



# Eynsham Community Primary School Newsletter - Friday 14th February

## Welcome

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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*As we come to the end of the first half term in Spring, it is incredible to think that we are now halfway through the academic year. This week has seen a range of sporting events taking*

*place, including inter-house competitions, and the girls' football team had their first match.  
Please see below for further information, reports, and photos.*

*Year 4 & 5 students have been informed about their upcoming production of The Wizard of Oz, and they will begin their rehearsals next half term. We can't wait to see their performances!*

*You should have also received a letter from Mrs Bowler informing you about events and activities taking place to celebrate World Book Day which takes place on Thursday 6th March.*

*Please make sure you have booked your parents' information meeting, these are taking place after half term and you should have received a ParentMail about this.*

*Thank you for your continued support in making our school a nurturing and vibrant place for learning and I hope you all have a relaxing half term break.*

*I look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th February when we return to school.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Ginny Bayliss*

*Executive Headteacher*

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## **Year 3 news**

This week Year 3 competed in an Inter House Handball competition. Here the children were organised into their house teams to see who would take the top spot. After some fantastic show casing of their defensive and attacking skills, in third place were the red team, in second place were the blue team and taking home the gold was Orange team! We were really impressed with the team work and sportsmanship that was shown throughout the afternoon. Well done everybody.





## **Year 6 Inter House Netball Afternoon**

To conclude our PE lessons this term Eagles and Kestrels joined together in their House Teams to play short games of netball. It was a fun afternoon of competition and the children played well and supported each other throughout on and off the court. After a tense final between Purple and Orange House, the winners were Purple! Well done to all Year 6 who took part.





## Pupil Leadership

At Eynsham Community Primary School we believe in creating a pupil leadership culture where children take on key leadership roles and get their voice heard. We want our children to be actively involved in school improvement so that we are moulding leaders of the future so that they are ready for the next steps in their education, ready for work, and ready for the world. We strive to create as many opportunities for children to become confident and articulate leaders who can share their views with any audience and apply their leadership skills to real life situations within our community and beyond.

There are a number of different whole school roles and responsibilities that children can be involved in, but alongside this, within the classroom, children also are given a variety of roles and responsibilities.

Examples of Pupil Leadership at Eynsham:

- House Captains
- School Council
- Play Leaders
- Safeguarding Superheroes
- Dining Hall monitors

Our Year 6 Safeguarding Superheroes have been busy planning an assembly for the first week back.



*1 - Safeguarding Superheroes*



*2 - Dining Hall Monitors*



*3 - Play Leaders*

## Children's Food Forest Garden

Today the school council had a visit from Councillor Milly and a local resident, Victoria Coleman. Victoria has kindly offered to help care for the Children's Food Forest Garden.

The Children's Food Forest Garden in the Old Witney Road Play Area has been a fantastic joint collaboration between the Eynsham Primary School and the Eynsham Parish Council. The children, teachers and parents from Eynsham Primary School have helped plant the fruit trees, edible plants and wildflowers there. The children have also designed and made birdhouses for the wildlife and enjoyed the visits to the Food Forest Garden.

We decided that the children would grow flower seeds in their classrooms and take the young plants to be planted in the Food Forrest Garden later on in the Spring.

There is also a community working session to improve the area happening in March. Please see below for all the details.

### **Community Working Session to Improve Children's Food Forest Garden**

When: Saturday 15 March 2025 (2-4pm)

Where: Old Witney Road Play Area (at the back next to the football pitch)

What to bring: gloves, forks/spade (and wheelbarrow if available)

Contact: Eynsham Parish Councillor Milly Chen 07728 628282













## Parent Notices

### *Swimming Update*

We would like to inform you that, due to the inability to meet the expected requirements for end of Key Stage 2 swimming standards, and expensive ongoing maintenance, the EPA Trust have taken the decision not to open our swimming pool this academic year. There will be some swimming lessons at an external site for identified groups, they will be notified separately.

### *Toys and Show and Tell*

We would like to remind you that children should not be bringing in show and tell or toy items to school unless they are related to an achievement reward or topic. This is to ensure that classroom time is focused on learning and to prevent any distractions.

