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Friday 18th October 2024

Headteacher's Thoughts

Last week, Year 6 headed off to Rewley Road Fire Station in Oxford to Junior Citizen, a valuable experience, which includes several emergency scenarios for the children to work through and also have the opportunity to phone a 999 call. The Year 6s have, of course, been sworn to secrecy about the activities so that the next year groups can have the same experience.

During a recent assembly, I introduced this year's Christmas Shoebox appeal by showing some photos of the recipients of the shoeboxes as well as some ideas of objects that can be included in the boxes. As you will be aware we had about 50 pre-prepared shoeboxes and all of these have been taken, which is absolutely brilliant. Thank you. Please can all boxes be returned to school by Friday 8th November (first week back).

It is hard to believe that we are just finishing the penultimate week before half term, Parents' evenings are next week, hopefully you have managed to book your appointment, if you have not managed this, please contact the office for them to add you to the list

On Thursday next week, FODS are encouraging us all to come in non-uniform to help raise money for their funds to support the school. The cost is £1, which has been set up on ParentPay, we hope you can support this. Also, please do check out the FODS posters below for their half term competition and the FODS needs you request.

Additional Reminders

- PE kits - most classes have their PE sessions on certain days each week, however on occasions this may change due to the weather or school events. Please could we ask that your child's PE kit is in school all week. Thank you for your help.
- School uniform – I have included the school uniform list at the end of the newsletter, which includes the PE kit information.
- **Secondary Places – Year 6 applications -** a reminder to Year 6 parents, that this is the time to access the website, please click here. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is **31 October 2024**.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Love

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs."

1 Corinthians 13:4-5:

Future Diary Dates.

Monday 21st October U11 Girls Football Tournament
Tuesday 22nd / Wednesday 23rd October - Parents Evenings
Thursday 24th October – FODS non-uniform day
Thursday 24th October – U11 Girls Football against Tower Hill
Friday 25th October - INSET DAY (Staff only)
28th October – 2nd November – Half term break.

Monday 4th October – School re-starts
Wednesday 6th October Girls U11 v The Batt (Home)

Achievements Assembly

Well done to the children mentioned in our achievement assembly over the last few weeks.

Ducklings	Ronnie O'Shea, Caleb Moss
	Alessia Rahmany, Adelaide Boxer
Owls:	Elise Bishop, Greta Toth Lorincz
	Alexander Little, Albie King
Mandarins	Zina Sicoie, Olivia Parker
	Whole class for their Lego Morning
Eagles:	Jake Mobey, Freddie Fowler
	Daisy Brooks, Blake Fitzpatrick, Jack Mason
Robins:	Melissa Xhakollari, Nathanael Ma
	William Lloyd, Ibbie Wright
Kingfishers:	Ben Buckard, Indigo Ivory
	Edward Shepheard, Boyde Broome
Red Kites:	Chloe Pratley, Francis Carlisle
	Corin Wright

A thank you from Witney Food Bank

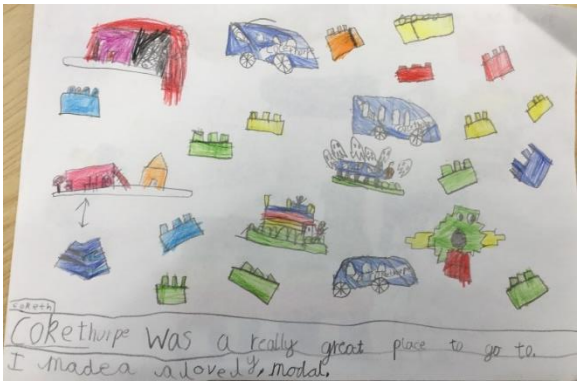
Dear All at Ducklington Primary School,

I just wanted to write and say a huge thank you for your kind donation of food to our food bank recently from your Harvest Festival collection.
The total weight of all that you donated was 142.30kg, which is simply amazing. The average weight for a single person's parcel is between 12-15kg, so you can see how many parcels for a single person your donation helps us with.
We are so grateful for this as we are experiencing an ever increasing demand for food parcels from both individuals and families.
Thank you one again for thinking of us.
Witney Food Bank

Around the School

Nursery had a lovely week with a story time, baking Apple muffins and making clay autumn decorations. We have also started back up our Nursery Library book share. Nursery children can take home a book from Witney library to borrow and bring back.

