DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 4th October 2024

Headteacher's Thoughts

During last week, the second group of Y6 Bikeability took place with the children continuing to develop their cycling around the streets of Ducklington, did you spot them? The week concluded with the Year 5 children completing their level 1 training around the playground. Well done to them for persevering in all weathers.

This Tuesday, Years 3 – 6 had the pleasure of meeting Nigel Baines, an author and illustrator, who shared his work with us as well as showing how he gathers his inspiration around him and also playing the 'What if' game. It was a great session and the Year 4s were lucky to continue to work with him for a workshop based on his work. Thank you for Mrs Harris for working with Borzoi Bookshop to arrange this wonderful visitor.

The Flu vaccinations happened this Tuesday, the children managed this very well and it is great that the whole school has the opportunity to receive the vaccination.

Yesterday, we held our Harvest Festival service in the Church – it was wonderful to be a part of the service with its uplifting singing and the children who spoke very clearly. Our thanks to Rev Andrea for leading our service. Another thank you to everyone for their amazing generosity with the donations for the Witney foodbank – my car will certainly struggle with the weight of the tins!

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.
- **Secondary Places – Year 6 applications -** a reminder to Year 6 parents, that this is the time when you can apply for your child's secondary place, 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 7th October – Y6 Junior Citizen
Thursday 10th October – Footy Kids (Re-scheduled)
Monday 14th October U11 Tag Rugby Tournament
Thursday 17th October – Individual Photographs
Thursday 17th October – Y2 Lego Morning at Cokethorpe
Monday 21st October U11 Girls Football Tournament
Tuesday 22nd / Wednesday 23rd October - Parents Evenings
Friday 25th October - INSET DAY (Staff only)
28th October – 2nd November – Half term break.

Achievements Assembly

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

Ducklings	Ellis Burton, India Blackwell
	Rosie Debanks, Freya Hemming
Owls:	Lara Paiva, Freddy Burch
	Kai Fisher, Holly Parker
Mandarins	Yusef Ali Yildirir, Ben Wilton-Powell
	Harley Emery-Graves, Penny Tyler
Eagles:	Gianluca De Gregorio, Jamie Goodchild
	Leah Terry-Jackson, Eve Jackson
Robins:	Henrie Rose, Harry Aust
	Rafferty McDiarmid, Theo Baldwin
Kingfishers:	Cerys Shepheard, Zachary Goodson
	Orla Chung, Cami Mccay
Red Kites:	Ted Wootton,
	Gillon James

SEN support

I am enjoying getting to know your children and working with staff to ensure that we are meeting children's needs. My working day is Monday. If you do need to get in touch my email is:
sendco.3122@ducklington.oxon.sch.uk

Ruth Leach

Many of you will be aware that Oxfordshire County Council has come under scrutiny for its approach to SEND – please see the latest report
Reflections from Steve Crocker - 24 July 2024 | Oxfordshire County Council

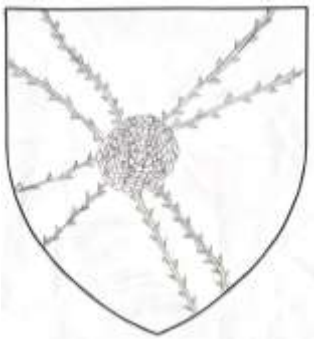
There is a very useful page on the county website about the local offer, it is worth a look if you have a child with needs or have concerns
Oxfordshire SEND local offer | Oxfordshire County Council

Around the School

Years 5 and 6 had a shield designing competition where we all designed a shield for our house. In assembly, Mr Leigh revealed the winners of the competition on a slide show and then showed us an AI digitalised version of our designs which are now our house shields. We were so happy when our shields came up on the screen!
By Florence and Esme, Y5

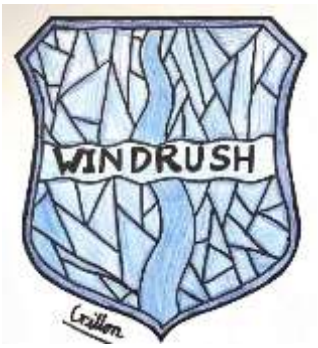
Bartholomew

Chalcroft



Glebelands

Windrush



Creating the Ducklington Shield.

<u>Year 4</u>

Year 4 have been learning about the Romans this term. We were lucky enough to visit Chedworth Roman Villa on one of the last sunny days of the summer. The Y4 reporters had this to say about their visit:

We went to Chedworth Roman Villa. I enjoyed making my mosaic, I decided to use sea themed sort of stones. I learnt that the slaves would make a fire in a pit and had to keep it going 24/7 so that the underfloor heating would work. I also learnt that the Romans didn't like hairy bodies, so they used tweezers to pluck the hairs out; apparently there was lots of

screaming and shouting when this was going on! Sitting on a Roman toilet was fun! They wiped their bottoms with a sponge on a stick!
Lucy

I enjoyed making a mosaic, playing with magnetic blocks and learning about the temple. I learnt that the rich Romans had under- floor heating, servants would keep it powered with wood.
Zoe

I enjoyed making the mosaic and looking at the underfloor heating. I learnt that the Romans went from hot water to cold water to prevent them from getting ill.
Ellis

I enjoyed making a mosaic and playing some of the games. I learnt that the Romans used under floor heating, and they had to sit on funny toilets and they had something called a 'sponge on a stick'.
Henrie

<u>Keep reading below for Year 6</u>

In the first couple of weeks of the term, Y5 and Y6 held a competition to create 'House emblems'. It was great to see all the children making an effort with their artistic skills to show off their houses. The winning designs were then digitally created and you can see the originals next to their digital pairings. Congratulations to Esme for Chalcroft, Florence for Bartholomew, Gillon for Windrush and Amelie for Glebelands.

We also, had our house captain votes. Year 6 children had to give a speech to explain to their form peers (of Y5 and Y6) why they think they would make a good house captain. All the speeches were thoroughly enjoyed, terrific reasons were made, humour was shared, and we were even led in a 'team chant'. Above you can see hour house captains holding their team shield up, as well as the schools combined shield with the fritillary in the centre.

Congratulations to all the Y6's that gave a speech and to our new house captains:

Bartholomew - Thomas and Felix
Chalcroft - Lennon and Sam
Windrush - Gillon and Moh
Glebelands - Felix and Ryan

On Thursday 19th September, Year 6 went on a trip to Bletchley Park.
When we had arrived there, we went straight into a classroom to learn how to de-code the Germans writing. We all were spit into six groups to solve six codes. After that, we got to see a real Enigma Machine, and even got to press a button. The Germans created The Enigma Machine to pass messages along to another German camp, so the messages couldn't get intercepted by us, the Brits. The Germans thought it would be impossible to solve the different possibilities because there was 103,325,660,891,587,134,000,000 different ways.
But in came Alan Turing. Alan was able to solve the Germans Enigma Machine by making a large 1 by 1 meter ai computer called, The Bombe. It was extremely complicated as it had different wheels of numbers and decimals. Alan Turing was gay and because of that he was threatened to be put in prison, because back then people thought being gay was wrong, so that's why he put a poison called cyanide in an apple and ate it. Later on he died, but is now known as a genius that helped ended WWII.
After that, we met a lady to take us on a tour around the park. Some of us were chosen to be dressed up as historical figures/ roles. Then we all explored the hut's where people worked to de-code all those years ago. [Hut 8 was were Alan Turing worked].
And that was the end of our Year 6 trip, we had lots of fun exploring round Bletchley Park. By Gillon

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