



Eynsham Community Primary School Newsletter - Friday 2nd February

Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy few weeks at Eynsham have flown by with only one more to go until half term. A huge congratulations to our Singing Squad who did the school proud performing at The O2 in London. Miss Rayfield was blown away at how much all the performers have improved and really shone on the night. Thank you to all the parents that took the time to come along with the school.

On the subject of music, Year 5 went to the Sheldonian Theatre where they watched the Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra in full swing. Please see the report below for further details.

Today at school, we had a special visit from Jigsaw where Mr Williams and the team showcased all the amazing PSHE work we do for our children. We are delighted to report that we have been approved for flagship status for the fifth successive year.

Next week is Children's Mental Health week. Mrs Edwards is leading an assembly on this on Monday. The theme of the week is 'My Voice Matters'.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming you all into school next week for parents' evening. Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Ginny Bayliss

Executive Headteacher

Year 6 Junior Citizen Trip

Last week Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed visiting Rewley Road Fire Station, Oxford, to take part in educational safety workshops. During our visit, the children took part in many hands on, live and immersive safety scenarios in the following areas: railway safety, hazards in the home, fire hazards and making a safe response, road safety, water safety, internet safety, stranger danger when away from home and life saving situations - including the recovery position. Every child made a practice 999 call using a real phone and faced the real life emergencies head on. This helped our pupils to learn how to help themselves and others when in distress or in an emergency situation. We were really proud of how mature and responsibly the children responded in each of the scenarios they faced and they represented our school community fantastically - well done Year 6!

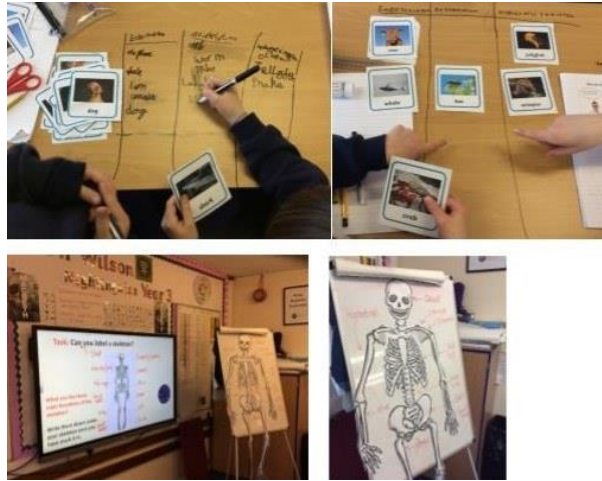






Year 3 Class News

This week in science, Year 3 have been looking closely at skeletons. We looked at our own skeleton and its uses before looking more closely at other animals and the different types of skeletons across species. The children really enjoyed putting together a skeleton and labelling the parts before sorting animals into their skeletal groups.



Year 5 trip to The Sheldonian Theatre

Year 5 had a fabulous time visiting the Sheldonian Theatre in Oxford to watch The Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra. The incredible orchestra performed a variety of sea-themed music including Henry Wood's Fantasia on British Sea Songs and a medley of music from the film, The Little Mermaid. We also sang a few sea shanties where some children from Eynsham got to join in and play some instruments. The children in Year 5 were also pleased to watch their very own music teacher, Mr Brown, play the French Horn in the orchestra!





Sports Update



U11s Bicester Football League Game:

On Thursday 25th January, the U11s boys football team represented Eynsham at an away game held at Langford Primary School, Bicester. The boys were up against a strong team and had to play on a very wet and muddy pitch! Never the less, they all grouped together and played brilliantly leading to a 6-0 win! I had never seen the boys play as a team before and I was incredibly impressed by the communication and team work from every member of the squad, creating space for each other which lead to goals being scored! Zak, Sammy and Roman all worked well pressing the ball down the

pitch to help Arthur score his hattrick (the first came within 30 seconds of play!) and Xavier was a machine in defence! Well done to Ben who saved some great shots at goal to ensure the other team didn't score! A huge well done to you all!!

