you and we wish all eight of them good luck!

We are delighted to announce that this week we successfully appointed a new teacher, Miss Amy Reynolds, to join our strong and capable staff team from September. The interview panel, which consisted of staff and governors were unanimously agreed that she will be perfect for our school.

Details of specific staff and year groups will follow at the start of next month.

We have just sent off our application to renew our Artsmark status. This is awarded to schools who successfully demonstrate excellent provision of the arts (art, music, dance, drama).

We will keep you posted!

Finally, well done to Modge (Y1), Tom (Y1) and Finley (Y3) who have all achieved half marathons!

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

Acorns Class: Theo Claridge

Chestnuts Class: Hayley Kaye

Sycamores Class: Ollie Wallace

Willows Class: Gabriel Beale

Oaks Class: Charlie Hawtin

Reading star of the week: Harry Bishop

Writing star of the week: Jasmine Fraser

Maths star of the week: Ella-Rose Shorley

PE star of the week: Summer Harrison

Smartest dressed: Joshua Grey

Growth mindset: Jess McStocker

Role-model of the week: Lily Ilott



Global Learning Day

We are holding this next Friday (12th). Your child can come to school in outdoor/old clothing on Friday because many of the activities are practical and involve being outdoors. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather too!

Singup afternoon

We were pleased to hold our annual Singup afternoon today which is a great way for the children to enjoy the benefits of singing (four different songs over the course of the afternoon, then a performance of each as a finale) in mixed age groups. See if your children can remember the songs to teach you too!

Parent Forum

We were pleased to welcome many parents for our Parent Forum last night. Values are an integral and such an important part of school life and it was a great way for us to be able to share how we are developing these in our children. Thank you for your support and positive contributions.

Barton Bake Off

We are delighted to be offering this opportunity for our Y5 children once again. Please see the accompanying letter if your child is in Y5. This year our 'Mary Berry' judge will be Deborah Bailey. With 22 children in our Y5 cohort, she could be sampling quite a lot of cakes!

FOMBS update

Don't forget our FOMBS film night for Y1 and Y2 tonight at 5.15pm, now being held in the Y5/6 classroom. Also, just a reminder that the plant and cake sale will be taking place on Friday 19th May – all donations will be most welcome!

TLC day on Sunday!

Don't forget to spare us an hour or two on Sunday afternoon between 2 and 5pm. Refreshments will be provided! We have a whole list of jobs to be undertaken to give our school and its grounds a good spring clean. Please ring or email the office to be allocated a job and to know if any tools are required. Thank you

Modern Foreign Languages Festival

It was great to take our Y4 children out of school on Wednesday afternoon to participate in this partnership event. Henry Roberts-Gant said, 'It was very interesting and we got to taste some different cheeses'.

Dorchester Abbey tickets

If your child is in the choir and going to Dorchester Abbey, just a reminder that all ticket requests must be in by Monday 8th May at 9am. Thank you.

Science day – change of date

We have decided to change the date of this (Friday 16th June was already very busy!) to Monday 17th July. We would love to use any local expertise so if you think you could help, please don't hesitate to contact Miss Trafford, through the school office. Thank you.

Creative writing club at CNS

Chipping Norton Partnership are offering this popular club to Y4 and Y5 children in the partnership schools in June. If your child is interested and enthusiastic about writing, do fill in the attached form and send off to secure a place for him/her. We look forward to having Middle Barton School well represented.

Pupil Leadership Team at conference

The date of this conference has changed from the end of May to Thursday 22nd June. We are hoping that the children will be involved in the first part of the morning so will keep you informed with details and timings, once we know more.

Illustrator at local libraries

Just to let you know that illustrator, Clive Goddard, will be running cartoon workshops at several Oxfordshire libraries over the next few months. Please do go along if you are interested....

Goring Library 20 May at 10am
Hook Norton Library 2 June 2:30pm
Witney Library 27 July 10:30am
Chipping Norton Library 3 Aug 2pm
Didcot Library 9 Aug 2pm
Witney Library 24 Aug 10:30am (8+ writing workshop)
Carterton Library 26 Aug 10:30am

200 club winners

Well done to Lynne Benfield, Nynka Arthur and Geraldine Pouget who are all winners of the 200 club for April.

Charity cycle ride

Annabel McKeown writes:

'Matt, Simon, Peter and I are cycling 66 miles this coming Saturday, to raise money for Spinal Muscular Atrophy research. We are looking forward to cycling through the beautiful Warwickshire and Oxfordshire countryside, and (in particular!) seeing Lily and our families at the finish line. Much of the research into SMA is carried out by a great team in Oxford. The Sleep and Ventilation team I lead (at the Churchill Hospital) works closely with them looking after patients with weakness of their breathing muscles. If you feel able, we'd really appreciate any support you might feel able to offer, to encourage us to pedal harder and support the benefits the research

work brings. <http://www.justgiving.com/BartonScorpionRide2017>.

Here's a link to some background about the research...'

<http://www.smatrust.org/research/funding-world-class-research/>.

Erin's music success

Well done to Erin Massey in Y5 who has gained a merit in her Grade 1 piano exam. All that hard work paid off, Erin - well done! Thank you, Mr Paine, who teaches Erin and who entered her for the exam.

Birthday treats

Just to remind everyone that only fresh fruit, dried fruit or vegetables are to be provided for birthday treats for the class - no biscuits, cakes, sweets, chocolate or such like. It is lovely to mark the children's birthdays with them but in a way which remains true to our 'Healthy Schools' status! Thank you for your co-operation.