



Eynsham Community Primary School Newsletter - Friday 25th October

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we have arrived at the end of our first half term. The last eight weeks have flown by and so much has taken place! A massive thank you to all your support with the Sponsored Run,

Mrs Merry has been busy collecting the money and we will provide an update on the total amount after half term. However so far, we have raised an incredible amount of £2500! Please see below for a report on fundraising to date and what the PTA are spending the money on.

Thank you also, to the Year 5 team who have spent the last few days at Youlbury on their residential. We have had the most enjoyable time and the children have been brilliant. There will be a full report on the trip in the first newsletter when we return. I think it is safe to say the children will be sleeping well tonight!

I have been incredibly impressed with the art work produced in Black History Month. I'm so glad that I am not an Art Ambassador who had the difficult job of judging the work. The winners work will have their work framed and put on display in the meeting room.

Thank you also for responding to the Parents' survey, we have been overwhelmed with all the positive comments. Any issues raised from the survey will be discussed in our weekly SLT meetings. I will provide you with a breakdown of the survey after half term and any actions that we have identified.

I wish you all a lovely half term and I look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 5th November.

With best wishes,

Ginny Bayliss

Executive Headteacher

Year 6 Bikeability

Children in year 6 this week have had the opportunity to take part in Bikeability. This is designed to help build children's confidence on their bikes and also learn basic skills whilst using their bike such as:

Check: Perform 'ABCD' safety check of your air, brakes, chain and direction before every ride.

Look: Be aware of your surroundings at all times.

Move: Take the most suitable riding positions and own your space on the road.

Communicate: Riding position, arm signals and eye contact are all useful ways to show your intentions.

Ride: Stick to the rules of the road, remember who has priority at each stage of your journey.





A huge thank you from Early Years

Early Years would like to say a huge thank you to D A Building and Roofing Limited for supplying and building a new texture kitchen and performance stage. The children are enjoying their new area and putting on a show!





Ducklings News

We have been having fun this week with lots of sensory play where the children have been exploring lots of different textures and smells. We have had playdough with lavender and rosemary so that we can enjoy sticking the stems in and printing the petals to make different patterns. With our gloop trays, we have been trying to hide the spiders in the red and yellow gloop. We found this tricky as when in the tray the gloop is hard but when we pick up the gloop, it turns to liquid. We have loved playing with frozen peas too, using tweezers to try and pick them up and place them in a bowl to see how many we can catch! This has encouraged some great conversation about how they are frozen but will soon melt and become squishy.









Art Competition



As part of our Black History Month celebrations at Eynsham, each year group was given a different Black artist to study. The children analysed examples of that artist's work and then had a go at creating their own piece in that style. Afterwards, the Art Ambassadors helped to choose winning pieces from each year group which will be displayed in school. A huge congratulations to the winners listed here!

Foundation: Robyn and Miriam

Year 1 - Angelina

Year 2 - Taylor and Eleanor

Year 3 - Heidi

Year 4 - Michael

Year 5 - Aranya

Year 6 - Ada and Julia

Spotlight on the Curriculum: Modern Foreign Languages

At Eynsham Community Primary School, children will experience two different languages; Spanish and Mandarin. These languages have been chosen as they are the two that they will continue to study when going to Bartholomew. We aim to develop children's interest and curiosity about both of these languages, including an understanding of the cultures and countries that speak both Spanish and Mandarin. Children will understand how culture and language differ around the world and grow to respect, understand and appreciate people of different ethnic and social backgrounds. We aim to broaden children's vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including the use of a dictionary, in order to support the study of modern languages at key stage 3. Children will learn a range of vocabulary in both languages to hold conversations.

In years 1&2, children will have an introduction to the Spanish language. This will be in the form of two 'International afternoons' in each term. During this time, they will be exposed to cultures which are different to that of Eynsham. In Years 3 & 4, children will have weekly Spanish lessons. Areas which will be focused on are: speaking, writing, reading and listening. In years 5 & 6, the children will receive weekly Mandarin lessons which are taught by a Specialist Language teacher from Bartholomew.

Please see below a report from Year 2 about their first international afternoon of the term.

Year 2 Modern Foreign Language

In Year 2, we have started learning about Argentina. Firstly, we looked at where it was on google earth, then found it on a globe and then after on a map. We learnt the capital city was Buenos Aires and that they speak mostly Spanish. After, we looked at pictures and read facts that were either from Argentina or England to compare the two countries. To see if we were right, we watched a video and listened to some more facts.



Safeguarding

We wanted to remind parents about some of the challenges and concerns around YouTube. Youtube is unfiltered unless certain settings are in place. To have a 'child' account, users must be 13+. Even if what your child watches seems age appropriate, what auto plays after each video may not be, the comments section is not always appropriate, especially for younger children. Comments range from unkind to offensive, with some recent concerns raised around comments that are written in another language, or backwards in English to avoid triggering filters. When decoded these comments contain harmful and sometimes illegal content. Clicking on the profile picture of the comment poster (often a picture of a mainstream YouTuber like Mr Beast) can also lead to channels with videos of distressing and illegal content. Please review filters and age settings for your child and to make sure they are supervised when accessing the internet. If you have any questions or concerns around this, please do speak to your child's class teacher.



