



Eynsham Community Primary School Newsletter - Friday 4th July

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe we are nearly at the end of the academic year with just two more weeks to go! Despite being so close to the summer holidays, there are still lots of exciting events and experiences taking place across our school.

What a wonderful week we've had celebrating sport and physical activity. Our Early Years pupils had their sports day and they demonstrated brilliant attitudes throughout all the activities.

Our Whole School Sports Day on Thursday, was a tremendous success, with the Orange team taking the overall victory. Well done to every single child who participated - their excellent behaviour during all the events was truly commendable. I must extend my heartfelt thanks to all the parents and carers who came along to support and cheer on the children throughout the day. Your presence really does make such a difference to the pupils' experience. A particularly big thank you goes to Mr Williams and Miss Freeman, who worked extremely hard in organising what was clearly a fantastic day for everyone involved.

Year 3 have had an absolutely brilliant week with not one, but two exciting educational trips. On Monday, they visited a Roman villa as part of their history topic, which I'm sure brought their learning about ancient civilisations to life. Then on Wednesday, they explored the Hindu Mandir temple as part of their RE studies, providing them with a wonderful opportunity to learn about different faiths and cultures. The children demonstrated outstanding behaviour throughout both visits, which makes me incredibly proud of them and reflects the values we hold dear at our school.

We had the Year 5 brass performance this week, where the children demonstrated the progress that they have made with their weekly brass lessons. We also had performances from children who participate in weekly I-Rock lessons, and the children performing in their 'rock bands' should feel very proud of the confidence they demonstrated. We were also treated to a singing performance from our Singing Squad, who performed to the whole school on Tuesday. They are looking for new recruits for their choir next year, and in the Autumn term, they will be learning songs for the Oxfordshire Christmas Big Sing, which will take place in December. Look out for information about after school clubs coming soon.

Looking ahead to next week, we look forward to the Year 3 Violin concerts. Hummingbirds will be performing for parents on Monday 7th July at 9am and Nightingales will be having their concert on Thursday 10th July at 9am.

We also have the much-anticipated Year 6 production of Aladdin to look forward to. On Wednesday, all the children in school will have the opportunity to watch the performance in the afternoon. Thursday will see two performances specifically for parents - one in the

afternoon designed for families with young children, and another afternoon performance for adults only. Year 6 parents should have received detailed ticket information via email.

For those of you attending or participating in the Eynsham carnival, I hope you all have the most wonderful time. If you find yourselves with a spare moment over the weekend, do pop into St Leonard's Church to see our beautiful flower festival display, which has been lovingly designed by Mrs Merry with the help of some children.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ginny Bayliss and Mrs Nicola Edwards

Executive Headteacher and Head of School

Year 1 trip to Bournemouth Beach

Year 1 enjoyed a brilliant day of sunshine, sea air, and smiles at Bournemouth beach! Our adventure began with a walk to see the famous blue plaque marking Britain's oldest beach hut – a real piece of seaside history.

The children were fascinated as we explored how Bournemouth beach has changed over the past 100 years, comparing old photographs to the bustling, modern beach we see today. As young geographers, we put our skills to the test with some exciting fieldwork – using our observation skills to draw what we could see looking north, east, south and west.

To end our amazing day, we grabbed our buckets and spades and had so much fun building sandcastles and playing in the golden sand. It was a wonderful way to combine learning with laughter, and the children made some sunny seaside memories to last a lifetime!







Year 3 trips

This week, Year 3 have enjoyed two wonderful trips.

On Monday, they visited the Roman Villas at Chedworth, where they had the opportunity to explore how the Romans lived. The children saw the Roman baths, admired the grand dining room, and even created their own mosaic tiles.

On Wednesday, they travelled to London to visit a Hindu Mandir. They experienced a live prayer, explored the beautiful architecture, and learned about the many Hindu Gods represented throughout the temple.

On both trips, the children were absolutely fantastic. They consistently demonstrated the 3Rs, and it was a pleasure to watch them engage so enthusiastically with their learning and enjoy these rich cultural experiences.



Foundation News

In our Foundation Classes, we have had a busy term with our learning based on our core text 'All Around the World'. The children have learned about the seven continents; explored maps, atlases and used the globe to identify countries and oceans. We have identified some of the animals and people who live in different parts of our world, and how animals adapt to their environment. The children have enjoyed creating art from around the world, including Aboriginal art on didgeridoos and Rangoli Patterns using coloured rice.

Our learning has involved water and sensory play outside in the amazing sunshine – making potions, bubbles, and growing our own herbs, flowers and vegetables. Children have enjoyed bug finding and exploring the life cycles of the creatures that visit our garden.

The children have been to our 'Beach Hut' and performed on our very own stage, showing great imagination and communication skills.

On Wednesday, the children took part in the EYFS Sports Day, a fun afternoon of activities including the Egg and Spoon, Obstacle and Space Hopper races. The children were fantastic and showed great resilience and determination. Thank you to all the adults who came to support and cheer on our Foundation children.







Au revoir!

Year 4 has said goodbye to our French pen-pals this week. It has been lovely sending letters and photographs back and forth across this year, so we sent them a thank you message this week and wished them luck for next year.



Sports Day

What an *amazing* day we had for our Sports Day on Thursday! The sun was shining, smiles were everywhere, and the whole school came together for a fantastic celebration of fun, fitness, and team spirit.

Our day began with a round-robin of exciting activities. From soak the sponge, shooting for hoops and bean bag throwing, the children had a brilliant time rotating through each station with their house teams. Laughter, encouragement, and teamwork were the stars of the morning!

