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Friday 20th June 2025

Headteacher's Thoughts

We have been enjoying our **Healthy Living Week**, an opportunity to try new forms of exercise and learn about how to keep ourselves fit and healthy. It has certainly been a fun week and it has been great to see the children have a go. Our activities have included the following – Yoga on Monday & Wednesday, Stir Food Information and hula-hooping on Tuesday, orienteering on Wednesday, finishing with football and freestyle basketball on Thursday. Thank you to all our visitors, who were able to share some of their valuable time with us and to Mrs Woodley for organising the events for us to enjoy.

As last year, on Thursday, Year 5 were invited to Cokethorpe for a morning of activity, they had the opportunity to attempt the climbing wall, it was great to see the children really push themselves especially when they were a little apprehensive of the wall. There were opportunities to take part in some cricket activities. Thank you to Cokethorpe for a fun morning.

Today is our School Games Day, which is in full flow as you receive this newsletter – thank you to Mr Mahony and Mrs Newcombe for co-ordinating today. It has had to be slightly altered for the weather due to the amber heat warning. It has certainly been a week of fun and activity.

On Tuesday, the choir headed off to Dorchester Abbey to take part in the Festival of Voices – which was celebrating its 40th year. As always it was an opportunity to sing with other schools in an amazing venue. Songs this year included 'Those magnificent men in their flying machines', 'Consider yourself', and 'World in Union' to name a few. I was so proud of the choir with thanks to Mr Campbell for all his hard work in preparing the children.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Self-Control

Self-control is essential to success, in relation to our daily habits, our character, our attitude, our emotions, and our actions. We are able to control ourselves in order to do what needs to be done to make us successful.

'Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful.
(1 Corinthians 13 4-5)

Future Diary Dates.

Monday 23rd June - Y2 Ultra Olympics
Monday 23rd June – 3:15pm Y5 Meeting about Pioneer
Friday 27th June – Pyjamarama for Children with Cancer charity
Monday 30th June – 2:30pm Meet the SENCO session
Wednesday 2nd July – Shuffle up morning
Thursday 3rd July – 2pm – Y3 Violin Concert
Tuesday 8th/Wednesday 9th July – Y5/6 Mystery at Magpie Manor at the Shed – Cokethorpe School

Achievements Assembly

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

Ducklings	Aya Hoare, Freya Hemming, Eli Fisher
Owls:	Whole Class for their phonics work this week
Mandarins	Ethan Rogers, Ernie Lloyd
Eagles:	Ellis Appleton, Leah Terry-Jackson
Robins:	Lucy Beards, Esmae Woodley
Kingfishers:	**F**lorence White, Sam Hale
Red Kites:	Jacob Moss

Around the School

Year 1

As usual, it's been a busy time in Year 1!

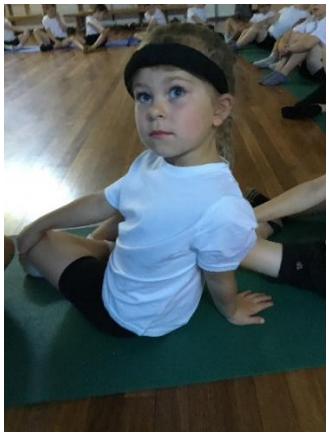
We have planted some more seeds. This time they are sunflower seeds and they will hopefully flower in the autumn. We are very capable at planting seeds and have a good knowledge of what plants need to thrive!

In maths, we have been learning about ordinal numbers and had to try and follow instructions to create a tower of cubes. The children had to listen carefully to identify which colour was to go first, second, third and beyond! We have also been counting from 50 to 100 and played a great fun game where we had a partner and had to be first to reach 100, by rolling our dice and moving down a 100 square! That was a very lively and competitive activity!

We have really enjoyed Healthy Living this week. We have had great opportunities to try new things, like hula hooping and basketball!

We did so well at the hula hooping, it is quite tricky keeping the hoop moving as we all wanted to see how long we could keep it spinning! Miss Coombe was very pleased with herself as she managed to keep her hoop spinning for ages! It was such fun and we enjoyed doing a hoop 'rainbow' at the end, where we moved our hoops from one side to the other, one at a time. Lovely!

Yoga was a welcome opportunity to rest and reflect, as well as wander through an imaginary forest! The children listened with focus and did so well at interpreting the movements. Orienteering was great fun! We had to search around the field for clues which we loved. We raced around and did so well at finding the clues!

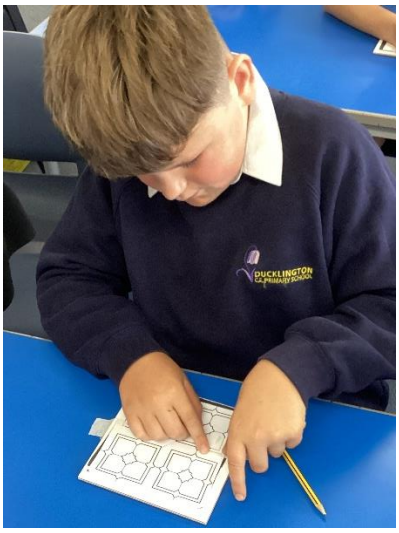


Basketball was lots of fun! We got to learn freestyle tricks and even managed to spin a basketball on a pen! Wow!

