



Eynsham Community Primary School
Newsletter - Friday 7th June 2024

Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year. We ended on a such a high with our annual Summer Fair and we have had so many lovely compliments about the dancing. Thank you to everybody who attended and helped make the event such a success. I particularly would like to thank the PTA and Lucy Merry who worked incredibly hard to organise this. I feel fortunate to have such a hard working team who help to provide exciting experiences for our children whilst raising much needed funds for the school. Please see further on for an update from the PTA.

This week has seen Year 4 begin their Multiplication test, where children have to recall their tables at speed. Next week, Year 1 will begin their phonics screening assessments. Parents will be notified about the outcomes of these assessments in their annual report.

Staffing news: *We are pleased to inform you that we have appointed a new Upper KS2 Phase lead called Mrs Mel Bowler. Mel is an experienced teacher currently teaching in Abingdon. We will look forward to seeing Mrs Bowler on Thursday 27th June, where all the children will meet their new teacher.*

For teachers who are new to the school, we will ensure they are around at the end of the day so that parents can meet them if they so wish. You will receive the staffing arrangements for the next academic year on Friday 21st June.

We will be saying a sad farewell to Miss Lambourne next Friday. Miss Lambourne is leaving to focus more time on her studies. She has worked at the school for over five years and has been a real asset to our team. We wish her all best with the completion of her degree. She will still be going with the school council on their trip to the Houses of Parliament.

We hope that you all have a lovely weekend, I look forward to seeing some of you at Wytham Run which is taking place on Sunday 9th June. It is not too late to enter and there are races for both adults and children. Proceeds from this event are going towards the school and Eynsham Food bank.

With best wishes,

Mrs Ginny Bayliss



Executive Headteacher



Mrs Nicola Edwards

Head of school

Year 3 Roman Day

On Roman day, Year 3 looked at a range of primary sources to determine what we could learn about the Romans. We became historians and archaeologists whilst digging up the artefacts. We asked five key questions, *What is the primary source? What is it made of? Who would have used it? Where would you find it? What does it tell us about the Romans?* We also dressed up as Roman soldiers and designed and created our own Roman shields (scutum). Later in the day, we used these to practise marching as part of the Roman Army and discussed battle techniques with spears (pilum) and swords (gladius), which also involved defensive positions such as *the tortoise*.







Year 6 trip to Sulgrave Manor

This week, the Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed a visit to Sulgrave Manor, to enrich their learning about Tudor History. On arrival, every child was provided with an authentic Tudor costume (long tunics, woollen breeches/skirts and cloth or woollen hats) to wear for the whole experience. The children then took part in workshops:

Tudor Fashion

Tudor life, work and school

Tudor life in the house

We were immersed in the Tudor house and really enjoyed seeing a Tudor kitchen and bedroom with all the amazing artefacts in place. The children used quills to write their names using ink, alongside the Tudor alphabet. The staff were so knowledgeable and made the day so enjoyable, full of exciting facts and lots to see and explore hands on!











Year 3 and 4 Dance Festival

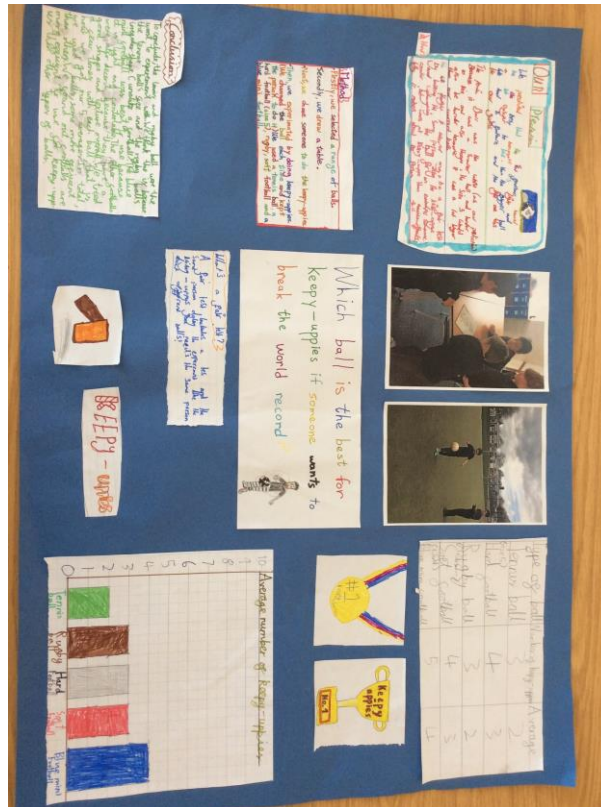
On 7th May, Years 3 and 4 attended the annual dance festival at Bartholomew School. Here, the children showed off their amazing dance moves, learning a routine that they had to perform with a

