



Eynsham Community Primary School Newsletter - Friday 18th October

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Parents' Information Evening and I hope you now have a good idea of what your child has been doing so far this term. Today you will have received a parent questionnaire to complete, we would be grateful if you could return by the end next week

A big thank you to Miss Davis who hosted her first parents' coffee and information morning to look at our provision for SEND. These are going to be a regular occurrence where a range of topics will be discussed.

Thank you also to our amazing staff and parents who ran the Oxford Half Marathon, there were some impressive times and we are so grateful for your hard work. Mrs Podbery is now in the process of applying for community grants to add to the amount we have raised for the playground project. She will be providing an update soon.

Next week sees the Year 5 team depart for their residential to Youlbury. We hope the weather remains kind and not too much rain!

As part of Black History Month, the children have been busy studying famous black artists and recreating some of their work. The Art Ambassadors have got the difficult job of judging two pieces from each year group which will then get framed and hung in the meeting room. I will announce the winners in next week's newsletter. We will also share more of what the pupils have been doing in Black History Month.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Ginny Bayliss

Executive Headteacher

Year 6 Junior Citizen trip

All of Year 6 attended Junior Citizens in Oxford last week. It is a safety education programme run by Oxfordshire County Council, involving the police, fire and ambulance service. It also includes road and water safety, as well as trading standards.

The children had a fantastic morning engaging in a range of practical scenarios and every child had the chance to make a mock 999 call. The sessions were informative and both classes worked well together in their teams to talk about keeping safe and how they would respond to different situations. Well done Eagles and Kestrels!









Cycling home from a rowing training session, all three Trinity College students crashed and hit their heads on the ground, smashing their helmets. Marc, a surgeon, said "I have seen, first hand, the injuries to people not wearing a helmet". Adam said "the day after the accident bike shops were selling out of helmets with students rushing to buy them when they saw the state of mine after the accident".

Cycle Training

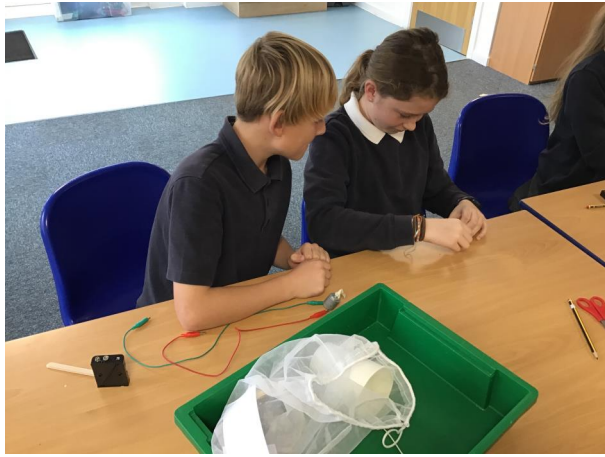
Does your school offer Cycle Training?
Ask your Head Teacher for more information.

