

Weekly Newsletter: **Friday 10th July**

Current Topic: **'Goodbye'** Current Value: **Teamwork**



Attendance Award— Classes with the highest attendance this week are:

- EYFS — Ducklings 95%
- KS1— Parrots 96%
- LKS2— Doves 98%
- UPKS2— Peacocks 94%

End of Week House points totals:

- Spitfire — 140
- Lancaster — 253
- Hurricane — 191
- Wellington — 269

Tea Party Guests

These children have attended this weeks value tea party:
 Grayson (Ducklings) Althea (Ducklings) George (Parrots) Bella (Parrots) Bertie (Ducklings) Olivia K (Doves)

Stars of the Week



An update from Mrs Anstee

Reports and new class allocations have been shared today! This is always an exciting time of year—a chance to reflect on everything the children have achieved over the past year while also looking ahead to the opportunities and challenges that a new school year will bring.



It is also an exciting time for our staff. From September, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Wilkes as an apprentice teacher. Mrs Wilkes, who is currently a Teaching Assistant at our school, has worked incredibly hard over the last few years to complete her Education degree alongside her role with us. We are so proud of everything she has achieved.

As she takes the next step on her journey towards becoming a qualified teacher, Mrs Wilkes will join Mrs Jones in teaching Peacocks Class. She will also spend some time teaching in Doves Class to broaden her experience across different year groups.

We wish Mrs Wilkes every success in this exciting new chapter. We feel incredibly fortunate that she will continue to be part of our school community as she develops her skills and grows in her teaching career.

An update from Mrs Gardner

As children prepare to move into their new classes, we know that changes in routines, classrooms and adults can bring a mixture of excitement and uncertainty. To help make this transition as smooth and positive as possible, we have created a range of personalised transition documents to support children over the coming weeks.



These resources include photographs of new classrooms, key adults and familiar areas around the school, along with simple information about what children can expect in September. Many children have also already begun spending time with their new teachers and support staff, helping them to build familiar relationships before the summer holidays.

The transition documents will be shared with families through ClassDojo and can be revisited over the summer break if your child would benefit from looking through them again. We hope these resources provide reassurance, encourage positive conversations at home, and help every child feel confident and ready for the exciting start to the new school year.

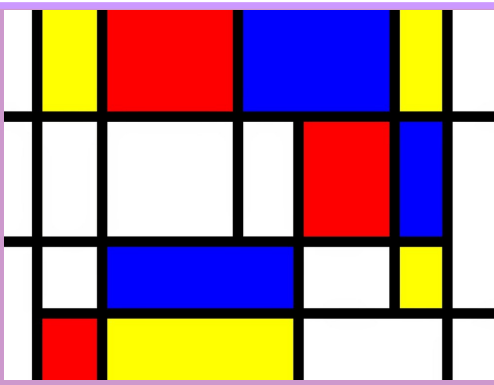
An update from Mrs Summers

The last Mingle in The Mess of this academic year will be held next Wednesday from 8.35. I hope to see lots of you there to catch up before the summer holidays. I would like to thank everyone that has attended this year, I am always grateful for your time. I genuinely love getting to know you all a bit better.



As usual younger siblings are welcome. We have plenty of toys to keep them entertained and they can help us eat the cake. For those that can't make next week, I look forward to welcoming you back when we return in September.

EYFS



A very exciting and rather warm week in EYFS! This week we have enjoyed Art Week, looking at some famous artists and their work. We started with Mondrian who likes to draw big straight lines and use bright colours to fill in the shapes. We used our rulers to draw careful lines and felt

tips to colour in the squares and rectangles. Another artist we looked at is Kandinsky. He likes circles best. We used our scissor skills to cut out lots of circles of different sizes to make some art. When it was Van Gogh's turn we tried observational drawing by looking at some sunflowers and using the oil pastels and watercolours to have a go at creating our own sunflower pictures. We finished the week with some Pop Art inspired by Andy Warhol. We used paint and glitter to make images of ice creams and ice lollies. They all look great!

As well as all the art we have worked as teams in PE, explored a lot of water play to try and keep as cool as possible and focussed on doubles and patterns in number. We tried some meditating to try and calm and cool down and have continued to enjoy our daily corefulness sessions.

Year 1 and 2

This week, we have been busy planning and writing letters to introduce ourselves to our new teachers, even if they will be staying the same next year. It has been wonderful to read about the children's favourite moments from the year, the subjects they have most enjoyed, and what they are looking forward to in the future.

In maths, we have been learning to tell the time using analogue clocks, identifying o'clock and half past. Our Year 2 children have also been challenging themselves by telling the time to the nearest five minutes.

In science, we had great fun investigating paper flowers and timing how quickly they unfolded in water. We even used stopwatches to make our investigation as scientific as possible!

PE has been full of exciting team games, including kickball, rounders and benchball in the hall, with the children showing great teamwork and enthusiasm.

The children have been very excited to find out about their new classes, and we are confident they will all settle in happily and continue to thrive next year.



Year 3 and 4

This week in LKS2 has been another busy and brilliant one! In Geography, we compared England to North America by learning all about the main host cities of the World Cup. We located the cities on a map and explored their human and physical features, thinking carefully about what makes each place unique.

In Maths, we have been learning all about Roman numerals, exploring where we might see them in everyday life and even solving equations using them. We then put this learning into action with an orienteering task, where we identified control marker numbers and worked out what they meant as Roman numerals... brilliant team work all round!



In Writing, we started writing a letter to our new teacher, thinking about how to use fronted adverbials to make our sentences more interesting and varied.