The boys are out again next week (Tuesday and Thursday) so I am sure you will all join me in wishing them masses of luck for two more wins which will hopefully move us closer to the top of the league table!

Girls football:

In school, we have started a girls football training on Wednesday lunch times (years 3-6) lead by Mr Walton. We are so pleased by the huge turn out from the girls and with the passion being shown, I hope that I will be able to arrange some friendlies between Eynsham and other schools. This, I hope, will give the girls the exciting opportunity to experience what it feels like to represent Eynsham in a school team and for it to become something that they look forward to.

Miss Freeman

Young Voices

On Monday, the Singing Squad went to the O2 in London! They left Eynsham at 9.30 with all the parents, children and Mr Reeves, Miss Denney, Mrs Rhodes and Miss Rayfield. The children arrived in London at 12 o'clock and enjoyed their packed lunch and changed into their Young Voices T-shirts! They spent from 2 o'clock until 5 o'clock rehearsing all the songs and learning all the dance moves. At 6 o'clock, the parents arrived ready for the performance, the children gave a huge wave and were finally concert ready! The Singing Squad performed with 3000 other children to a huge audience, and even helped MC Grammar to complete his rap! After a very long day, the children got on the coach at 10 o'clock and finally arrived back to Eynsham at midnight! What a brilliant experience had by all!

Thank you to all the parents for your continued support with the O2 and Singing Squad over the years. I have loved running it and enjoyed seeing your children grow in confidence over the last few years.

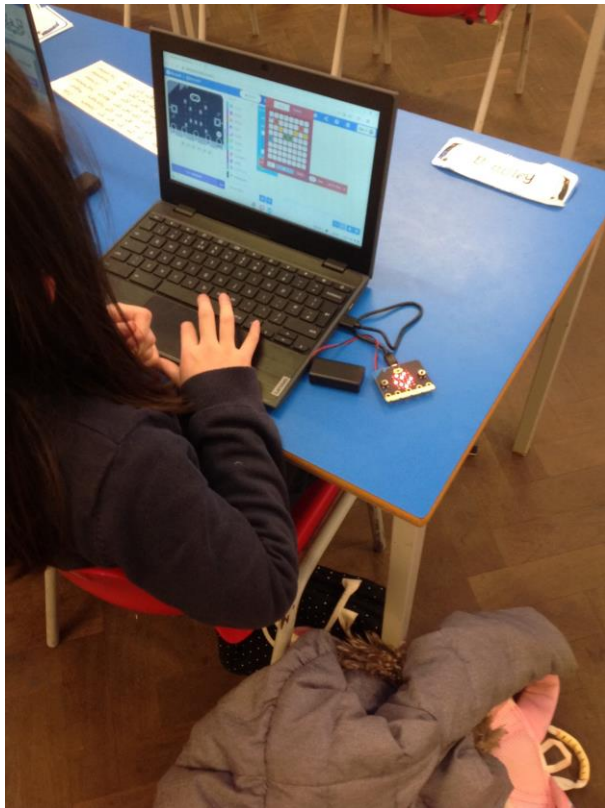
Miss Rayfield



Coding Club

We had a great first week at our After School Code Club where the children were able to use our new Micro:bits. They created a program on the computer and then downloaded it onto the Micro:bit to tell it what to do. We made animations, flashing hearts, music and we even tried to play a rock paper scissors game. We are excited to see what else we can create!







School Council News



As ever, Miss Tingle, Miss Lambourne and the School Council have been hard at work on numerous things around the school.

Currently, the School Council is aiming to raise money so that we can participate in Oxtrail, raising money for Sobell House. More information on this can be found here: <https://oxtrail2024.co.uk/art-trail/>. Some of our fantastic School Council have also put an assembly together for next week to keep all the children updated about their work.

