

DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 22nd September 2023

Headteacher's Thoughts

The first group of our Year 6 children had their Bikeability sessions this week, you may have seen them around the village particularly in the heavy rain shower and wind they experienced on day 1 – I think they are ready for anything now! Look out for group two next week. Today is the turn of the Year 5 group as well as our beginners group.

On Tuesday, Year 4 headed back in time as they journeyed to Lunt Roman Fort near Coventry a chance for them to experience the life of a Roman soldier. It sounded a great visit and I know Mr Mahony and Mrs Newcombe were impressed with their attitude and behaviour. Look out for some of the photos below.

On the 5th October, we will be having our Harvest Festival in the church. As part of our Harvest giving, we will be collecting food once again for the Witney Food Bank. The children can bring this on the day. The goods on the shopping list this year include

*** baked beans, * tinned tomatoes, * tinned pasta, * tinned meat ***
or any other non-perishable food items that are still in date.

Social media, Whatsapp etc. are wonderful tools for communication – however, I would remind everyone not to include details or comments about other children in any messages as several comments over recent years caused great distress and worry to families. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Respect

We will be learning about respect for people because you admire something about them, respect for other people's feelings, wishes and rights as well as respect for the environment. We will learn that we can't expect to be respected unless we show respect.

'So, whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them'.

Matthew 7:12

Future Diary Dates.

Tuesday 26th September – Flu Vaccinations
 27th/28th September Y6 Bikeability
 29th September Y5 and new learners Bikeability
 Thursday 5th October – Harvest Service in Church
 Tuesday 10th October – Y5 Viking Day
 Wednesday 11th October – Y3 Anglo-Saxon Day
 Thursday 12th October – Y1-Y6 Art Day
 Tuesday 17th/ Wednesday 18th October – Parents Evenings
 October Half Term – 23rd October – 27th October
 Monday 30th October – INSET day.

Achievements Assembly

A big well done to the children mentioned in our achievement assembly this week.

Cygnets:	Toby Bosworth
Ducklings	Elise Bishop, Toby Cross
Owls:	Miles Buckland, Rosie Dickinson
Mandarins:	Ariana Cook, Leah Terry-Jackson
Eagles:	Ted Mercer, Theo Baldwin, Ellis Moore
Robins:	Mia Castle
Kingfishers:	Oliver Dickinson, Felix Harris
Red Kites:	Avash Rahmani, Rosie Oxspring

Around the School

Year 4 – Roman Fort trip

On Tuesday 19th September, Year 4 went to Lunt Roman Fort in Coventry. When we arrived, we were greeted by a Roman soldier and asked for the password 'Posca', before being allowed to enter.

The first thing we had to do was learn how to march. We learnt that as Roman soldiers we had to march to the beat of shouting 'SIN', 'DEX' (left and right). Once we became scary enough to enter the granary, we sat down and readied our self for some facts and information all about the fort and soldiers.

Some of our favourite facts, that we learnt were ...

- They cleaned themselves after visiting the toilet with a sponge, which they had to share between 8 of them (but luckily, they did clean the sponge with vinegar. Not gravy as Ben suggested)
- They used fish sauce to flavour their food.
- The longest ancient Roman war lasted for 10 years, and it was against each other.
- Their forts were protected by thorns, stinging nettles, 4-sided spikes and ankle breaker moats.
- We learnt about their different weapons, and found out that a javelin was excellent for breaking through shields and could even go through 7 people at one time.

We loved the trip so much; the journey back was filled with talking about the great new facts we have learnt. We can't wait to use them in our history books.



Gloucester Rugby sessions

For the past two weeks, we have been lucky enough to have Gloucester rugby come and provide us with some rugby coaching. We have been training, trying to improve, our passing, running with the ball and evasion skills. For some of us, it has been harder than we first thought it would be! We are hoping that for the next four sessions up until half term, the weather will be better to go out in!



Reception have had an excellent start to the term and have thoroughly enjoyed seeing all of their friends and forming new friendships after the holiday. They have been involved in various activities whilst learning to explore and take turns, sharing the resources inside and outside. Here are just a few photos.





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on the autistic spectrum**

Please come and join us on the
last Friday of the month
(term time only)
for a friendly cuppa and chat.

All families welcome, with or
without a diagnosis.

Welcome Church, High St,
Witney OX28 6HL

10am - 12noon

If you have any questions,
please email
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Upcoming dates: Friday 30th June and Friday 29th September