



Eynsham Community Primary School  
Newsletter - Friday 11th October

## Welcome

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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*A big well done to all the children who did the sponsored run today! They were absolutely amazing!! They all showed great determination and resilience as they pushed themselves both physically and mentally. Each child will be awarded with a medal next week! Thank you for your support in helping the children collect sponsorship, please can you ensure all money is brought into the school by Friday next week.*

*Thank you to the PTA for selling refreshments whilst the children did their fun run and also for their organisation of the autumn discos last Friday. It was great to see so many children enjoying themselves.*

*Good luck to all our runners who are taking part in the Oxford Half this Sunday. We really appreciate what you are doing for the school playground appeal. It is not too late to sponsor our team of parents and staff and the link for this can be found below.*

**Harvest Collection:** *Thank you to all those that brought in items for our Harvest Food Bank Collection. These are now going to be sent to our local food bank.*

**Goodbye Mrs Harris:** *Today we have said a sad farewell to Mrs Sarah Harris who has worked as a TA and more recently an HLTA for the last four years. She has been a brilliant asset to our team, and we wish her all the best with her move up north.*

**Parents' Information Evening:** *You should have received an invite to sign up to a Parents' Information Evening which is taking place next week. Please can I ask that all parents of children in Years 1-6 come to the main entrance, and you will be directed to the location of your appointment by the Head Girl and Head Boy. If you have a child in Early Years, please go to the Early Years gate to go to their classrooms.*

*Hope you all have a lovely weekend,*

*Yours sincerely*

*Ginny Bayliss*

*Executive Headteacher*

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## Foundation Stage trip to Cogges Farm

This week in Reception we went to Cogges Farm. We made paper plant pots and planted wheat seeds; used a flail to separate the wheat from the chaff before we had a go at grinding some grains into flour. Then into the kitchen, to make bread and everyone had a stir of the dough! We rolled out individual portions of the dough to make our own bread roll to take home. We also had time to feed the goats, look at the chickens and go on an egg hunt. We finished by watching a puppet show of the Little Red Hen story. What a fantastic day we all had, the children were a credit to the school!















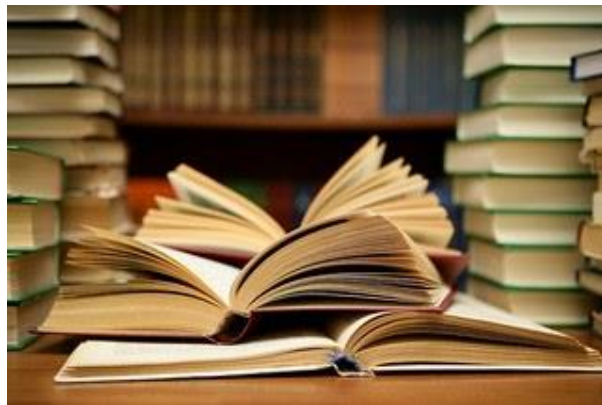
### Year 3 Stone Age Day

Year 3 had a fantastic Stone Age Day! It was an opportunity for the children to dress up and share some of the experiences of these prehistoric hunter gatherers. We learnt about the three eras in the Stone Age, the Palaeolithic Era, Mesolithic Era, and Neolithic Era in more detail, and practised some Stone Age weaving.





## Reading in classes



All KS2 classes have been introduced to some new fiction books called 'Hot Books' this week to promote the enjoyment of reading and to introduce new authors and genres. These are in our amazing reading corners and the children can read these in school and share their enjoyment of them with their peers.

Across both KS1 and KS2, the children will also be reading together and sharing and talking about their books, as well as the class teacher reading a class book. Please continue to support your child with reading at home and record in their Reading Record book, returning it to school each day.

## Letter from the Governors

The Governors would like to welcome all of our new families to the Eynsham Primary School community. The staff and students have been so busy already and there are still 2 weeks to go. Governors have met twice this term already and many of us have been busy undertaking monitoring visits and enjoying hearing about all of the wonderful enrichment activities that have been taking place since the start of term. By now, you will all have had the opportunity to attend a Parent Information Presentation for your child's Key Stage, children have attended a Disco and are preparing for a Fun Run, some year groups have had themed dress-up days, whilst other year groups have attended a rites of passage residential. We are always so impressed with the vast range of opportunities on offer for children at Eynsham Primary School.