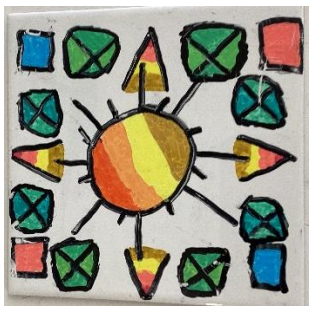
As it was Healthy Living Week, we also managed to squeeze in our design and technology learning by making a fruit salad! We tried lots of different fruits and the view of the class was that it was delicious!

Year 5

On the 9th June, Year 5 enjoyed working with the artists from Kingham Lodge on their painted tiles designs. Firstly, using a prepared design, we used carbon paper to transfer the design on to the tile and then using a porcelain pen went over the design – finishing up with painting. These we were able to take home.



For our second tile, we designed our own pattern and then followed a similar process to transfer the design on to the tile finishing off this time with acrylic pens. I am sure you will agree some impressive results.



This week, we have enjoyed our activities in healthy living week, these have included yoga, hula-hooping, orienteering, climbing at Cokethorpe, basketball and football, here are some of the highlights.

SEN support

It has been really great to meet so many of you this year, please do use my email address to get and keep in touch. My working day is Monday.
sendco.3122@ducklington.oxon.sch.uk

In September we will be running the SWIFT course for parents – this is a 4-week course looking at aspects of autism and sensory needs. The course will run from 1.30 - 3pm on 15/9. 22/9, 29/9 and 6/10. I have lots of information available so please do contact myself or the office to register an interested. We will limit spaces to 8 parents.

Tea/ coffee and catch-up

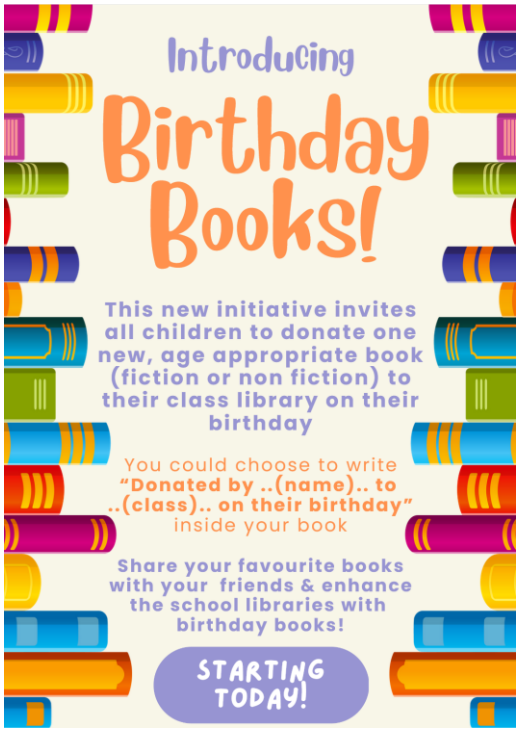
On Monday 30th June - 2.30-3.15 I will be available for a cuppa and catch -up in the school hall.
Please come along

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

Very best wishes
Ruth

Flyers of events and clubs below – please keep reading



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Join us at Vicky's Holiday Club!
Located at Aston & Cote Primary School - from 8.30 am – 5.00 pm.

May Half Term
Tuesday 27th May – Friday 30th May

Summer Holidays
Wednesday 23rd July- Friday 25th July
Monday 28th July – Friday 1st August
Monday 4th August – Friday 8th August
Monday 11th August – Friday 15th August
Monday 18th August – Friday 22nd August

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, games and much more. Bring your own packed lunch (a light tea will be provided) £42.00 per day

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Email: holiday@vickysafterschoolclub.co.uk

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2:45 – 3:15 – Baby Ballet (ages 2–4)
3:30 – 4:00 – Primary (Aged 5–7)
4:00 – 4:30 – Grade 2 (Aged 7–9)
4:30 – 5:15 – Grade 3 (aged 10–12)

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DUCKLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

REGISTERED ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE TEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers,

There is lots going on this summer for bike enthusiastic kids and their parents.

Adult bike rides

9.15am Mon 7th July Madley Park Coop

9.15am Mon 14th July Cogges Car Park

9.15am Tues 15th July Witney Community Primary

Boost your confidence to ride on local roads and paths. Led by cycling instructors. Borrow a bike/trike if needed.

Book your place here:
https://windrushbikeproject.uk/rusty-riders

All participants receive free puncture repair kit!

Bikeability Level 2

Holiday courses

- Bike handling skills
- Learning to ride confidently on residential roads
- Ideal first course for children age 10 and above

Book your free 2-hour session in Witney 11th August

www.windrushbikeproject.uk/cycle-training

Bikeability Level 3

Holiday courses

- Boost your skills and confidence
- Negotiate traffic lights, roundabouts and town centres

Sessions on 12th and 13th August 2025, leaving from Windrush Bike Project, 152 B Corn Street Witney.

Book your place: www.windrushbikeproject.uk/cycle-training

Dress up as a pirate and join our Pirates of Penzance bike float at Witney Carnival Saturday 12th July. Email: admin@windrushbikeproject.uk if you are interested.