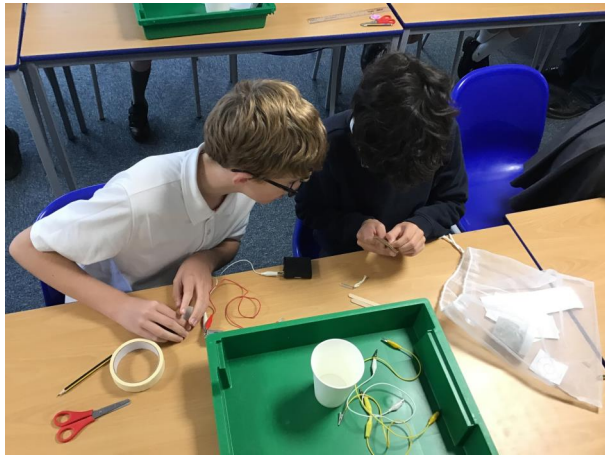


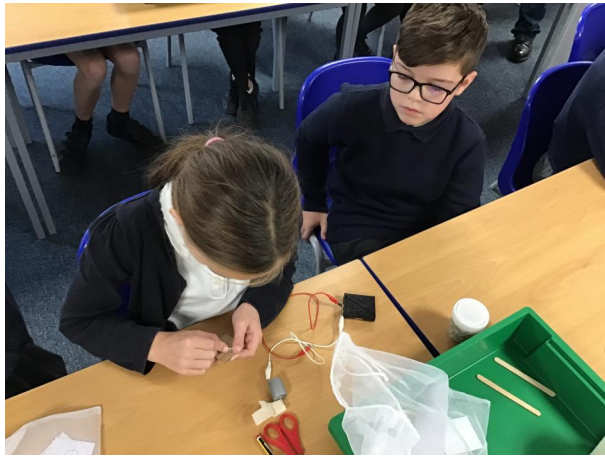
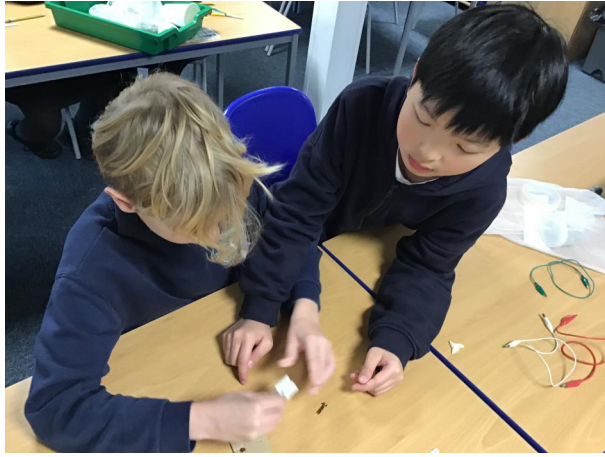
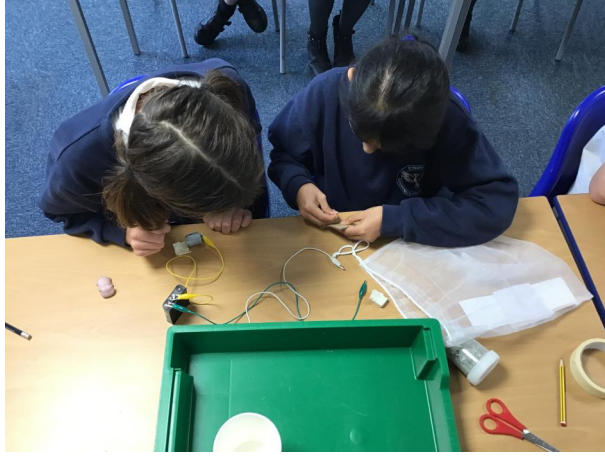


Year 6 Science Oxford

Earlier this week, both Year 6 classes took part in a Science Oxford workshop. The children have been learning about circuits this term, and brought all of their knowledge and skills together to create their own miniature vacuum cleaners.









KS2 sporting events

This week, KS1 girls attended Bartholomew for the morning, for a fun-filled time where they took part in engaging football based activities to help inspire them to be physically active. The children had to work together to complete each activity helping to improve their team work, cooperation and listening skills.

School Vegetable Beds

Our second year of growing our own vegetables at school has (as it was last year) been a great success. Some of the produce was sold just before the summer holidays, with another sale taking place last Friday, following the last harvest of the year. Parents were able to offer a cash donation (used to pay for more seeds and equipment for next summer) in exchange for our parsnips, leeks and chard. Many thanks to our amazing parent volunteers (Anna and Nina) for all of their help again this year.



Playground News

At the end of September, we had our first parent working group looking at our provision on the playground. With the field shut it highlighted the need for activities and areas for the children to be

able to use. We are very fortunate at this school to have a brilliant Marsh area which has reopened this week for all year groups on different days. It has been lovely to see the children enjoying playing and exploring the Marsh at lunch times. We also have some fantastic year 6 Play leaders who are running some super fun and engaging games for the year younger pupils to play at the lunch times. Our next working party will take place in Spring, if you would like to join please contact the office.





