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Friday 7th February 2025

Headteacher's Thoughts

At the end of January, the Kingham Lodge team brought us an Acrylic Portrait workshop for some of our classes over two days. From a simple photograph of each child, the children were able to create some amazing portraits in a very short time. They were all proud of their achievements. Thank you to Kingham Lodge for organising these workshops.

Last Friday evening was the FODS disco, which was very well attended and it was great to see the smiles on the dancers' faces. Thank you to the FODS team for giving up their time to support the school by running this event – it is much appreciated.

Continuing with the work of FODS, next Friday is the FODS non-uniform day – this is a fundraising event so either follow the link on ParentPay or bring in your **£1** for collection at the gate. Further information can be found on the poster later on in the newsletter and support the FODS fundraising efforts.

Thinking ahead to World Book Day (Friday 7th March – please note day after the official World Book Day), 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.*

Please could I remind parents using the village car park particularly at home time to be careful entering the car park as the nursery children will already be leaving. So we ask that you are mindful of parents and children walking across the car park – thank you.

This is the last newsletter before the half term, which begins at the end of next week (14th Feb) – when we get to it I hope you have a good week and stay safe and well and we will return refreshed on Monday 24th February.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Courage

We can think about the importance of **standing up for what is right** against the odds, **sticking by one's convictions** and **not being swayed as well as strength of will**. We can also think about how we can encourage each other to do so too.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" Joshua 1:9

Future Diary Dates.

Monday 10th February 3:30pm – Y6 Pioneer Meeting
Tuesday 11th February – Y6 & Reception Height and Weight checks
Wednesday 12th February – Y4 Corinthian Drama Day
Friday 14th February – FODS Non- Uniform Day

W/b 17th February – HALF TERM BREAK
Wednesday 26th February – Y6 Football vs Batt School at ATP Witney
- U11 Rugby Tournament

Achievements Assembly

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

Ducklings	Rosie Debanks, Leon Kenneally, Caleb Moss, Ellis Burton, Leon Kenneally
Owls:	Orren Harris, Freddy Burch Lara Paiva, Khadidja Belhadj Ezzine
Mandarins	Jacob Webster, Penny Tyler Belle Attwater, Olivia Parker
Eagles:	Gianluca De Gregorio, Flora Bynorth Ellis Appleton, Renee Rogers
Robins:	Lucy Beards, William Lloyd Benji Jones, Zoe MacGregor-Smith
Kingfishers:	Alana Bowers, Cerys Shepheard Evie Wright, Shannon-Rose Wells
Red Kites:	Sam Oxspring, Isaac Paiva Amalie Moore

Online Safety Information

How Safe is WhatsApp for Children – NSPCC – (shared by Andrew Hall Safeguarding team)

WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps, used by over 2 billion people in 180 countries. It allows you to send and receive messages, as well as make voice and video calls. You can connect with people individually or join group chats where lots of people can contribute. All you need to set up a WhatsApp account is a phone number. However, children and young people can easily subvert the restrictions placed on its access. Although rated at 16+, all that is required is a phone number. All it takes is one child in a class to be on WhatsApp, and all the others will wish to join. This can lead to increased vulnerabilities for child users. The NSPCC has released its own analysis about the dangers of the app. If interested, please follow this link , which has some great information.

Around the School

Year 4

Pop Art Portraits

An amazing afternoon of art!

On Monday, an artist came in to school to help us create a pop art portrait.
We laid acetate on pictures of ourselves and used permanent markers on the lines we could see.

Before that, we had created beautiful backgrounds using oil pastels.
We painted the acetate next and put it paint down.
When we finished, they all looked amazing. By Zoe McGregor-Smith

Circuit Training

As a class we got into groups and came up with exercises for circuit training. Our ideas were taken in and ten of the best exercises were picked and set out around the hall in a circle.

In small groups we furiously did each exercise and took a breather. We were all out of breath but we all kept going as the music carried us on. When the music stopped, we stopped to have a breather.

We all completed the circuit and there was a circuit training champion who was James this week. By Esmae Woodley

Nursery

Nursery have enjoyed a variety of topics this term, starting with 'winter' by exploring the snow and ice. The children enjoyed listening to, re-telling and painting images from the story 'One Snowy Night' by Nick Butterworth. Moving on to 'Chinese New Year' and making paper chain snakes, messy play with noodles and playing 'The great race' board game. Finishing with 'weather' by creating a classroom weather tree display and making their own kites.

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W a l l
ONE SNOWY NIGHT

Year 6

Kingham Lodge Art

We were very lucky to have a visit from an artist from Kingham lodge who led us in exploring the medium of 'Pop art'. First, we drew around the pictures of ourselves, focussing on the details (such as not forgetting we had pupils in our eyes). Then we decided what kind of pattern or design we wanted on our base/ We were only allowed to pick warm colours, though. Once we were happy with the design of our background, we painted on top of our drawn picture, using cold colours which allowed the whole piece to come together and really 'POP'. We were all really happy with the final outcome and we all wanted to say a big thank you to Kingham Lodge for giving us this arty opportunity.

In art, we are looking at photomontages. We were tasked with creating a cityscape photomontage with all things 'Ducklington Primary School'. After collecting photos of items around the school that we liked, we started to plan our school cityscapes. Keep an eye out for our finished pieces soon!

Sports News

DUCKLINGTON VS ASTON

On Tuesday, 28th of January we had a football match against Aston school. We warmed up by taking shots at Felix cross, then we had a team huddle and we talked about how we would perform. We chose the team captain which was Thomas Lishman. We warmed up a little bit more and 5 minutes later we kicked off. We started an early press but the defender kicked it in our half but luckily Felix held the ball with safe hands. Then we attacked as Francis played the ball through to Corin who passed it on to Isaac. He ran down the wing and crossed the ball in to Moh, who just missed the near post. Try after try but the defense was too strong but luckily Moh had a shot which ended up as a penalty for Ducklington. Moh let Thomas take it as he had not scored in the tournament. So, Thomas got ready and ran up to the ball with confidence, and placed the ball into the top left corner of the net, the score was now 1-0 to us.

In the second half Aston started with the ball and I pressed their defense and the pressure was too much for them and it resulted in a corner for us. We played a short corner and

then passed it to the edge of the box and Thomas took a trivela and it went bottom corner which he led the score was now 2-0. Then we had another attack as Moh dribbled down the wing, he cut into the pitch and dribbled passed their defense then took a shot and scored a worldie. The end score was 3-0. At the end of the game we did player of the match. Because of Moh's leadership and courage, he won man of the match.

Vicky's After School & Holiday Club Ltd
February Half Term 2025
Join us at Vicky's Holiday Club!
Located at Aston & Cote Primary School - from 8.30 am – 5.00 pm.
Monday 17th February
Tuesday 18th February
Wednesday 19th February
Thursday 20th February
Friday 21st February
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Dates: Mon 17th Feb - Thurs 20th Feb 2025
Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm
(drop off as early as 9am, pick up to 3pm)
Cost: £20/day or £60/whole week
Bookings 1 week before the programme starts receive 15% discount. use code: EARLYBIRD
To register your child, please go to
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