

Welcome

Year 4 had a great visit to Oxford Castle yesterday - learning all about Crime & Punishment in the 1700 and beyond! The children visited the dungeons, the mound, and had a workshop to explore different artifacts to do with Crime & Punishment. They even got a chance to dress up as policemen using handcuffs, radios and batons.

Staffing Update

We have had a number of staff changes recently; Mrs Artman (Y1 TA) left us last week to work full-time for the NHS, Miss Smith (Y3 TA) has left to work in a local Nursery, and Mrs Harrison (SRP TA) is going back to work at Gt Hollands Primary School. We thank them for all of their hard work and wish them all the best for the future.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Mrs. Jo Jo Cheung (Y4 TA), Mrs Sindy Randhawa (Y5 TA) and Mrs Evelyn Peroulis (SRP TA).

In addition, Mrs. Kalpna Clarke has taken up a permanent post in a local school, and Mrs. Sandra Mooney will replace her covering 4R alongside Miss Lauren Kaye (in her capacity as a student teacher, completing her teacher training) and Miss Kennedy Bays. Mrs Mooney was in school on Wednesday meeting the team and some of the children, ready to start next week.

Michael Dillon - Headteacher

Nursery

Nursery have been busy learning about festivals and celebrations. Some of us have sent in pictures from home of different celebrations we have participated in, which we really enjoyed sharing with the rest of the class.

We have already learned about Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Diwali and there will be more celebrations to come. We have produced some amazing artwork for these celebrations that we were proud to display on our windows for everyone to see.



Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning about 2D shapes circle, square, triangle and rectangle. We focused on counting the sides of the shape and made the shapes using coloured match sticks. In Literacy we have been retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and then adapting it to change the beginning and the end.

The children have enjoyed developing their gross motor skills by creating their own hopscotch and obstacles courses.



The Present Room

The Friends Christmas Present Room will be on Friday 8th December.

Friends are asking for donations to be sent into school the Week beg 20th November.

This year please can year groups donate the following items:

- Rec - Chocolate & Sweets*
- Y1 - Accessories (socks, ties, etc)*
- Y2 - Puzzles & Games*
- Y3 - Novelty Gifts*
- Y4 - Toiletries (female)*
- Y5 - Toiletries (male)*
- Y6 - Candles*

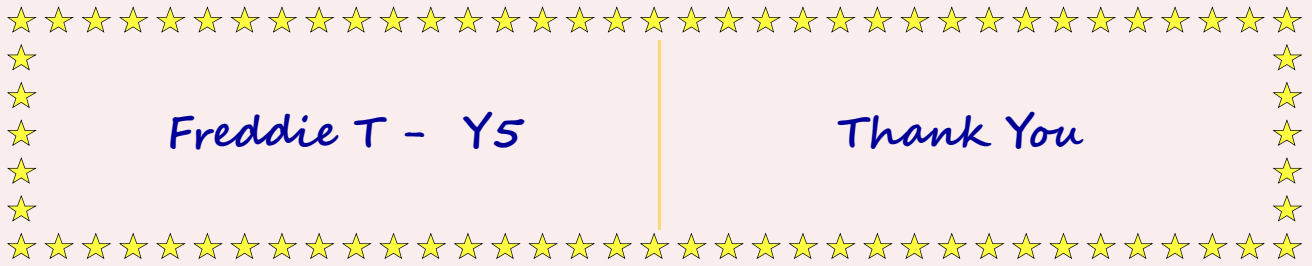
Thank you for your support

Cookery Club

Five children from Year 5 who have consistently followed the golden rules were invited to go into the school kitchen, with Kelly and Anna to create food for the following day.



This week's Triple Thank You and Triple Star Awards



YEAR GROUP REMINDERS

NURSERY	See Stay & Play date on dates for the diary
RECEPTION	See Nativity letter sent home today
YEAR 1	See Nativity letter sent home today
YEAR 2	See Nativity letter sent home today
YEAR 3	-
YEAR 4	-
YEAR 5	Return completed medical consent form for Ufton Court Trip
YEAR 6	-
SAPPHIRE	-
OTHER	Updated INSET Days - Friday 23rd February 2024 & Monday 15th April 2024

DATES FOR THE DIARY — AUTUMN TERM

Year 5 Ufton Court Trip	Friday 24th November
Children's Christmas Fair	Friday 1st December
Nursery Nativity Play & Stay & Play	Tuesday 5th December - 9.30-11.00am
Key Stage 1 Nativity Play	Wednesday 6th @ 9.30am & Thursday 7th December - 9.30am & 5.30pm
Year 5 Home Learning Exhibition	Thursday 7th December - 2.45-3.05pm
Reception Nativity Play	Wednesday 6th December @ 2pm & Friday 8th December @ 9.30am
Friends Present Room	Friday 8th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 8th December
Year 6 Home Learning Exhibition	Monday 11th December - 2.45-3.05pm
Year 2 Home Learning Exhibition	Tuesday 12th December - 2.40-3.00pm
Year 4 Home Learning Exhibition	Tuesday 12th December - 2.45-3.05pm
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 13th December
END OF TERM	FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER
INSET DAY	TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY 2024
START OF TERM	WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2024
HALF TERM	MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY—FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2024
INSET DAY	FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2024