### *Piano Lessons*

As a school, we offer a wide variety of music lessons and we now have the opportunity to offer 1 to 1 piano lessons. If your child is interested, please inform the school office.

### *PTA Valentine's Disco*

The Valentine's disco took place last Friday and lots of fun was had by all. The total raised was £869!! Thank you to everyone who helped make this special for the children.

## SEND Workshops



**EYNSHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
and **HANBROUGH MANOR CE SCHOOL**

**SEND Workshops**  
For families of children who are experiencing difficulties coming into school.

**Location: Hanbrough Manor CE Primary School**  
**Time: 9:15am**

Thursday 6th March 2025	Anxiety Part 1
Thursday 13th March 2025	Anxiety part 2
Thursday 20th March 2025	Emotional Regulation
Thursday 27th March 2025	The reality of schools
Thursday 3rd April 2025	Practical solutions to support
Thursday 8th May 2025	Review of strategies implemented

If you are interested in attending or receiving further information, please contact Lucy Merry on [lucy.merry@eynshamapps.co.uk](mailto:lucy.merry@eynshamapps.co.uk) <https://www.eynsham.oxon.sch.uk/>

## World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March.

You would have already received information about our 'Bookie Brekkie'. This event was very successful last year so if your child would like to attend, please book this via ParentMail.

This half term is also a good time to get a head start on the competitions that we will be holding- *Create a wooden spoon book character and photo of yourself reading in an unusual place.* Please see the photo for more information.



Please enter our whole school book week competition:

**1. Create a Wooden Spoon Book Character**



**2. Take a photo of yourself reading in an unusual place!**

Have you ever imagined yourself reading a book in an unusual place? Ask an adult to help you think of a safe place you can be photographed whilst reading a book. This could be indoors and outdoors.



Please hand your entries into your class teacher by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.**

The winners will be announced and prizes awarded in our whole school assembly on World Book Day.

## Author Visit KS2 Wednesday 5th March



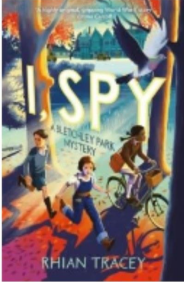
We are delighted to be able to welcome author, Rhian Tracey, to our school during World Book Day Week. She will be sharing her fascinating Bletchley Park Mystery series with Key Stage Two on **Weds 5th March**. There will be a talk, a Q&A and a book signing.



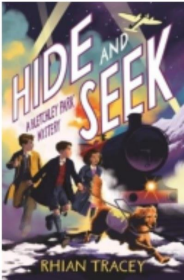
*Rhian Tracey trained as a Drama & English teacher, writing her debut novel during her first few years in teaching. Rhian works as a SEN teacher as well as volunteering with the charity, Medical Detection Dogs, helping to socialise puppies who will go on to be assistance dogs. Rhian lives with her children and their dog and has just finished writing her 9th book, a Bletchley Park mystery. Find her on Twitter (Rhian Tracey) or Instagram (rhiantraceyauthor).*

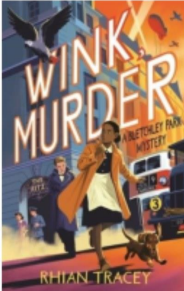
**Borzo Bookshop is providing your child with the opportunity to pre-order their books with 10% discount through their website.**

- **Please place your book orders using the links below by Monday 3rd March at 9.30am.**
- Please include your Child's Name, School and Year Group in the ticket fields on the website. Any books ordered via the website will be delivered to the school on the day of the event ready for your child to collect.
- All books will be signed and dedicated to your child unless you request otherwise. Please let us know of any special requests in the notes field.
- If you miss the deadline, there will be books for sale on the day, payable by cash, cheque or card.
- We will do our best to satisfy your order and hope your child enjoys the event!

