



Eynsham Community Primary School
Newsletter - Friday 13th September

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in the full swing of being back to school and the summer holidays seem like a distant memory ago! It was lovely to see so many of you at the Parent Information meetings. I hope that you found them useful.

If you were unable to attend the meeting, a recording of the what was discussed will be uploaded onto your children's class pages on the school website. In addition to this, medium term plans, timetables and year groups newsletters have also been uploaded onto each year group page.

*Later on during this half term, (**Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October**) you will be invited to attend Parent Evenings where you can see the progress that your child has been making this term.*

Year 6 Woodlands Parents' Meeting: *There will be a meeting held after school on Wednesday 18th September for parents/carers to find out more about the upcoming year 6 trip to Woodlands.*

Year 5 Youlbury Parents' Meeting: *Year 5 parents/carers are invited to an information meeting where there will be a presentation about the forthcoming Youlbury residential trip. The meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th September at 3:15pm in the school hall.*

PTA News: *The PTA are planning an autumn disco which will be taking place on Friday 4th October. Next week, Mrs Merry will be sending out further information about this and timings for each age group. In addition, we will be holding another Sponsored Fun Run on Friday 11th October. This is to show support for those parents and staff who are running the Oxford Half this year in aid of the school!*

Pupil Leadership: *Next week, children in Year 6 will be able to apply for a range of leadership roles in the school. This will include Play Leaders, Dining Hall Monitors and Librarians. Elections for the school council will also be taking place once the Head Girl and Head Boy have been appointed. Applications for the positions of Head Girl/Boy need to be in by end of day, Monday 23rd September. This year, we will be asking representatives from the school council to attend half termly Governor meetings to feedback the children's views are about the school. They will also be having a focus on lunchtimes. We have begun to implement some new activities at lunchtimes including structured games and the parachute. Thank you to those who have donated some items for our play boxes. We are looking for some more Lego as this is a popular activity at lunchtime.*