Year 2 had a wonderful time at Cokethorpe School. The children spent their morning making Lego models, working in small groups, and meeting Y2 children from other schools. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and their behaviour was exemplary



Comments from Lego Day:
I made a monster lab. It was fantastic.
I made a haunted church.
We made a flat. It was exciting.
It was the best. The food was delicious. I loved the bus. We made a haunted house.

Match Reports:

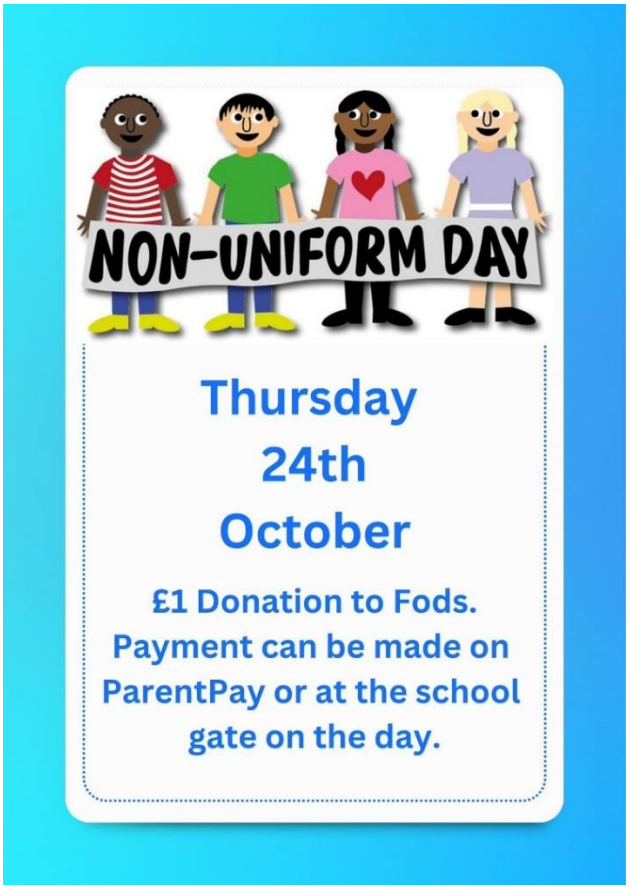
U11 Girls Football

1) On Friday 4th October we played West Witney School and we were excited for what might happen. We started and we ran up and down the pitch and we were determined to do out best. West Witney were tough but we fought back even though this was the first time we had played together. We communicated well and co-operated. GOAL! We had scored. West Witney battled back to try and get a goal but we held strong. By half term, we had scored another goal and came off tired as there had been no subs. During the beginning of the second half, West Witney scored two goals to level the match. We couldn't make anymore magic, but we came off the pitch knowing we had made our school proud. **Tess and Evie**

2) The girls played again and their next match was against Aston & Cote School. Ducklington won 5 – 1. During the first half of the game, Kendall ran with the ball quickly and scored and by the time the whistle went we were winning 3 – 0. In the second half, Aston scored, but we were able to score again including Esme did some dribbling and managed to score. We had one sub this time, which was better than last time so we would not get so tired. When the final whistle went we had won and we shook hands with the other team. **Cerys and Florence**

