



Eynsham Community Primary School
Newsletter - Friday 19th January

Dear parents/carers,

As this is the first newsletter of the new term, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. The last two weeks have flown by and the Christmas holidays seem a very distant memory away! The children have returned refreshed and eager to start their new topics. Year 1 have started weekly drumming lessons with Mr Colyer and Early Years were visited by the Fire Brigade which included Iness' dad, Mr Jennings. A big thank you to Oxfordshire Fire Service for providing the children with an educational experience. This week, myself and Mrs Maton, were invited to the Houses of Parliament to receive the International Award. I feel extremely lucky and fortunate that I have staff who are willing to lead on projects and provide exciting experiences for the children. A big thank you to Mrs Maton for all her hard work in gaining this award, please see below for a report from Mrs Maton about the event. Although this term is short, there are many events taking place. You will soon receive notification for signing up to Parents' Evening, these meetings will be taking place in the last week of this half term. I hope you have a lovely weekend and stay warm!

Yours sincerely,

Ginny Bayliss

Executive Headteacher

Meet the team!

This week we will be meeting Year 3 team

Hello, my name is Mr Wilson, and I am the Nightingale's class teacher. This is my first year at Eynsham and my first year as a teacher having previously been a professional actor. I love Shakespeare, and still act in my free time. Look out for Hamlet at Oxford Castle this summer! In my spare time I love reading comics and books, playing video games, board games and watching films. I also love to play sports. I play ice or roller hockey when I can as well as following the Oxford City Stars. I play football locally and I support the mighty (not currently) Reading FC. My claims to fame are having played football with Cristiano Ronaldo and I was in a terrible KFC commercial.

I am Althea Morgan, Hummingbirds new teacher and I come from a small, beautiful, tropical island in the Caribbean.

I started at Eynsham Primary School this academic year. When I'm not educating or inspiring young minds; I enjoy reading, hiking, camping and exploring nature. I enjoy working with young people in scout and the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme.

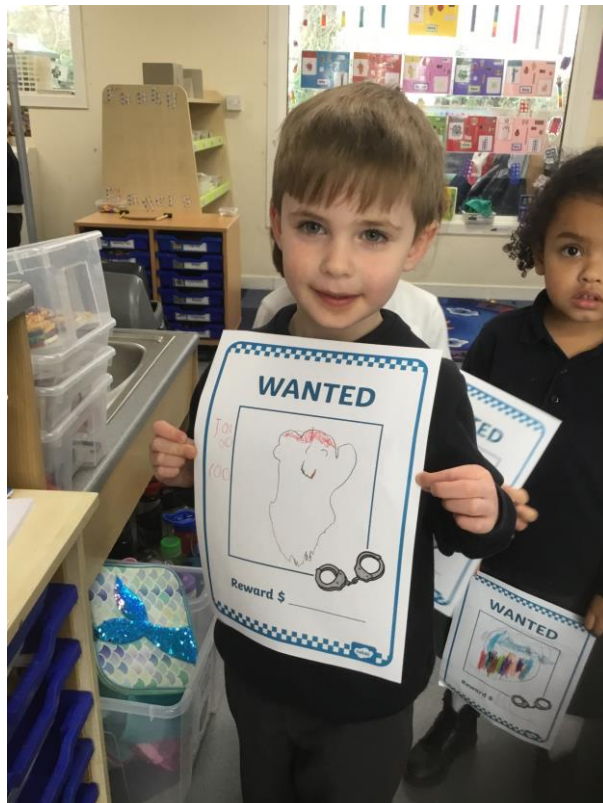
Hi my name is Mrs Whyte and I am the TA for Year 3. I started in October 2023 and I really enjoy being here at the school.

Outside of school, I am a keen and competitive horse rider and I enjoy spending my spare time outdoors with my family and friends.

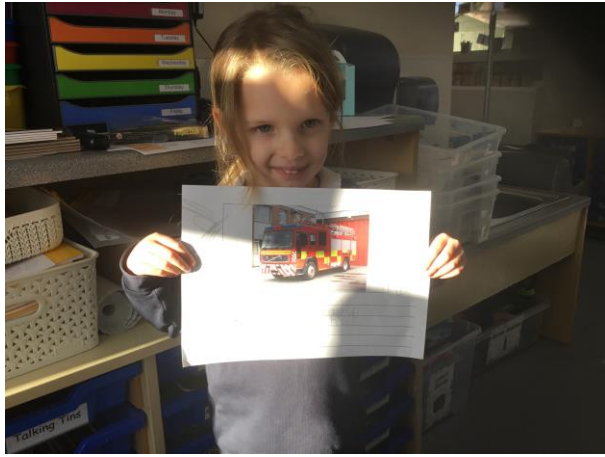


Foundation Class news

Foundation have had a very busy start to the new year. Our topic is currently 'People Who Help Us' We have had a very special visit from the Fire Brigade, who talked to us about their job and the different equipment which they use. We have also been looking at different situations and how people can help us. We have looked at the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and discussed Goldilocks, who broke into the Bears house. We even wrote recipes for some delicious porridge, just like the story.