	<p><b>Bletchley Park Mystery 1: I Spy</b><sup>[1] [2]</sup>  <b>£7.20 (RRP £7.99)</b><sup>[3] [4]</sup></p> <p>A thrilling mystery adventure set in Bletchley Park at the start of World War II, based on true events. Twelve-year-old Robyn has grown up in Bletchley Park, where her father works as a driver. When she's not at school, there's nothing she likes more than helping her dad in the garages. Then the war begins and everything at Bletchley changes. Robyn is assigned to help with the carrier pigeons that take messages to the Allies.</p> <p>But first, she must sign the Official Secrets Act and is ordered not to leave the grounds of the park. While Bletchley is buzzing with people recruited for the war effort and all eyes are on the skies, Robyn becomes convinced that there's something sinister going on within Bletchley Park itself. Together with her friends Mary and Ned, Robyn resolves to uncover the enemy in their midst .</p>
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	<p><b>Bletchley Park Mystery 2: Hide and Seek</b><sup>[1] [2]</sup>  <b>£7.20 (RRP £7.99)</b><sup>[3] [4]</sup></p> <p>Before the war starts, Ned is resigned to a future working in the family funeral parlour. Then the covert operations at Bletchley Park begin and his life is transformed.</p> <p>Ned and his mother leave Bletchley Park on a vital wartime mission into the remote Welsh countryside. Their task: to protect the priceless artwork that is being stored in a slate mine in the village of Manod. As long as its whereabouts are secret, they'll keep the national treasures out of the hands of the enemy.</p> <p>But when it appears that someone in the village is trying to expose the truth, suspicion turns to the newcomers - Ned, his mother, and a young Jewish refugee, Anni. Can Ned, Anni and their friend Harri prove their loyalty to the mission and keep the secret safe?</p>
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	<p><b>Bletchley Park Mystery 3: Wink Murder</b><sup>[5] [6]</sup>  <b>£7.20 (RRP £7.99)</b><sup>[7] [8]</sup></p> <p>Mary has a gift for languages and codes that has brought her to the attention of the adults working at Bletchley Park. She finds herself drawn into their undercover operations, learning Japanese in order to decode enemy messages - but the operation she's a part of remains cloaked in mystery.</p> <p>As tensions on the Home Front escalate, Mary is forced to face the realities of warfare - the enemy is operating amongst them. Posing as a waitress amidst the glamour and bustle of the Ritz Hotel, Mary uncovers secrets and lies amongst the people she's working mostly closely with. Can Mary steer clear of danger and thwart the devious mission unfolding around her? There is just one thing she knows for sure: trust no one.</p>
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## Awards



### **Headteacher Award:**

Year 6 - Jack, Sammy

Year 5- Yasin, Iness, Delilah, Archie

Year 4- Lucas, Rachel

Year 3- Eva, Xian

Year 2- Taylor, Florence

Year 1- Zen, Emil

### **Reading Award:**

Year 4- Amirah, Betsy

Year 3- Emma, Artie

Year 2- Tom, Milo

Year 1- Sam

### **Writing Award:**

Year 6 - Julia, Kitson

Year 5- Beau, Aranya

Year 4- India, Timea

Year 3- Albert

Year 2- Finley, Orin, Abel

Year 1- Nora, Everlie, Nicky

**Maths Award:**

Year 6 - Teagan, Isaac, Nia

Year 5- Isla

Year 4- Brandon

Year 3- Miri, Amirah, Lucas, Lorianne, Timea

Year 2- Annabelle, Casper

Year 1- Noah

**Superstar Sports Award:**

Year 6- Dory, Seb, Joshua, Omar, Lily

Year 5- Beau, Sam

Year 4- Annika

Year 3- George

**Gold Award:**

Year 6- Christian

Year 5- Joe, Priscilia, Luke, Sonia, Allace, Beau, Alyosha

Year 4- Jude, Holly

Year 3- Emma, James, Lowen, Wilfred

Year 1- Robyn, Darcey, Donald, Zen, Angelina, George, Nora

**Platinum Award:**

Year 6- Dory

Year 3- Skyla, Owen, Scarlett, Lillie- Rose, Isabelle, Amy

Year 2- Antoni

**Diamond Award:**

Year 6- Kitson

Year 5- Delilah

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