In order to continue to raise money for the cause, the School Council have set up a competition between year groups to see who can raise and bake the most amount of cakes. Therefore, cake sales are happening on the following dates:

EYFS - 2nd February 2024

KS1 - 1st March 2024

Lower KS2 - 15th March 2024

Upper KS2 - 28th March 2024

Finally, thank you to everyone who helped and bought a cake from the Christmas bake sale, where we managed to raise £127.60! These proceeds are going towards our goal to purchase new sports equipment.





#OXTRAIL2024

Meet the team!

This week we will be meeting the Admin team!

My name is Lisa Podbery and I have worked at the school for 21 years now, starting at a junior position 3 hours a day, managing dinner money, to School Manager. I love the variation of work and cohorts of staff and children, where no two days are the same. The school is in the best place it has been during my time here.

Outside of the workplace, I am kept busy with my grown-up family, socialising with friends and have the added responsibility of looking after my elderly parents. All very enjoyable and rewarding.

Hi, I'm Lucy Merry, I have 3 children in the school and came here myself as a child. I have been with Eynsham Primary School for just over a year after joining when Eynsham Pre-School merged with the Primary School. My current duties include Early years administration, The Early Intervention Hub administration, early years session allocation and funding, social media, fundraising and events, along with supporting the main office.

In my career before having children I worked for the criminal justice system for 15 years. I am very creative and love organising parties and events.

My Name is Alice Vincent and I work in the office as an administrator. I began working here in November and everyone has been really welcoming. I've learned so much in the last few months! I have lived in the village since 2020 and have a son who is in reception here. In my spare time, I enjoy camping, reading and spending time with my family and friends.

Hello, my name is Sarah Young and I joined the admin team in September. I feel like I have been at the school forever- which is a good thing! I have a son who is in Year 8 at Bartholomew and a son in Year 4 at Stanton Harcourt.

Any spare time that I have, I like to spend it at the beach with my dog Paddy.



Safeguarding



Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 5 – 11 February 2024. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters.'

My voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self esteem. This year, we want children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to be empowered to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing.

During children's Mental Health Week, we want all children and young people to be able to say, "My Voice Matters."

My VOICE MATTERS

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Are you a parent or carer who wants to talk to your child about mental health?

This Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, wherever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe – "My Voice Matters".

We visited primary and secondary schools to ask students what they wanted from the week – to help shape the activities we create for schools, the messaging we give to teachers, the tips we give to other children, and the advice we give to parents, carers and families.



LOOKING FOR FREE PRACTICAL ADVICE TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD?

Parenting Smart, Place2Be's site for parents and carers, is full of expert advice and tips on supporting primary-age children, and managing their behaviour – and act on their views.
[PARENTINGSMART.ORG.UK](https://parentingsmart.org.uk)

Here's what children and young people told us they need from you:

- 1 We don't need to have 'one-off' conversations about our mental health – sometimes chat on a journey or at bedtime is enough.
- 2 I need to know it's okay to talk to you about any and all of my feelings. Please hear what I have to say, without interrupting me.
- 3 Please listen to me carefully and acknowledge how I am feeling – it might seem silly to you but what I am going through is important to me.
- 4 Playing with pets can make me feel better. Same with playing football, basketball or whatever type of sport I am into.
- 5 Don't compare my experiences to your own when you were a child.
- 6 Sometimes I just need you to listen and hear what I'm saying – I don't always need answers (or lectures).
- 7 Please don't worry about trying to fix things for me – I often just need to know you are there for me and understand what I am going through.
- 8 If you are open with me about your feelings, this can help me to be more open about mine.
- 9 Sometimes I don't want to talk. Please trust that I will come to you (or another grown-up or someone my own age) when I'm ready. Sometimes it's easier for me to talk to someone nearer my own age – my siblings, cousins, friends, younger teachers at school – because they 'get it'.
- 10 Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make me feel supported.