Year 5 Class news

Term 3 has gotten off to a flying start in Year 5. In English, we've been learning about modern fables, based on our class text *Greenling*, and this week we have started to draft our own fables with an

environmental moral. We've continued working on fractions in maths; focusing particularly on adding and subtracting improper fractions and mixed numbers over the last couple of weeks. We've really been enjoying our new topic of Earth and Space and have spent some time developing our atlas skills and carrying out research on the planets in the Solar System. A highlight of this week was simulating the heliocentric model of the Solar System outside! Very excitingly, we've also begun preparing for our Year 5/4 production that is due to take place next term. Our play this year is called *Mystery at Magpie Manor* and we've been enthusiastically practising the songs already and will start gearing up for auditions just before half term!

Houses of Parliament award event

On Monday 15th January, Mrs Maton and Mrs Bayliss were invited to an award ceremony to receive the International Award for our school. This was held at the Houses of Parliament where a number of other schools attended. There were local MPs and members of the British Council to congratulate the hard work schools put in to promote internationalism and support children in understanding different cultures around the world.







Attendance

As a school, we monitor attendance figures on a weekly basis. We aim to have an average of 96%. We appreciate that there will be times with sickness bugs and illnesses which has an impact on children's attendance. However, good attendance means children are able to make progress with their learning. In the newsletters we will report on attendance in each class. Please see the table below for attendance so far. Well done to Nightingales who have the highest attendance so far.

Year Group	Class	Attendance
Foundation	Kingfishers	95.36%
Foundation	Robins	89.43%
Year 1	Puffins	95.88%
Year 1	Penguins	95.06%
Year 2	Flamingos	96.92%
Year 2	Toucans	95.76%
Year 3	Hummingbirds	95.28%
Year 3	Nightingales	97.20%
Year 4	Jackdaws	96.79%
Year 4	Woodpeckers	96.39%
Year 5	Hawks	93.03%
Year 5	Red kites	94.54%
Year 6	Eagles	94.85%
Year 6	Kestrels	95.30%

Rohan's New Hair

Rohan Sayers who is in Year 6, had his hair cut last week and has chosen to donate it to the Little Princess Trust- a charity that makes wigs for children and young people suffering from cancer or other hair loss diseases. The charity also supports Cancer Research UK for children.

If you wish to donate on Rohan's fundraising page then please click on the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/rohan-sayersforlittleprincesstrust>



Plea for help!

Plea to Parents- Ducklings shed roof needs repairing!! If there are any parents who like a bit of handy work and would be willing to re felt our shed roof in the Nursery garden, I would love to talk to you.

Please contact Lisa Podbery (School Manager) on 01865 881294 or email schoolmanager@eynsham.oxon.sch.uk. Thank you!!



Awards



Headteacher Award:

Year 1- Edie

Year 2- Junior

Year 3- Amirah, Kacy

Year 4- Amber, William, Jasmine

Year 5- Issac, Jack

Year 6- Lin, Olivia

Reading Award:

Year 3- Lucas, Eleanor, Phoebe

Year 4- Charlotte, Adam

Year 6- Elvin, Charlie

Writing Award:

Year 1- Taylor

Year 2- Iris

Year 3- Antonia, Lucia, Emilia

Maths Award:

Year 2- Elias

Year 3- Michael, Jaedon, Katia

Year 4- Edith, Reggie, Yashfa

Year 5- Tilly-May, Holly

Year 6- Pola, Bryn

Special Achievement Award:

Year 3- Holly, Annika, Maya, Timea

Bronze Award:

Year 1- Jack, Nick, Finley, Tom, Lansa

Year 3- Timea, Emilia

Silver Award:

Year 2- Leo, Emma, Skyla

Year 3- Ben

Year 6- Evangel, Isaac, Rohan

Gold Award:

Year 3- Jude, Holly

Year 5- Christian, Amelia, Fliss, Jack

Year 6- Salma, Theo, Harry, Ollie

Platinum Award (150 points):

Year 5- Erin

Year 6- Cadence, Jacob

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