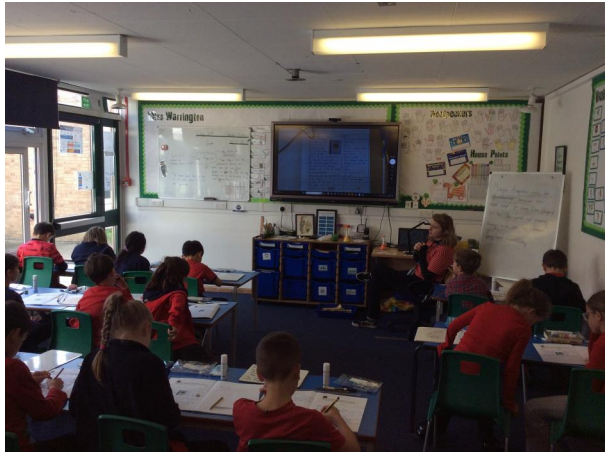




Black History Month

Today we celebrated Black History Month in school with our Black History heroes day. Children have learned about the invaluable contributions black people have made to the world we live in today. They also explored a range a black artist, looking at their work and creating their own piece of art work inspired by them. It was lovely to see the children come into school wearing red today in support of 'Show racism the red card'







1 - The School Council

Sponsored Fun Run

A big well done to all the children who took part in our sponsored run last week. They were absolutely amazing!! They all showed great determination and resilience as they pushed themselves both physically and mentally. Thank you for your support in helping the children collect sponsorship, the deadline for sponsorship to be returned is today so please can you ensure all money is brought into the school, early next week.

The PTA raised £170 on refreshments, so we can't wait to add up all the children's sponsorship money to get a final total.







New Orchestra Club

We have recently started a wonderful new Orchestra club on a Monday after school. We are very lucky to have a member of the Oxfordshire music team coming to work with children that already have instrument lessons either as part of our school program (year 3 and year 5) or lessons they are having outside of school.

The children will need to bring their own instrument to school and together they will collaborate on one piece of music allowing them to grow their skills in playing not only their instrument but as part of an orchestra.

If your child has not joined up yet but would like to, please do so via parent mail.

We can't wait to see our orchestra grow and perform at key events.

PTA update



The PTA has raised £20,000 for our school in 2023-2024.

Thank you for all your hard work, support and donations.

The PTA has a great relationship with the school who are hugely supportive of what we do. We have a fabulous core of parents who always turn up to help but this year we've had more support from new parents so thank you. It's been great getting to know people and giving them a taste of our PTA events.

Future proofing the committee is very important and one of our aims this year has been thinking about how we can make the PTA sustainable when committees change.

Not having complicated events off site that require huge investments of time and resources with little gain, for example

The PTA will not be the Event planners for the – Light Up Eynsham Ceremony this year. This event is a very large complicated event to organise with a lot of liability involved. It was decided that although this is an amazing community event, the PTA are not the correct organization to be the lead planners.

We are looking on course for another great year, thanks to the support of the parents and greater Eynsham community.

2024-2025 Events coming up

Autumn trail - Early Years

Wreath Making workshop

Christmas Fair

Valentine Disco

Summer Fair

Run Wytham Woods

Sports day refreshments

Garage sale.

We are planning to have more social events so watch out for dates, please do come along and meet the team, offer any ideas you may have.

Thank you

Your PTA

Christmas Fair



Autumn Treasure Hunt

Early Years children in Cygnets, Ducklings and Foundation classes.

We are excited to invite your child to participate in our sponsored Autumn challenge over the upcoming Half Term break. The challenge involves finding as many items as possible from the photos provided, as well as any additional items they come across during their exploration.

Your child will be given a treasure hunt bag at the beginning of next week. We encourage you to involve family and friends in sponsoring your child for this challenge. Once the challenge is completed, please ensure that the filled bags, sponsorship forms, and funds are returned to Eynsham Primary School by the 15th November.

This challenge promises to be an engaging and enjoyable experience for the children, allowing them to explore nature and learn in a fun and interactive way.

Thank you for your support, and good luck!



SEND Coffee Morning Part 2, Thursday 21st November at 9:00am

An introduction to Mental Health Support Teams In School (MHST)

We are an early intervention team who work with new and emerging mental health needs. This is about the impact the mental health difficulty is having on the young person's life. For example, if it's mild anxiety it might affect the person in one or more areas of their life (e.g. school), but not every day. Moderate anxiety or low mood may affect them every day, but it wouldn't be debilitating, and they would still be able to get on with some of their usual activities.

We offer interventions to support with:

- Worry/anxiety
- Behaviour difficulties in primary aged children
- Low mood in secondary aged young people
- Simple phobias
- Psychoeducation and CBT-informed mental health techniques

Support offered to primary aged children is with the parents rather than the young person in the first instance.

We can offer 1-1 work, group work or parenting groups and would normally offer appointments in the school setting.

