



# DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Headteacher's Thoughts

We have reached the end of the first half term of the academic year with its total contrast in weather – which made us ask the question ‘should the heating be on?’ The children have settled well into their new routines and managed all the bugs that seem to be going around at the moment.

As part of our new after-school options, we have had yoga sessions on a Wednesday in the hall, (some of you may have seen this before your parents’ evening), I have attached a flyer at the end of the newsletter, if your child would like to take part after half term.

On Monday, it was ‘Re-start a Heart Day’ – Year 5 were lucky to receive their training from Mr Schoeman and it was wonderful to hear them remembering the different steps during our celebration assembly this morning.

**PE Kits.** As the weather is getting colder, it would be great for the children to have joggers, socks and a warm layer in their PE kits. Also to remind everyone that PE kits need to be in school each week. Thanks

**Christmas Shoeboxes** It is that time of year again, when we have the opportunity to complete a shoebox full of toys and treats to help those in need. This is early information as you will receive the leaflet after school, there will also be some spare wrapped boxes in school should you not have one at home. Please follow the [link](#) for more information. The boxes will be collected on the 14<sup>th</sup> November

We are planning our open morning to welcome prospective parents of children who will start school in September 2024 to come and look around our wonderful school – if you know any parents that would like to attend, please can you share the poster at the end of this newsletter – thank you.

I hope you have a relaxing half term next week and I look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

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.

October Half Term – 23<sup>rd</sup> October – 27<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – INSET day

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Individual school

Photographs

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – 3:30pm Y6 SATs information session

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – School Open Day

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 Viking Day

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Y3 Anglo-Saxon Day

## Achievements Assembly

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

<b>Ducklings</b>	The whole class for their visit to church
<b>Owls:</b>	Ethan Rogers, Seb Kinch
<b>Mandarins:</b>	The whole class for learning their French story
<b>Eagles:</b>	Ibbie Wright
<b>Robins:</b>	Boyde Broome, Harrison Rogers
<b>Kingfishers:</b>	Gillon James
<b>Red Kites:</b>	Poppy Brooks, Deya Mccay

## Around the School

Reception and Year 5 have been working together in PE. As you can see from the photographs, the Year 5 children supported the younger children with the activities, encouraging them to complete the task. Thank you Year 5.





### Memories of the Oxford Brookes Art Day.

You will remember our visit to Oxford Brookes last week to take part in the Art Day, here are some comments and feedback from the children, which was sent to the college.

*'I loved yesterday, in the morning we played with some instruments and then we drew the sound. I thought that bit was really fun. I had an amazing day, all the teachers were very kind and cheerful.'*

*'I had a brilliant day doing all the arty things. I had a wonderful teacher who helped me, particularly when I did the clay. It was extremely tricky but my teacher was there supporting me through it. I suggest next time you could say more about yourselves because I really wanted to know a bit more about them.'*

*'I really enjoyed the clay. I liked how smooth the clay was.'*

*'I thought the teachers were really helpful, kind and encouraging. I had an amazing experience'*

*'I enjoyed it so much. It was very good. I loved it so much. It was super. It was amazing.'*

**Reception** enjoyed their visit to the church looking at and learning about different features. We would like to say a big thank you to all the adults that showed us around and taught us lots of things. We really enjoyed listening to a story as well.





## Reception Places for September 2024

Was your child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020? If so, you need to apply for a reception place by 15 January 2024 even if your child is currently in a nursery within a school setting.

**Please come and visit our school on  
Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Come and see the challenging and innovative learning experiences we offer at Ducklington CE Primary School.

Starting school is an exciting time and we believe in creating strong partnerships with parents to give your child the best education possible. With your help, we can ensure your child flourishes and reaches their full potential.

At Ducklington we recognise children as independent learners and place them at the heart of the learning process. We deliver the curriculum through a well-planned play-based approach, fully considering individual strengths, interests and developmental needs.

We are offering two drop-in times

**9.30am - 11.30am**

**&**


**1.00pm - 2.30pm**

*Children welcome*

For more information on how to apply for your child's place in a Primary School please visit:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/starting-school/infant-and-primary-school>


Details of the Yoga after school sessions.



## Kidd's YOGA Academy

Wednesdays 3.20pm - 4.20pm  
01 Nov - 06 Dec

Ducklington Primary School



Yoga sessions for children ages 4-11:

- Stretch and strengthen
- Build confidence
- Learn breathwork and meditation techniques
- Practice mindfulness to support mental well-being
- Have fun!

£30 (for 6 session half term block)

For more information, or to book, please email:  
[natalie.meylan001@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.meylan001@gmail.com)

## HALF TERM TENNIS COURSE

EXCEL Tennis Academy

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Witney Lawn Tennis Club

**Half Day:**  
09:00 - 12:00 £135  
or 12:30 - 15:30 £135

**Full Day (ages 6 - 16):**  
09:00 - 15:30 £243

**Short Course (ages 4 - 7):**  
9:00 - 11:00 or 12:30 - 14:30 £90

**Individual Day Bookings Available:**  
Half Day or Full Day  
£36 £65

**Ages 4 - 16**

Childcare Vouchers Accepted!

[info@exceltennis.co.uk](mailto:info@exceltennis.co.uk)  
[www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk](http://www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk)



## INFLATABLE FOOTBALL FUN

OCTOBER & CHRISTMAS HALF TERMS! AGES 4-12

Ducklington Sports Club, Aston Road,  
Ducklington, OX29 7US

**Dates:** Tues 24th - Thurs 26th October 2023  
Weds 20th - Fri 22nd December 2023

Bodicote Village Hall & Fields, White Post Rd,  
Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4BN

**Dates:** Weds 25th - Fri 27th October 2023  
Weds 20th - Fri 22nd December 2023

**Time:** 9.30am to 2.30pm  
(drop off as early as 9am, pick up to 3pm)

**Cost: £20/day or book all 3 days for £45!**

To register your child, please go to  
[www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids](http://www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids)

All of our programmes are based around having lots of fun. No lines, drills or running around cones, instead games where all kids have a ball and are learning basic skills of football whilst having big smiles on their faces. Max 10 participants everyday. Coaches are qualified and DBS checked and are big kids at heart!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT**

[www.footykids.org](http://www.footykids.org) [tomspeers@footykids.org](mailto:tomspeers@footykids.org) [Footykids](https://www.facebook.com/Footykids)  
or call and speak to Tom on 07940 070 088