The focus for the Governing body this term has been to ensure that the school continues to offer a high standard of education. You will have received the School Development Plan recently sent out through ParentMail. This document shows the five priority areas which they have chosen and each area has a focus for our monitoring visits. As we monitor we'll inform the community of our findings.

## Some more baby news

We are thrilled to inform you that Miss Rayfield has welcomed her baby boy, Theo, into the world. Theo arrived on 21 September, weighing a healthy 10lb 12oz. We are pleased to report that both mum and baby are doing well and we are eagerly looking forward to meeting him.





## Bubble Rush Run

Betsy, Minnie, Zelda (all Year 1) and Scarlett (Year 3) took part in the Bubble Rush 2024, on Sunday 15th September. Raising £200 between them for Helen and Douglas House Children's Hospice.

Well done girls!



## Oxford Half Marathon

In 2022 a group of teachers and parents raised a fantastic £2294 for the school playground project by running the Oxford Half Marathon. On Sunday (14th October) we're going to be doing it again in the hope we can raise even more critical funds to put towards the project to refurbish the side area of the school. To complete the project, we will eventually need around £35,000 to transform the unused area of the school into a bright, functional space that children at Eynsham Community Primary can enjoy. We know times are tough for many families, so any donation will be hugely appreciated!

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/playground-project-oxford-half-marathon-2024>

## 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. Well done Red Kites who had the highest attendance this time.

## School Grid



We would like to remind you that it is your responsibility to cancel any pre-booked meals for your child if they will not be in school to consume them, for example, if they are on a trip or off-site for a medical appointment. In the event of sickness, you have until 08:45 am to cancel or amend meal bookings. In an attempt to reduce waste, failure to cancel your child's meal will result in charges being incurred by Dolce via your child's school grid account. This also applies to children who receive Free School Meals, either under the Pupil Premium Grant or the Universal Free School Meals, however, in those cases the cost will be incurred by the school.

## Awards



### **Headteacher Award:**

Year 6- Erin, Daniela, Frankie

Year 5- Reggie, Alyosha, James, Polly

Year 4- Hazel, Brandon

Year 3- Issy, Amna

Year 2- Ayah, Oliver

Year 1- Elise K, Noah

### **Reading Award:**

Year 6 - Emma

Year 4- Jude

Year 3- Libby

Year 2- Dylan

Year 1 Troy, Betsy

**Writing Award:**

Year 5- Charlotte, Luke

Year 4- Arthur, Millie

Year 3- Furqan

Year 2- Louie, Taylor

Year 1- Jakey, Emmeline

**Maths Award:**

Year 6 - Aggie, A'isha

Year 5- Bethany, Muhammed-Abdull

Year 4- Lola, Lorianne, Myla

Year 3- Lola, Isabelle

Year 2- Milo

Year 1- Hunter, Emil

**Superstar Sports Award:**

Year 2- Lansa, Lara

**Bronze Award:**

Year 6 - Holly

Year 5- Sherlock

Year 4- Jude, Leo, Millie, Amelie, India, Amirah, Alex, Hazel, Katia, Arthur, Timea, Oliver, Brandon, Amelie

Year 3- Issy

Year 2- Abel, Antoni, Ayah, Casper, Jonathan, Louie, Percy, Annabelle

Year 1- Elsie, Dylan, Jacob, Darcey, Donald, Zen, Angelina, Robyn, Nora, George, Emmeline, Ned, Zelda

**Silver Award:**

Year 6- Lexi, Fliss, Ellis, Julia, Aggie, Jack, Teagan, Christian, Lily, Dory

Year 5- Polly, Sherlock

Year 3- Elias, Owen, Henry, George, Lola, Peace, To Sze Yu, Alexa

Year 2- Nick, Lara, Oliver, Dylan

**Gold Award:**

Year 3- Skyla

## 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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