SENDCo COFFEE MORNING

AN INTRODUCTION TO MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS IN SCHOOLS

We would like to invite you to a SEN coffee morning, where you can meet the new school Mental Health Support Team worker, Olivia.

**THURSDAY
21ST NOVEMBER 2024**

Please come to reception at 9am - 10am

<https://www.eynsham.oxon.sch.uk/>

National Diabetes Day

JOIN US AND WEAR BLUE ON THE 14TH NOVEMBER

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO

[HTTPS://DONATE.DIABETES.ORG.UK/DONATE/-MY-DONATION](https://donate.diabetes.org.uk/donate/-my-donation)

WORLD DIABETES DAY
NOVEMBER 14

In support of National Diabetes Day, we will be having a non-uniform day on Thursday 14th November, where children can come to school wearing something blue to raise awareness for this cause.

We kindly ask for donations to be made to support this important initiative. If you wish to contribute, please follow the link in the attached photo to make your donation.

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 to Tucans class who had the highest attendance this time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024/2025

Monday 2nd September:	INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd September:	Term 1 (1 st half) commences
Thursday 5th September:	Y4 Hill End Parents' Information meeting (3:15)
Monday 9th September:	2.30pm KS1 Parents information session
Tuesday 10 th September:	2.30pm Lower KS2 Parents information session
Wednesday 11 th September:	2.30pm Upper KS2 Parents information session
Tuesday 17 th September:	Y5 Youlbury Parents' Information meeting (3:15)
Wednesday 25 th September	Year 6 Greek day and Year 3 Stone Age Day
Wednesday 25 th September-	Y4 Hill End trip
Thursday 26 th September	Y4 Hill End trip
Tuesday 1st October:	FS trip to Cogges Farm
Thursday 3rd October	School photos - portraits and siblings
Friday 4 th October	PTA Disco
Wednesday 9 th October	Open Morning for prospective Parents (Foundation Stage Sept 2025) 9:00am
Thursday 10 th October:	World Mental Health Day
Friday 11th October	PTA Children's sponsored run
Wednesday 16 th October:	KS1 &KS2 SEND coffee morning
Wednesday 16 th October:	Parents' Evening: 3:30-6:30pm
Thursday 17 th October:	Parents' Evening: 3:30-6:30pm
Monday 21 st -25 th October:	Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 23 rd - 25 th October:	Y5 Youlbury Trip
Friday 25 th October:	Last day of half term
Monday 4 th November:	INSET Day 2
Tuesday 5 th November:	Term 1 (2nd half) commences
Thursday 7 th November:	Open Morning for prospective Parents (Foundation Stage Sept 2025) 9:00am
Friday 8 th November:	Year 1 trip to Witney Museum
Monday 11 th November:	Anti-Bullying week - Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 12 th November:	Y2 Tower of London
Wednesday 13 th November:	Y4 Viking day
Thursday 14th November:	National Diabetes Day- Non uniform blue clothing
Monday 25 th – 29 th November:	Year 6 Woodlands Trip
Wednesday 22 nd November:	Year 5 Didcot Railway Evacuee Experience
Monday 2nd December	PTA Non-School uniform Day for Christmas Fair
Wednesday 4 th December	Open Morning for prospective Parents (Foundation Stage Sept 2025) 9:00am
Friday 6th December:	PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 9 th December:	KS1 Performance to the school: 1pm
Tuesday 10 th December:	KS1 Performance: 1pm (Babies and toddlers welcome)
Tuesday 10 th December:	KS1 Performance: 6pm (Adults only)
Wednesday 11 th December:	FS Christmas Singing: 2pm
Wednesday 11 th December:	Parents' open afternoon begins at 2:45pm with mince pies and mulled wine
Friday 20 th December:	End of Term (Finish at 1:15pm)
Monday 6 th January:	INSET Day 3
Tuesday 7 th January:	Term 2 (1 st half) begins
Wednesday 29 th January:	International Day
Friday 7th February:	PTA Valentine's Disco
Friday 14 th February:	End of half term
Monday 19 th February:	Term 2 (2nd half) begins
Tuesday 25 th February:	KS1 & KS2 Parents Evening: 3:30 – 6:30pm
Wednesday 26 th February:	KS1 & KS2 Parents Evening: 3:30 – 6:30pm
Wednesday 5 th March:	NHM-Tring, Year 2
Thursday 6 th March:	World Book Day
Thursday 13 th March:	KS1 & KS2 Parents Stay and Learn Afternoon 9am (RE)
Friday 14 th March:	Red Nose Day
Monday 31st March:	Year 4/5 Production to school: 1pm
Tuesday 1 st April:	Year 4/5 Production to parents: 1pm (Babies and toddlers welcome)
Tuesday 1st April:	Year 4/5 Production to Parents: 6pm
Thursday 3rd April:	PTA Break the Rules Day
Friday 4 th April:	End of Term (Finish at 1:15pm)
Tuesday 22nd April:	Term 3 (1st half) begins
Wednesday 23rd April:	Year 4 trip to Tusmore Farm
Thursday 24 th April:	Year 6 Transition Day at Bartholomew
Thursday 1 st May	Mayday parade
Monday 5 th May:	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6 th May:	Foundation trip to Sutton Courtenay Environmental Centre
Monday 12 th 15 th May:	KS2 SATs Week
Friday 23 rd May:	PTA Summer Fete with Dance performances: 2:00pm
Friday 23rd May:	Last day of half term
Monday 2 nd June:	Term 3 (2 nd half) begins
Sunday 8 th June:	Run Wytham Woods
Thursday 26 th June:	Year 6 Transition Day at Bartholomew
Thursday 26 th June:	Met the new teacher day
Friday 27 th June:	Year 6 Transition Day at Bartholomew
Wednesday 2 nd July:	EYFS Sports Afternoon
Thursday 3 rd July:	Sports Day
Friday 4 th July:	Back up sports day in case of bad weather
Friday 11 th July:	Reports out
Wednesday 9 th July:	Year 6 Production to the school: 1.30pm
Thursday 10 th July	Year 6 Production to parents: 1:30pm (Babies and toddlers welcome)
Thursday 10 th July:	Year 6 Production to parents/carers: 6pm
Thursday 17 th July:	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly to parents/carers 1:15pm
Friday 18 th July:	End of Term (Finish at 1:15pm)