number of schools in the local area. They represented our school with pride and it was clear to see that they really enjoyed themselves! Well done Years 3 and 4!

Big Science Event

Eynsham Primary School recently hosted the final of the EPA Big Science Event. Winning teams from EPA schools were invited to attend, giving them the opportunity to share their findings from a science investigation. They showed the judges their posters, gave a short presentation, and answered questions about their work. Congratulations go to Standlake (the winning school), as well as the two teams from our school (Dory, Kitson and Ellis-James from Year 5 and Cadence, Samuel, Ollie and Amelia N from Year 6). Our Year 6 team have been invited to attend the grand final of the Big Science Event at Science Oxford. We wish them the best of luck!





Summer Fair update and message from PTA

The PTA would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came and supported us at the Summer fair last term. It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves and very heartening to have so many fantastic volunteers helping out and making it all come together. We'd like to thank Lucy Merry for planning and coordinating the event and putting her unique stamp on it, which gave it that extra sparkle. We'd also like to thank all the teachers and parents that helped with set up, manning a stall and clearing up at the end. We couldn't do it without you and are hugely grateful for all your support. We made a grand total of **£3,656** which is a fantastic amount that will go towards the play ground project, subsidising music lessons, school trips and enhancing the school environment for our children. We are always looking for helpers for our fund-raising events, so please contact eynshampta@outlook.com if you would like to be involved. You don't have to give up a lot of time, and even a couple of hours is always appreciated. Great way to meet new friends too!

Run Wytham Woods

Our annual running event takes place in Wytham Woods this Sunday 9th June. Hundreds of runners and their families will descend on the beautiful woodland trails to run 10K, 5K or the one mile fun run. Come along and support all the brilliant runners (see if you can spot some teachers running!) tackling a challenging course. Plenty of delicious cakes on sale as well as hot and cold drinks and snacks. This event will be raising money for the PTA and the Eynsham Food Bank.

The PTA are having a social evening in the Red Lion pub in Eynsham on Wednesday 26th June at 7:30pm. Come and join us for a drink and a catch up with friends, all are welcome!

We hope you all have a great summer term.

The PTA





A wonderful achievement

Congratulations to Mille McAree who is the first child at our school to be awarded with a Sapphire certificate for earning 450 House points. Millie received a book voucher as a well done for all of her hard work. Keep up the fantastic work Millie!



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. Well done to Jackdaws with 100%

Year Group	Class	Attendance
Foundation	Kingfishers	89.43%
Foundation	Robins	90.72%
Year 1	Puffins	96.62%
Year 1	Penguins	92.44%
Year 2	Flamingos	98.47%
Year 2	Toucans	91.34%
Year 3	Hummingbirds	94.70%
Year 3	Nightingales	92.96%
Year 4	Jackdaws	100%
Year 4	Woodpeckers	95.60%
Year 5	Hawks	93.25%
Year 5	Red kites	91.86%
Year 6	Eagles	85.04%
Year 6	Kestrels	89.45%

Transition morning and Open Evening for Early Years and Foundation Stage

Thursday 27th June- Transition morning

On Thursday 27th June, all children will meet their new teacher. For those children who are currently in our Nursery but do not attend a session on that day, please drop them off at the black side entrance gate (next to the 'Earlyworld' building at the end of the staff car park) at 9.30am where they will then spend the morning in their new classroom. Please could you collect your child at 11.00am. For those children who are normally in Nursery on that day, staff will take the children to their classes and bring them back. Please ensure your child is wearing comfortable clothes and brings an outdoor coat (weather permitting) and named water bottle.

