



DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 19th January 2024

Headteacher's Thoughts

It was certainly a change of temperature this week, being our usual expectation for January. Although I notice the temperature increases by 10 degrees next week, another reminder to please make sure we have our coats, hats and gloves with us as we always try to get outside during our break times.

This week, we had the excitement of auditions for the forthcoming talent show, I know the staff leading the auditions were extremely impressed with the range of talents across the school and the confidence of the performers in front of a small audience. Well done to all those who auditions and I look forward to the talent show in a couple of weeks.

Today, is Odd Sock Day organised by Year 2 to help raise money for the Oxtrail – it was great to see the variety of colour (at times when socks are revealed). Thank you to all who contributed. You can still donate through ParentPay if you missed the opportunity.

Near the end of the newsletter is a poster for the forthcoming FODS disco on 2nd February with all the information needed to buy your tickets. This is always an exciting event and a chance to dance the night away (well for the allotted time).

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Perseverance

We will be thinking about its meaning to keep trying even when the going gets tough. The children will be encouraged to have self-belief in order to keep on going and to speak out for what they believe is right. They will also reflect upon God's persevering love.

*Jesus said: 'Ask, and you will receive. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened for you'.
(Matthew 7:7).*

Future Diary Dates.

Wednesday 24th January – Y4 visit to Sulgrave Manor

Thursday 25th January – Y2 Lego Morning –
Corinthian Partnership at Cokethorpe

Friday 26th January – Y6 IMPS training

Wednesday 31st January – Talent Show

Friday 2nd February – FODS Disco (details below)

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February – HALF TERM

Monday 19th February – 3:30pm Pioneer Information Evening Y6

Achievements Assembly

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

Ducklings	Noah Reed, Kai Fisher
Owls:	Ben Wilton-Powell
Mandarins:	Leah Terry-Jackson, Blake Fitzpatrick
Eagles:	Harry Aust, Kaylem Bishop
Robins:	Elliot Dunsby, Noah Greenall
Kingfishers:	Ollie Spolander, Alexea Timms, Elena Bakhandeh
Red Kites:	Benjamin Almgill, Olivia Mason, Emma Green

Around the school

Year 2

At the end of last term Years 1 and 2 performed the Christmas Story in church. The children had written the story in their own words and spoke confidently and clearly. They were brilliant!



This week, despite the cold weather, the children in Year 2 braved the outdoors and practised their dribbling skills, trying to avoid obstacles in their path.



They have started an expressive painting unit in art and are learning about the abstract work of two artists. Here are some examples of their art from their sketchbook.



Today is our Odd Socks day in aid of our Oxtrail appeal – look at the array of socks



In Year 4, we have been enjoying some colour exploration with art. We have been focussing on tints and shades, starting with a base made of a primary colour and then adding either white to create a spectrum of tints or adding black to create a spectrum of shades. Now we have mastered this skill of creating these different tints and shades, we will be looking to implement the varieties to create a 3-D piece of work.



In history we have kicked off our Tudor topic, by ordering and creating a timeline of the Tudor lineage from Henry VII to the end of the Tudors in Elizabeth I. After this, we have then looked more in detail at the royal family, looking at husbands and wives (which were many in the case of Henry VIII). We can't wait to use this information and learn even more when we visit Sulgrave Manor next week!



This week, in maths we have been continuing our work on multiplication and division. We have been building on our year 3 knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 (sometimes even 1000) but more importantly, focussing on the relationship between these operations.





Community News

Sunday 18th February - 3:15-5:00pm - Ducklington Village Hall.

We're holding a LIGHT themed community event for the whole family. Come and decorate a glass candle holder or night scene greetings card, make a glow in the dark key ring or a northern lights sun catcher. You could even build a potato torch! Activities suitable for all ages, if supervised by a parent/carer. Help us write a community poem about light, enjoy a story time slot, and the opportunity to feast on some tasty multicultural light themed food! The event is free of charge (generously supported by the National Lottery Community Fund) so come with a friend, enjoy a little party atmosphere, and take the opportunity to make new friends with people in the village.

Maria Skoyles


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INFLATABLE FOOTBALL FUN

FEBRUARY HALF TERM PROGRAMME! AGES 4-12

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

Dates: Tues 13th Feb - Fri 16th Feb 2024

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

Cost: £20/day or £60/whole week

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