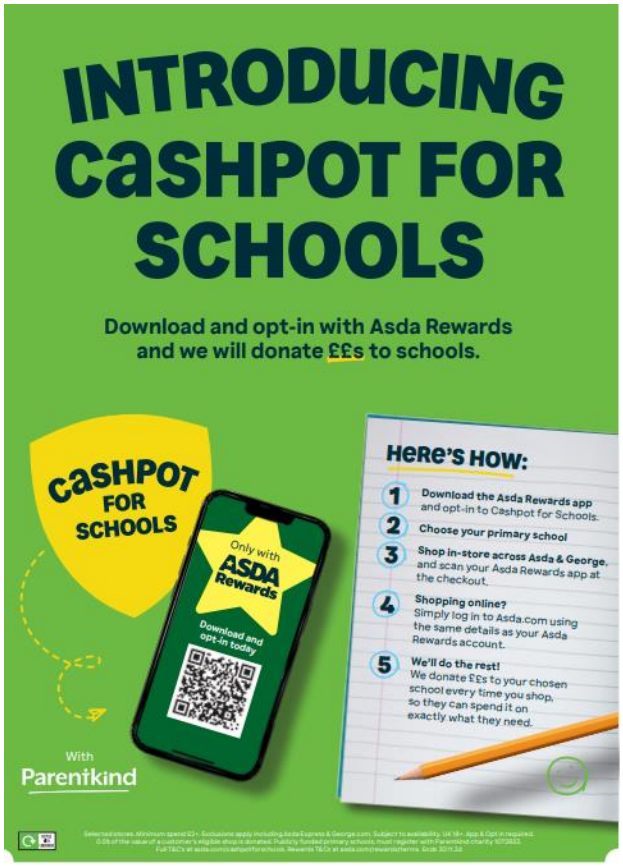
Years 5/6 Rugby Tournament

On Monday (14th October), we set off on a journey to West Witney Rugby Club. When we get there, we had to stay warm because it was wet and muddy all over the pitch. We were with teams from Queen Emma's, Batts, North Leigh, Aston & Cote, Madley Brook and West Witney. Each game was about 10 minutes and we all played six games each. Our first game was against Madley Brook and the score was 7 – 1 to Ducklington. Next on pitch 2, we faced Queen Emma's with a score 5 – 1. During our fourth match, we faced our first problem, even though we won the match, Tommy left the match with a face injury. Our final game, we faced North Leigh, it was a tough game, but we lost 3 – 4. **Sam K and Nataniel**


NON-UNIFORM DAY
Thursday
24th
October
£1 Donation to Fods.
Payment can be made on
ParentPay or at the school
gate on the day.

FODS HALF TERM COMPETITION
DESIGN YOUR OWN
Spooky
Specs!
DECORATE YOUR GLASSES IN YOUR OWN SPOOKY DESIGN OVER HALF TERM
RETURN THEM TO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER WITH YOUR NAME ON
£1 ENTRY FEE PAYABLE ON PARENTPAY
PRIZES FOR THE WINNING SPECS IN EVERY CLASS!

FODS
NEEDS YOU!
Fods needs a new Chair and new committee members!
Grab a few friends and join Fods to have your say on events and how to donate back to the school!
Your time - Your suggestions
Your skills - Your ideas
Your Enthusiasm - Your help
WE NEED YOU
please email Claire if you are interested,
chairfods@hotmail.com
Sadly without a new chair Fods will have to close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Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate ££s to schools.
CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS
Only with ASDA Rewards
Download and opt-in today
With Parentkind
HERE'S HOW:
1 Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
2 Choose your primary school
3 Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
4 Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
5 We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.

School Uniform

We ask all parents who send their children to Ducklington CE Primary School to respect the school uniform policy. We believe that children should come to school correctly dressed and ready for their schoolwork and that the wearing of school uniform is very important to help children to gain a sense of identity with the school and to encourage them to take pride in their appearance.

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo

- Dark grey or black trousers/shorts/skirts/pinafores
- White collared polo shirt or plain white shirt
- White/grey/back/navy socks or tights
- Black school shoes
- Blue and white checked dress (Summer Uniform)

All children will be required to bring a PE kit for physical activities, including after school sports clubs:

- Plain black/blue shorts
- Plain white t-shirt
- Suitable sports trainers. (For children who are too young to tie laces we recommend 'slip-ons' or Velcro fastenings.)
- Outdoor PE kit for winter - blue/black tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt
- FODS hoodie (optional when available)

No football kits are permitted for PE activities.

Please ensure that the owner's name is clearly marked on every item!