WHAT MATTERS TO YOU? CREATIVE VIDEO ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

These wellbeing activities can help children and young people think about and share what matters to them.

[For primary children: <https://www.place2be.org.uk/primary/3to5>](https://www.place2be.org.uk/primary/3to5)

[For secondary children: <https://www.place2be.org.uk/secondary/5to16>](https://www.place2be.org.uk/secondary/5to16)

CHILDRENSMENTALHEALTHWEEK.ORG.UK

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Place2Be's
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CONVERSATION STARTERS

Some ways to start a conversation with your child about mental health could be...

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR DAY

WHAT WAS THE BEST THING ABOUT TODAY?

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST STRESS / WORRY IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?

WHAT'S YOUR ONLINE LIFE LIKE?

WHO WOULD YOU TALK TO IF YOU WERE FEELING WORRIED ABOUT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP YOU?

CHILDRENSMENTALHEALTHWEEK.ORG.UK

Break The Rules Day!



Awards



Headteacher Award:

Year 1 Annabelle M, Afonso, Elissiyah Grace

Year 2- Rosa, Heidi, Samuel J

Year 3- India C, Amelie H, Alex J, Rachel A

Year 4- Bethany, Joe

Year 5-Sam, Tegan

Year 6- Natasha J, Annabelle J, Misha N, Arthur S

Well done Award:

Year 3- Betsy H

Reading Award:

Year 1- Orin,

Year 2- Peter, Zakariyaa, Furqan

Year 3- Jude B-N, India, Eric

Year 4- Edith,

Year 5- Frankie, Julia

Year 6- Roman B, Imogen W-G, Amelia N

Writing Award:

Year 1- Florence E, Jack,

Year 2- Emma T,

Year 3- Rachel A, Hazel, Nika N, Emilia

Year 4- James, William

Year 5-Immy

Year 6- Barney H

Maths Award:

Year 1-Robin,

Year 2- Eva D, Lola W

Year 3- Nika N, Kacy, India C, Arthur

Year 4-

Year 5-

Year 6- Samuel F, Annie T, Isaac W, Amelia B, Stella B

Silver Award:

Year 1- Nick, Lacey, Elissiyah

Year 2- Hope, Ethan, Iris, Emma, Leo

Year 3- Myla, Stefa, Amelia H, Maya

Year 4- Tshiamo, Alyosha, Yashfa, Lena

Year 5-

Year 6- Lacey S, Alex A

Gold Award:

Year 1-

Year 2- James W

Year 3- Isaac J, Hazel R, Amirah C, Lorianne E, Kaita K, Amelie C, Arthur K

Year 4- Iness, Cianna

Year 5- Dory, Tegan

Year 6- Myah J, Lizzy A, Pola Z, Natasha J, Arthur S, Chendeng H, Edward E, Imogen W

Platinum Award (150 pts)

Year 2- George B, To Sze, Lillie-Rose

Year 3- Annika M, India C

Year 5- Aggie

Year 6- Zak H, Elvin I, Rebecca D

Diamond Award (250 pts)

Year 5- Millie

Upcoming Events



Tuesday 6th February: Parents Evening (Nursery and Foundation Stage) 1:00pm-3:00pm

Wednesday 7th February: Parents Evening 3:30pm - 6:30pm

Thursday 8th February: Parents Evening 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Friday 9th February: Break The Rules Day and End of Term

Monday 19th February: Term 2 commences

Monday 26th February: Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow - Year 1 and Year 3

Wednesday 28th February: KS1 and KS2 Parents Stay and Learn Afternoon (Geography) 1:30pm

Monday 4th March: Year 3 trip to The Living Rainforest

Monday 4th March: Year 6 Netball tournament at Bartholomew 3:45pm - 5:30pm

Wednesday 6th March: Year 4 trip to The British Museum, London

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day

Thursday 14th March: Year 1 trip to Cotswolds Wildlife Park

Friday 15th March: Red Nose Day

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