Yours sincerely

Ginny Bayliss

Executive Headteacher

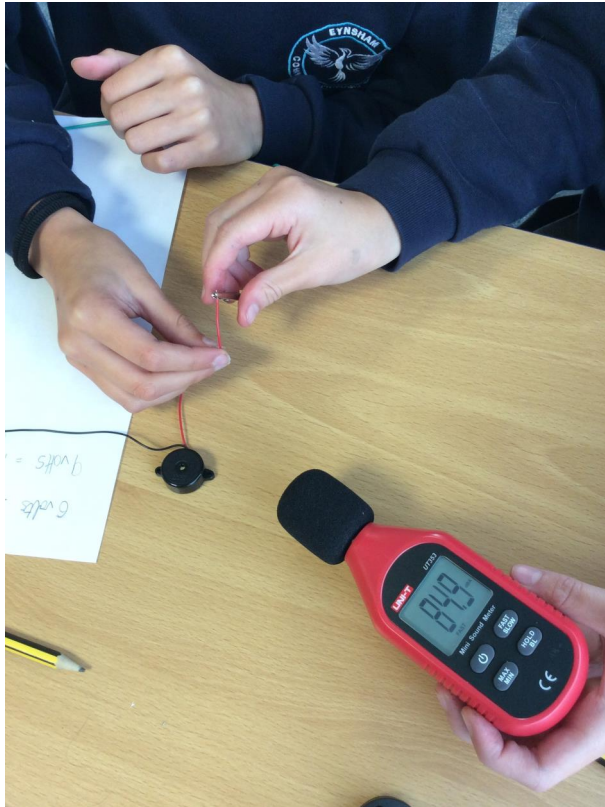
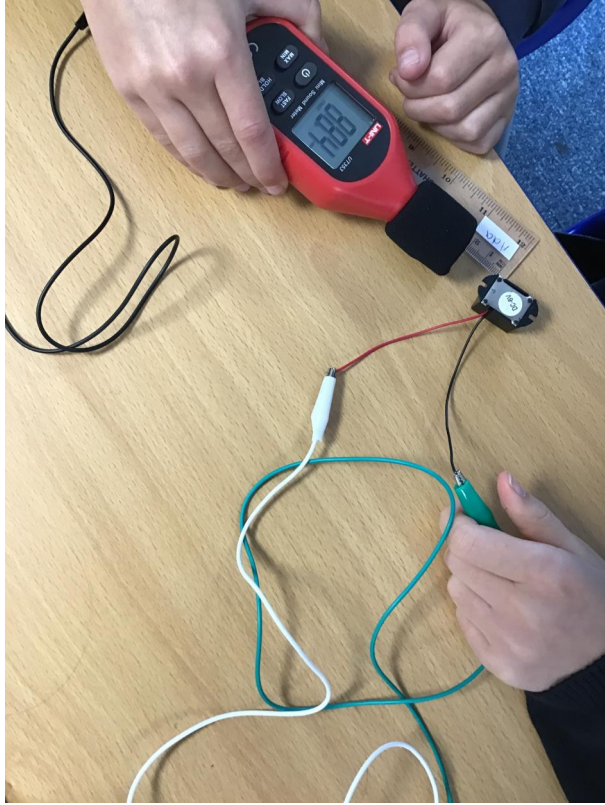
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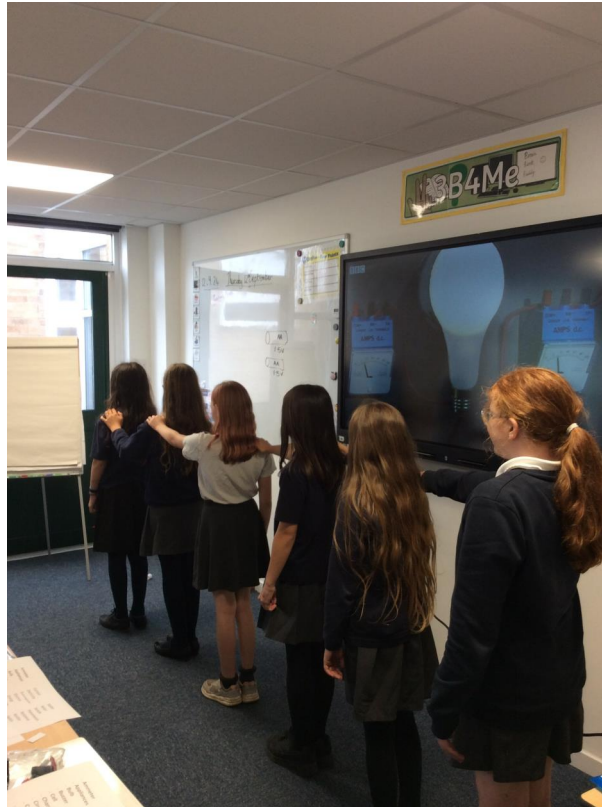
Year 6 have made a brilliant start to the year. They have shown that they can be our role models when it comes to being ready, respectful and responsible. Pupils are already writing their applications for the role of head boy or head girl, and next week they can be appointed as monitors in various roles across the school. Once our head boy and girl have been selected, the children will also be able to put themselves forward to be house captains or school councillors.

Our year group are looking forward to a variety of experiences and trips over the coming weeks. This includes a Greek Day, a trip to Junior Citizen, a Bikeability course, a science workshop, and, of course, our trip to Woodlands.

Our lessons so far have included looking at different versions of the Greek myth Theseus and the Minotaur, learning about place value in maths, taking part in Get Set PE activities, continuing to learn Mandarin, and finding out about electricity in science.







Safeguarding

As the clocks go back and the nights draw in, it is an overnight adjustment for all of us keeping children safe in the dark. The darker evenings can have a big impact on our daily routines such as picking up children from playdates, after school school clubs or evening clubs. Remember that visibility is key. Talk to your children about being seen! Not just by motorists and cyclists, but by other pedestrians. School uniforms can be dark and children are safer if they are visible. You can easily add high-visibility reflective strips onto their clothing, school bags or bike helmets. It is vital to teach your children road safety basics from an early age. Encourage older children to retain a sense of awareness. They should be discouraged from having headphones in their ears and should not be concentrating on their phones. Being pre-occupied and distracted will make them more vulnerable, particularly in the dark. The darker conditions in Autumn and Winter mean it is even more important to be aware of where your children are and what they are wearing when walking around our village. The children will be talking more about this in school during Road Safety Week in November.



