



DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 2nd February 2024

Headteacher's Thoughts

The 'Star for the Night' talent show took place on Wednesday evening, one of our fundraising activities for the Oxtrail appeal in aid of Sobel House. As I said on the evening, it was brilliant to see the amazing talents of the children who were able to perform on the evening. The performances included dance, instrumental, singing, comedy and martial arts – such a variety. Well done to the performers, thank you to the staff, who helped set up and support the performers. A special mention to Mrs Harris for having the idea as well the preparation and organisation of the evening.

Thinking ahead to World Book Day (7th March), There will be activities during the school day, however as last year, children can choose to come in dressed as their favourite fiction character. I would also like them to bring the book related to their chosen character to share with their class. *With the newsletter, we will include some ideas for dressing up using things around the house.* There will also be a brief return of the Headteacher challenge for World Book Day – look out for the information next week.

The FODS Disco is set for this evening, I know the children have been excited about it for most of this week, I will look forward to seeing their dance moves this evening.

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.

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February – HALF TERM

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

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Monday 11th – 15th March – Y6 Pioneer Residential

Monday 18th March – Y4 Drama Day at Cokethorpe

Tuesday 19th March – Author visit for Year 4 & 5

Friday 22nd March – Parents' sharing afternoon

Tuesday 26th March – 2pm – Years 3 & 4 Easter

Performance

Achievements Assembly

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

Ducklings	Ignacio Beards, Paula Hernandez Mora
Owls:	Olivia Parker, Tyler Morgan-Coles
Mandarins:	Jake Mobey, Ellis Appleton
Eagles:	Ted Mercer
Robins:	Ben Buckard
Kingfishers:	Ted Wootton
Red Kites:	Lucian Newman, Sophie Paine

Around the school

Year 6 had a fantastic morning learning life skills with the IMPS staff from Witney hospital. We had a mixture of class-based activities and a practical session in the hall, learning about a wide variety of different hazards and how we can prevent them from happening to us.

The most memorable session of the morning is probably when we learnt how to help someone when they are unconscious. We learnt how to do DRSABC and how to ensure that we are safe before we help someone ourselves. We practiced putting each other into the recovery position and how to call for help. Should the person not be breathing, we also had the opportunity to use a defibrillator on a dummy. If you look at our photographs you will be able to see what a busy morning we had





In our science, we have been looking at light – here are some our periscopes.



Periscope

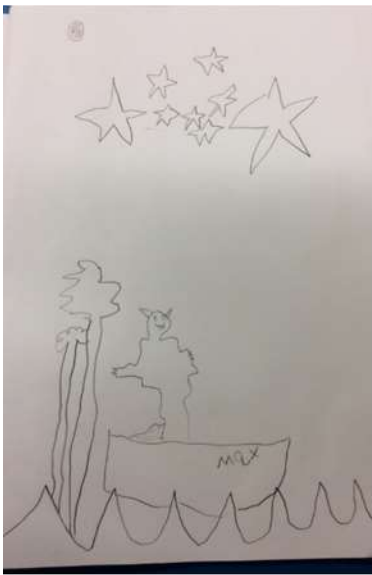
- 1) The light travels in a straight line towards the mirror which is at a 45 degree angle.
- 2) The light bounces off the reflector and down the periscope in a straight line.
- 3) It then bounces off the 45 degree angled mirror and into your eyes.

Reception have been sharing the story, "Where the Wild Things Are". We have been talking about different feelings and learnt lots of different words to describe feelings that occurred in the story. The children have designed their own monsters. They worked hard on drawing pictures about the Wild Things and writing a sentence applying their phonic knowledge. We have orally created some great sentences applying the vocabulary that we have been learning. The children have made boats and practised their skills of cutting, following lines, sticking, moulding, drawing and designing. Next week we are going to test our boats out and see if they float.

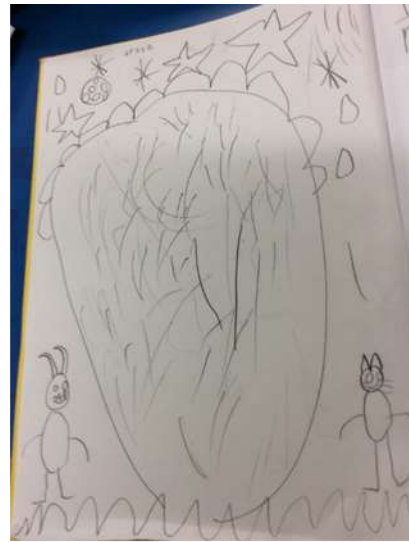


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Max was
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Max was in his private boat.



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

Vicky's Holiday Club



February Half Term Holiday Club

Join us at Vicky's Holiday Club!

Located at Aston & Cole Primary School
From 9.30 am - 4.00 pm

Monday, 12th February 2024

Tuesday, 13th February 2024

Wednesday, 14th February 2024

Thursday, 15th February 2024

Friday, 16th February 2024

Vicky's Holiday Club is open to all children aged 4-11 and will include fun activities, including **arts and crafts, sport, indoor and outdoor play, baking** and much more. Bring your own packed lunch (a light tea and snacks will be provided).
£40.00 per day



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

To register your child, please go to
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. Mini tournaments everyday. Coaches are qualified and DBS checked and are big kids at heart!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT

www.footykids.org tomspeers@footykids.org [Footykids](https://www.facebook.com/Footykids)

or call and speak to Tom on 07940 070 082



Opportunity to train as an ARCh Reading Helper

ARCh volunteers work one to one with selected children in a primary school, close to their home or workplace, providing personalised support to boost confidence, build self-esteem and turn around negative attitudes to reading.

We are looking for more people living or working in the Witney area to join us in making a real difference to children's lives.

All volunteers are vetted (including enhanced DBS) and receive initial and ongoing training and support as well as resources tailored to each child.

If you would like to get involved as a volunteer or supporter, or if you work in a school and are interested in our service, please email info@archoxfordshire.org.uk

Please support us – you can donate via <https://localgiving.org/donation/arch>

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