Thursday 27th June- Foundation Stage Parents' Information Evening: 6-7pm

Foundation Stage Parents and Carers are invited to an information evening on Thursday 27th June at 6pm. Parents are requested to come to the school hall where they will have the opportunity to meet the leadership team, be shown a short presentation about life in Foundation Stage and meet the Early Years Team. Parents and Carers will then be taken to the Foundation Stage classrooms where

they will have the opportunity to ask any questions and see how the classroom and outdoor area is set up. **We would kindly ask that children do not attend this information evening.**

Governors Update

At our most recent meeting we met Sarah Arnold, the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) for the EPA. We were updated on the scope of her role and the school budget position. Finance is a regular agenda item for us but meeting the CFO will enrich our future finance related discussions as a group.

We've also reviewed the Ofsted Inspection Data Summary (ISDR), a web based page for Ofsted Inspectors to use when preparing for an inspection at a school. This is document allowed Governors to look at the strengths and weaknesses of the school and gives us areas to focus on. It was pleasing for us to see that the school's work on attendance has helped to bring it in line with the National average. We were also pleased to see that whilst our external results continue to be above the National figures, there have still been improvements as well.

Finally, Governors would like to congratulate Mrs Edwards on her appointment as Head of School. At our last meeting, Mrs Edwards presented her vision for the school and we are confident the school will continue to thrive in her capable hands. Congratulations also to Miss Davis who will take on the role of Assistant Headteacher and SENCO across the school.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Additional information
Monday 3rd June	Term 3 (2nd half) commences.	
Sunday 9th June	Run Wylham Woods	
Tuesday 11 th June	School marketing photographer	
Wednesday 12 th June	Yr 3 and 4 Quidkids Sports Day at Bartholomew School	
Thursday 13 th June	Year 1 trip- Bournemouth Beach	
Friday 14 th June	School Council to Houses of Parliament	
Tuesday 18 th June	Year 5 and 6- Tisley Park- Sporting Event	
Thursday 20 th June	School marketing photographer	
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 6 trip- Rutherford Appleton Laboratory	
Thursday 27 th June	Year 6 Transition Day 3 and New Foundation Stage Parents Information Evening	
Thursday 4th July	EYFS Sports Afternoon	
Friday 5th July	Sports Day	
Thursday 11th July	iRock concert	2:30pm
Friday 12th July	Back up sports day in case of bad weather	
Friday 12th July	Reports out	
Monday 15 th July	Year 6 production- dress rehearsal to school (no parents)	
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6 production – afternoon performance to parents	
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 production – evening performance to parents	
Friday 19 th July	Year 3 trip-Roman Villas	
Monday 22nd July	Morning - Year 6 leavers celebration to the school	
Monday 22nd July	Year 6 leavers celebration to parent – 1:15	
Tuesday 23rd July	End of Term (Finish at 1:15pm)	

- Dates added in bold are new to the diary.

Achievement Awards



Headteacher Award:

Year 1- Elissiyah Grace, Drew

Year 2- Ethan O, Tunmise

Year 4- Beau V, Zach D

Reading Award:

Year 1- Iris B

Year 2- Emma T, Harvey S

Writing Award:

Year 1- Imogen, Sapphire

Year 2- Antony W

Year 4- Cianna

Maths Award:

Year 1- Toby S, George F

Year 2- Harry D,

Year 4- Weronika, Muhammed- Abdull

Year 5- Seb M

Bronze Award:

Year 2- Roman S

Silver Award:

Year 4- Krystyna

Gold Award:

Year 1- Lyra, Rosie

Platinum Award:

Year 1- Jonathan C

Year 2- Henry C, Maverick W-G, Samuel J, James W

Year 4- Eli H

Diamond Award:

Year 2- Artie L-R, Isabelle M, Elisabeth B, Heidi W, Bleu C, To Sze Yu

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