World Mental Health Day

We will be supporting World Mental Health day #HelloYellow on Thursday 10th October. As a school we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day by asking children to come into school wearing

something yellow. This is a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness of mental health issues and have conversations with pupils, staff and parents.



Baby News



We are delighted to share the joyous news that Mrs Maton's baby, Myles, arrived on 31st August weighing a healthy 9lb 2oz!

Both mother and baby are doing well, and we are all looking forward to meeting the newest member of our school community. Please join us in wishing Mrs Maton and her family all the best as they embark on this exciting new journey.

PTA News

As part of the PTA's continued fundraising efforts, 8 volunteers will take to the streets of Oxford on October 13th to participate in the Oxford Half Marathon. 3 teachers and 5 parents will push themselves to complete the 13.1 mile course around the city centre. This is no small feat, with each volunteer giving up a lot of free time to train throughout the summer in order to prepare for the event.

Money raised will go towards the school's project to improve the playground space by refurbishing the side area of the school into a much needed hardstanding play-space which is usable all year round.

The PTA have been fundraising for a year to give the children a better place to play at lunchtime and break times, We fully appreciate your support.

Please donate and show your support by clicking this link <https://gofund.me/8df83929>



School Fun Run

We are excited to announce our upcoming Sponsored Run taking place on 11th October! This event is a fantastic opportunity for our students to get active, have fun, and raise funds for our ongoing playground appeal.

Each group will have 1 hour to run as many laps as they can around the school field.

We encourage parents, family members, and friends to sponsor the children for their efforts and to come and cheer their children on the day.

Refreshments will be available for purchase provided by the PTA.

Event Details: House Colours, Fun Run - Friday the 11th October 2024

- **Nursery - Ducklings & Foundation Stage: 9:00 AM - 09:30 AM**

- **KS1 - Years 1 and 2: 09:45 AM - 10:45 AM**
- **Years 3 and 4: 11:00 AM - 12:00 NOON**
- **Years 5 and 6: 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM**

We look forward to seeing our students run in their house colours full of enthusiasm and energy on the day. Thank you for your continued support!

On the day, children will need to wear bright colours to represent their house colour, but please send your child in with a spare change of clothes for after the event.

Sponsorship forms and any money raised should be dropped off at the school office by 18th October 2024. All money raised will be collected by the PTA to go towards our Playground project.



Open morning for Reception starters September 2025

We would like to invite you to our upcoming open morning for new reception starters who are considering joining our school in September 2025. The first session will take place on Wednesday 9th October.

We welcome you to join us at 9:00am to meet the Foundation team and explore all that our school has to offer. It will be a fantastic opportunity to gain insight into our school environment and ethos.

Open Morning
Eynsham Community Primary School
Reception Starters - September 2025

Open Mornings
Wednesday 9th October 2024
Thursday 7th November 2024
Wednesday 9th December 2024

Please arrive for 9:00am. Come and meet the team, see the environment and learning opportunities available.

Find out about your local school which has flagship status for personal, social, health and emotional education.



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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.

This week, both Toucans and Penguins class came top with 100%

Awards



Headteacher Award:

Year 6 - Tilly

Year 4- Holly C

Year 3- Lola, Alexa

Year 2- Nathan, Orin

Year 1- Nora, Toby

Reading Award:

Year 4- Jacob, Arthur K

Year 2- Florence, Diana

Year 1- George, Edward

Writing Award:

Year 4- Millie

Year 1- Dylan, Casper

Maths Award:

Year 6 - Izzy, Daisy

Year 4- Lucas

Year 2- Robyn

Year 1- Pearl, Jack

Superstar Sports Award:

Year 4- William Bowerman

Bronze Award:

Year 6 - Issac

Year 3- Samuel, Rosa

Year 2- Orin, Afonso, Edie

- **Year 5- Mandarin Week so certificates will be issued during next week's assembly**

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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