



DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 15th March 2024

Headteacher's Thoughts

On Monday, we waved goodbye to the Year 6s as they headed off on their residential to the Pioneer Centre— a week away from home, how exciting! I don't want to give all their secrets away as I can imagine they will have many stories to share with their families before falling fast asleep (although sleep is, maybe, what Mrs Harris, Miss Pratley, Mrs Panter and Mrs Towler will be considering). A few photos from there below.

Looking at the diary, the forthcoming parents' evenings will soon be here, please look out for the letter with information on how to book your appointment – the booking system will open this coming Monday. Please do sign up for an appointment. Also, you will notice on **Friday 22nd March from 2:30pm**, there is an opportunity for parents to come into their child's class, so that they can share with you their work so far this academic year. I know the children will be excited to share their successes with you.

You may remember on last week's newsletter, I mentioned that Mrs Harris and myself did not make the cut for our radio interviews – well I was wrong! – thank you to Mrs Jackson and Mrs Law, who heard our interviews later in the week.

Finally, can I ask everyone using the village car park to be very vigilant when driving to exit as there are still children walking to school. Thank you. Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Self-Esteem

We will be thinking about its meaning to develop our own feeling of confidence in what we do and feel prepared for everyday challenges. Also considering ways to improve our own self-esteem as well as helping others.

*For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.
(Samuel 16:7)*

Future Diary Dates.

Monday 18th March – Y4 Drama Day at Cokethorpe
 Tuesday 19th March – Author visit for Year 4 & 5
 Wednesday 20th March – Artists in school Yrs 1 - 6
 Friday 22nd March – Parents' sharing afternoon
 Monday 25th March – Easter Experience in Church
 Tuesday 26th March – 2:15pm – Years 3 & 4 Easter Performance
 Tuesday 26th / Wednesday 27th March – Parents Evenings
 Thursday 28th March – 9:15am Easter Service
 3:15pm End of Term

Achievements Assembly

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

Ducklings	Arthur Bosworth, Lara Paiva, Rowan Tyler
Owls:	Jack Aust, Roman Mercer
Mandarins:	Toby Hemming, Daisy Brooks
Eagles:	James Almgill, Rafferty McDiarmid
Robins:	Rufus Law, Nataniel Wojnowski
Kingfishers:	Rosie Tollett, Thomas Lishman
Red Kites:	Poppy Brooks (missed off last week's newsletter)

Around the school

It's been a busy time in **Year 1** again! Forest School continues to be a fun experience and this term we have found ourselves busy cleaning out the pond ready for any Spring time residents! We found a frog as we were preparing the pond and were quick to pop it back in once we'd said hello and discussed the fact that it's an amphibian which we had been learning about in science! Along with science, we have also been putting our DT knowledge to good use making bridges and freestanding structures from objects found within Forest School.



We have so enjoyed our writing around the story of 'The Queen's Hat' but have now moved on to a different type of text. The text we are sharing now is all about 'Toys and Games' and is in a different report writing style. This is encouraging us to work in a different way, looking at information and thinking of how to present it in an appropriate way. We spent time with different sections of the book and arranged them into non-fiction features, looking for things like headings, sub-headings and did you know questions! We have also begun a 'Toy Museum' which has some old and newer toys in it. We all agree that our toys are very special and so we are being respectful and careful with those that are in our museum!



World Book Day was such fun! The array of costumes was brilliant and we enjoyed a day thinking all about books and doing reading related activities. We could have shared lots more photos of our costumes but there would have been no room for anymore newsletter information if we had! It was fun hearing the stories that accompanied the outfits too!



A few quick photos from the Pioneer centre – where the Year 6 have made their home over the last week.





From St Bartholomew's Church – Messy Church

Our next 'Messy Church' session will be held on Friday 22 March 2024 in St Bartholomew's church from 3.20 – 5.00pm. Our theme is 'New Beginnings'.

All children are invited to join us if they are accompanied by an adult. A selection of crafts will be available to enjoy, and a sandwich tea will be provided towards the end of the session. Please note food is generously provided by our volunteers and will have been made in their home kitchens.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you.

Sarah Varnom



Witney Music Centre, run by the Oxfordshire County Music Service, are holding their annual **Open Morning** on **March 23rd, 2024, from 9.00am-10.30am**, at **Wood Green School, Witney**. We run an orchestra, two string groups, a wind group and a guitar ensemble. This is an ideal opportunity for any prospective orchestral instrumentalists, ideally who can read music and have been playing for at least a year, up to about grade 5/6 standard, to come along and join in our music centre for a morning, and any budding guitarists who have been playing for at least a year to come and see what goes on, take part, try some ensemble playing and enjoy making music with other students.

Any parents are also invited to come along and play too, so dig out that old violin, trombone or clarinet from the loft and come and play with your children, or even help out as staff!

If you or your children would like to come and take part, please email Andy Bettle, the centre director, on andrew.bettle@oxfordshire.gov.uk so we can make sure we have some music ready.

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service



REAL KINGDOMS
ADVENTURES



FAMILY FUN DAY

at
Hill End
Sat 20th April
10 am to 2 pm

SCAN ME



Activities included :

- safe action archery
- axe throwing
- meet the baby dragon
- Viking riddle quest
- spear and shield practice
- explore ancient settlement

Fun for children of all ages!
For more details text
07630084877




Vicky's After School & Holiday Club Ltd



Easter Half-Term Holidays 2024

Join us at Vicky's Holiday Club!

Located at Aston & Cote Primary School - from 1.30 pm - 5.00 pm

Tuesday, 2 April 2024
 Wednesday, 3 April 2024
 Thursday, 4 April 2024
 Friday, 5 April 2024
 Monday, 8 April 2024
 Tuesday, 9 April 2024
 Wednesday, 10 April 2024
 Thursday, 11 April 2024
 Friday, 12 April 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, yoga, baking, games** and much more. Bring your own packed lunch (a light tea will be provided) £40.00 per day



To book contact Vicky Hickman
 Call 07987711454 or
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Gloji Energy

A FREE healthy lifestyle programme for families with children aged 4-12.

- Fun weekly physical activity sessions for children taking part.
- Weekly sessions working with parents covering topics like fussy eating, portion sizes, physical activity, and how to lead a healthy lifestyle.
- Free 12-week programme, funded by Oxfordshire County Council.








When and where?

- Community loft at WOBC, 12 Dry Ln, Crawley, Witney OX29 9TJ
- 4pm-5pm
- Starting Tuesday 7th May
- 10 free Boxing sessions** for the children

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Oxfordshire Girls Football League

U7 GIRLS FOOTBALL

2023-24 Development Festival

Sunday 24th March 2024
 Hosted by Witney Vikings
 Witney Artificial Turf Pitch, Gordon Way, Witney OX28 4EH
 Matches Kick-off 2.30pm

U7 Girls Football Festival for players in years 1/2
 (All players must be aged 6+)
 Round Robin football for Teams of 5 or more
 playing 5 or 6-a-side matches.
 Free Entry

Email Steve Cooper (swivcooper@aol.com) for info and to enter a team.