In PE, we practised dribbling with a football, moving the ball between cones and trying our best to pass whilst on the move. We can't wait to start learning how to tackle and defend the ball with our new skills!



Finally, in Time to Talk, we began learning all about money, how we use it, where we use it, when we use it, and the different methods of payment available to us. We even played games to help us understand the value of money.

A fantastic week of learning. Well done, LKS2!

Year 5 and 6

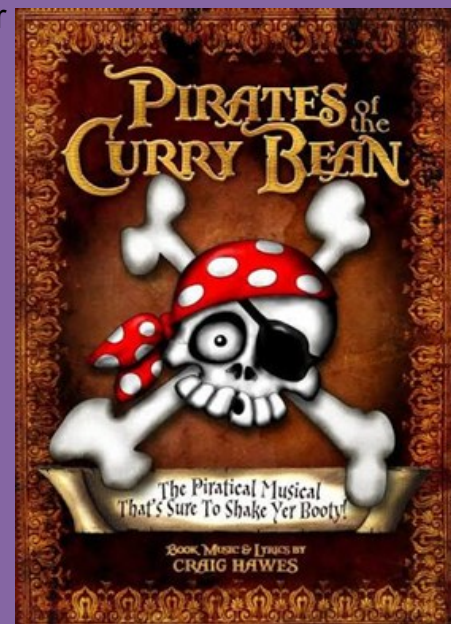
Wow, what an incredibly memorable week we've had in UKS2. The Year 6 children gave three amazing performances of Pirates of the Curry Bean, one to the school and two to families and friends. The support with the singing from Year 5 elevated the play and the whole show was a great success. We are so proud of the children for learning their lines and delivering them with confidence; the stage presence created by the children fully embracing their characters and working so hard with actions. Well done to you all.

In English, we have been looking at formal letters, identifying key phrases and vocabulary to include in our letters to our teacher in September. We have started to plan and write the letters and Year 6 children have been writing letters to the new children starting in EYFS.

In Maths, we have been learning about Ration and Proportion using bar models and tables to solve the problems. The questions have been based around recipes and how to use the original amounts to solve problems of greater quantities. This has involved multiplying and dividing.

In Geography, the children have been creating double-page spreads based on everything they have learned about Ireland and the United States of America, and in History the children have been completing their waterfall booklets about the Titanic. Please do ask them about their topic work and all they have learned.

Toucans have had another excellent guitar lesson where they have been reading music, rests and following different rhythm patterns. Some children volunteered to play to their peers and did really well. Their focus and effort every week are excellent. Well done.



Dates For The Diary

Tuesday 14th July — Transition Day Into New Classes — PM

Wednesday 15th July — Mingle In The Mess 8:35-9:30am

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Thursday 16th July — Leavers Assembly 2:30pm

Friday 17th July — iRock Concert — Parents Of iRockers to Watch

Friday 17th July — End of Term — Finish 1:30pm



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IS BACK!



FROM NEXT FRIDAY
(12TH JUNE)



AFTER SCHOOL
ON THE PLAYGROUND

50p

50p



RUN BY THE **GSA**

ALL PROCEEDS GO
BACK TO THE SCHOOL

Thank you for your support! 😊



Hello!

We're excited to announce a **LAST MINUTE Pop-up in Lechlade - this Saturday 11th July!**

This will be our last one until after the summer holidays.

✨ A perfect chance to get some beautiful family photographs.

We will be setting up our Pop-Up studio in Clarke Room, Lechlade Memorial Hall.

If you'd like to book in or find out more, just follow this link:

<https://BookFamilySession.as.me/?calendarID=2683242>

We look forward to seeing you!

Lisa & Gemma

Love Kids Photography

Mandy's Last Ever Hedgehog Club Activity Days



Summer Holiday Activity Days

There are still spaces on: 12th, 13th and 21st August.

These are full days for children aged 5 -11 years old. 9.30am to 3.30pm with an early drop off/late pick available.

Full days of learning new skills, nature connection and campfire cooking.

£41 for a day, takes place at Hailey Wood near Witney. Or £51 for early drop off from 8.30am and pick up 5pm.

There are only a few spaces left, all the other days are now sold out!

I'm sorry but I am unable to accept Child Care vouchers.

Check the website for all the details and to book your places. www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk

Any questions contact Mandy on thehedgehogclub123@gmail.com

Hope to see you in the woods this summer.



Carterton Library: Summer Events Calendar

Fun with Fossils with the Oxford University Museum of Natural History

Friday 31st July at 11am to 12pm

Travels with the Sweet Zombie Horse

Monday 3rd August at 2pm to 3pm

Abingdon & District Model Railway Display

Friday 7th and Saturday 8th

Francesca Gibbons Author Visit

Monday 10th August at 11am to 12pm*

Read to the Beat: Creative Writing Workshop with Juli Frances Taylor

Thursday 13th August at 10:30am to 11:30am*

Witney Model & Collectors Club

Saturday 22nd August at 9:30am to 12pm

Lego Robots with RAF STEM Ambassadors

Tuesday 25th August at 10am to 12pm*

***Please note these sessions require booking. Call 01865 815125 or pop in to book.**





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SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP

AGES 5-15

21ST JULY - 23RD JULY

28TH JULY - 30TH JULY

11TH AUGUST - 13TH AUGUST


18TH AUGUST - 20TH AUGUST


9:00AM-1:00/3:00PM

LOCATION: CHALGROVE VILLAGE HALL
(ASTRO TURF)
BARONSHURST DRIVE, CHALGROVE, OX44 7TE

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