Awards



Headteacher Award:

Year 6 - Hannah, Dory

Year 5- Sophie, Mason

Year 4- Maya, Antonia

Year 3- Samuel, Heidi

Year 2- Casper

Year 1- Dylan, Xander

Reading Award:

Year 4- Jacob

Year 3- Lola, Harvey

Year 1- Isla

Writing Award:

Year 6- Ruby

Year 4- Alex

Year 3- Rosa

Year 1- Donald, Alexander

Maths Award:

Year 4- Leo

Year 1- Briealla, Julia

Bronze Award:

Year 5- Allace, Antony, James, Beau, Edie, Yasin, Iness, Sophie, Alyosha

Year 4- Lily, Eleanor, Millie, Luke, Kylie, Holly, Nika

Year 3- Leo, Peter, Eden, Harry, Furqan, Junior, Emma, Lola, Isabella, Owen, Hope, James, Roman, Zakariyaa, Jude, Aston, Amna, Xian, Lillie-Rose, Heidi

Year 2- Sapphire, Milo, Leo, Lansa, Bradley, Annabelle, Percy, Louie, Jonathan, Casper, Ayah, Antoni, Abel

Year 1- Jakey, Arlia, Isaac, Ronnie, Paul, Xander, Sam D, Julia, Lottie, Edward, Nicky, Maxim, Lea, Jack, Casper, Betsy

Silver Award:

Year 6- Max

Year 5- Rayan, Luke, Sophie

Year 4- Kacy, Ethan, Leo, Lucia, Amelie, Betsy, Stefan, Maya, Susanna, Arthur B-B, Vihaan, Rachel, Phoebe, Myla, Eric, Emi, Lucas, Isaac, Jacob, Will

Year 3- Owen, Miri, George, Aston, Scarlett, Albert, Artie, Heidi, Isabelle, Sam, Nancy, Elisabeth, Zach, Harvey, Xian, Jude, George

Year 2- Nathan, James, Henry

Year 1- Alexander, Isla, Zelda, Casper, Shuli, Marnie

Gold Award:

Year 6- Millie

Superstar Sports Award:

Year 6- Immy, Ada, Holly

Year 5- Yasin

Year 4- Eleanor, Leo

Year 3- Issy, Furqan

Year 2- Antoni

Year 1- Alexander

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