It was wonderful to welcome families for a picnic on the field. With families relaxing together, enjoying the sunshine before the afternoon races took place. The field came alive with excitement as we moved on to the big races! Sprinting, sack races, the children gave their best effort, showed great sportsmanship, and supported one another beautifully.

We're thrilled to announce that **Orange House** were the overall winners this year! Their energy, teamwork, and fantastic attitude carried them to a well-earned victory. Well done, Orange House! I also want to say a huge well done to every single house. Each team showed determination, encouragement, and amazing spirit throughout the day. You should all feel very proud of what you achieved!



Football League News

West Oxfordshire U11s football league

This year, we have successfully started and ran a football league for both boys and girls in years 5 and 6. The league consisted of 8 schools from the EPA and Carterton. Last week, we hosted both finals for our girls and boys teams against St John's, Carterton. The final was certainly a challenging match, but it was incredible to see how both teams have developed during the season. Unfortunately, both of our teams were runners up, but all of the children should be incredibly proud of how they represented Eynsham.

The league will be continuing next year and we are looking to expand to more schools across West Oxfordshire, so if you are a keen footballer in year 5 and 6 or very eager to give it a go, Miss Freeman will be recruiting in September!! Football training will also continue!





EPA Football Tournaments

Eynsham Community Primary School has recently hosted football tournaments for boys and girls from all of the local primary schools. The boys' tournament was won by our school, whilst Freeland were victorious in a penalty shootout in the girls' event. In the boys' tournament, Eynsham Lions won one of their matches 9-0, and only let in two goals in their four matches.

Our other team, Eynsham Tigers, won all of their group games (3-0, 1-0, 1-0 and 1-0). They went on to beat Standlake Tigers in their semi-final, before defeating Standlake Lions in the final.

Our girls' teams also did really well in their tournament, with the two sides playing each other in the semi-finals. A close-fought match saw Eynsham Tigers proceed to the final having beaten Eynsham Lions on penalties. Unfortunately, the Tigers then lost to Freeland (also on penalties) in the final.

In total, over 100 children took part in the two events!

Football Club

Eynsham U8 Whites - NOW RECRUITING!

Join our squad for the 2025/26 Season

We are looking for current Y2 players (moving into Y3 in September) to join the Eynsham U8 Whites football team.

- Just £150 for the FULL SEASON! That's less than some summer camps for a single week!
- Local matches on Saturday mornings
- Great team spirit with DBS checked and fully qualified coaches
- Training in Eynsham on Wednesdays - 1700 - 1800

Interested? Want to find out more? Get in touch for a chat now: **Ollie Marshall (07528 713669)**
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Parent Notices

Arbor Parent Portal

This is a reminder to please sign up for the **Arbor Parent Portal**, if you haven't already done so.

You should have received an email from the school office with instructions on how to register. This was sent to the contact details we have on file for you.

From **September, all school communication—including messages, notices, and important updates—will be sent via the Arbor Parent Portal**. It's essential that you are signed up and able to access your account to stay informed.

If you haven't received the registration email or are having any trouble accessing the portal, please contact the school office and we'll be happy to help.

Dates for your Diary

- Please note the early finish of 1:15pm on the last day of term*

Monday 7 th July:	<u>Hummingbirds</u> violin concert to parents, 9:00am
Wednesday 9 th July:	Year 6 Production to the school: 1.30pm
Thursday 10 th July:	<u>Nightingales</u> violin concert to parents, 9:00am
Thursday 10th July	Year 6 Production to parents: 1:30pm (Babies and toddlers welcome)
Thursday 10th July:	Year 6 Production to parents/carers: 6pm
Friday 11 th July:	Reports out
Thursday 17th July:	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly to parents/carers 1:15pm
Friday 18 th July:	End of Term (Finish at 1:15pm)

Warmer weather

With the weather warming up, can we remind you that children need a sun hat, refillable water bottle and sun cream applied before school.

Lost Property

There is a trolley out the front of school with lots of lost property on. Please come and have a look if you are missing a jumper or two.

Awards



Headteacher Award:

Year 6 - Daniela

Year 5-Polly, Sherlock, Rayan, Reggie

Year 4- Jude, Susanna, Katia, Betsy

Year 3- Wilfred, Skyla, Owen, Hummingbirds Class, Nightingales Class

Year 2- Lyra, Sienna, Iris, George

Year 1- Sam, Riley

Reading Award:

Year 6-

Year 5-Aranya

Year 4- Nika, Michael, Alex

Year 3- Xian, Tino

Year 2- Oliver, Shankey, George

Year 1- Toby

Writing Award:

Year 6 -

Year 5- Muhammed- Abdullah

Year 4- Holly, Will

Year 3- Junior, George, Wilfred

Year 2- Tashvi

Year 1- Casper, Troy

Maths Award:

Year 6 -

Year 5-

Year 4- Millie, Eleanor, Jase

Year 3- Heidi, Elias

Year 2- Ayah, Drew, Rosie

Year 1- Maxim

Well Done Award:

Year 6- Ellis, Max, Eddie

Year 5- Danny

Year 4- Luke, Brandon, Jacob, Jackdaws Class

Year 3- Hummingbirds Class, Nightingales Class

Year 2- Nathan, Antoni, George, Eva, Robyn, Rosie

Year 1- George, Arlia

Gold Award:

Year 5- Laurence

Diamond Award:

Year 6-

Year 5- Reggie

Year 4- Lorianne

Year 3- Furqan

Year 2- Toby, Lansa, Rosie

Contact

If you would like to get in touch with a member of staff here at school, please see the contact details below

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