PTA update



Your PTA have agreed a spending for this academic year of £5000. This will go towards subsidising music lessons, trips, and leavers' hoodies. Also, a large order has been agreed for resources in the Early Years outdoor environment. In addition, the PTA will also be funding for a new bike and scooter rack to go outside the Early Years area for children in the younger year groups to park their bikes and scooters as opposed to leaving them outside the gate.

Approximately £15,000 has already been raised for the playground project and Mrs Bayliss and Mrs Podbery will be meeting designers to start the process after half term. Once a design has been confirmed using the school council to help, Mrs Podbery will be applying for grants so that this project can be completed.

2024-2025 Fundraising so far

The Disco raised a total of £320.

The amazing Fun Run so far, has raised £2500 and we are still collecting money in and hope to have a final total after half term. This is a truly amazing amount, thank you so much for all your support.

Future Events

Autumn Trail – Early Years – bags handed out this week.

Wreath workshop - 1st December 2024

Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto - 6th December 2024, tickets now on sale.

Valentine Disco – 7th February 2025

Break the Rules Day – 3rd April 2025

Summer Fair – 23rd May 2025

Run Wytham Woods – 8th June 2025

We are always looking for new members to get involved and hope to see you at a meeting or volunteering at one of our events.

If you would like to be added to the PTA volunteer WhatsApp group so you can be notified about social and fundraising events and opportunities to help with our events, please message Anya Aspinall on 07968830485

Thank you for your continued support.

Eynsham PTA

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

For the last few years, our year 6 pupils have had the opportunity to buy the very popular and unique 'Leavers' Hoodies' and we are pleased to be able to offer them again this year. We need to start planning already to make sure our order is placed in time for delivery for the start of the Spring term (January 2025).

Please complete the form on Parentmail letting us know:

- if your child would like a hoodie, the name of your child as it will appear on the hoodie (first names only please).
- The size your child will require (do remember that they may grow before they leave school in July, so select a size that will last, as we cannot change it once ordered).

Please ensure you have filled in the form no later than **Monday 4th November 2024** and final payment must be received through the Parentmail shop by **8th November 2024**. We cannot guarantee a hoodie for your child if payment is made after this date.

We look forward to seeing your children in their hoodies!



Year Group Attendance Table

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. Well done to **Toucans class** who had the highest attendance this half term.

Year group attendance table

Year Group	Class	Attendance
Foundation	Kingfishers	93.15%
Foundation	Robins	91.93%
Year 1	Puffins	91.02%
Year 1	Penguins	96.88%
Year 2	Flamingos	96.45%
Year 2	Toucans	98.00%
Year 3	Hummingbirds	95.00%
Year 3	Nightingales	95.51%
Year 4	Jackdaws	96.62%
Year 4	Woodpeckers	95.51%
Year 5	Hawks	96.26%
Year 5	Red Kites	97.00%
Year 6	Eagles	97.63%
Year 6	Kestrels	94.55%

Notices For Parents

Wreath Workshop



Wreath workshop

**Sunday
1st December
2024**

2 - 4:30pm

Eynsham Community
Primary School, Beech
Road, Eynsham,
OX29 4LJ

£40 per person

2.5 hours tuition,
Everything needed
Tea, coffee
Mince Pie

Booking and payment in
advance via
lucy.merry@eynshamapps.co.uk



SENDCo Coffee Morning



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.



supported by **MHST** Mental Health Support Team



**THURSDAY
21ST NOVEMBER 2024**

Please come to reception at
9am - 10am

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

Santa's Grotto



We are excited to announce that tickets for Santa's Grotto are now available for purchase through the shop section on ParentMail. Please note that there is a limited number of tickets available per slot, and some slots have already sold out.



NEWS

Welcome to Eynsham Community Primary School launch of our new SEND NEWSLETTER. The aim of this newsletters is to provide you with a variety of SEND information, support and signpost you to any available training, awareness sessions in your locality.

EYNSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL SENDCO MISS DAVIS

We hope you had the opportunity to come to the Meet the SENDCO coffee morning and meet Miss Davis.



LOCAL PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS

- Abingdon – SEND Play Sessions, OASIS, SHIFT, Dyslexia Abingdon, Mental Health Natters
- Banbury – Stay and Play SEND, All Things SEND, SEN Support Group Banbury, SEN Social Family Club.
- Bicester – Bicester Autism
- Carterton – APCAM, Purple Advisory Care
- Chinnor – Neurodiverse Natters
- Cholsey – Autism and ADHD Support Group (Facebook)
- Didcot – SEND BUZZ, Oxford Creators
- Eynsham – Positive Measure
- Faringdon – Carers Community
- Grove/Wantage – OASIS
- Henley-on-Thames – Neurodiverse Family Support (Facebook), Autism Henley
- Kidlington – Parent Support Group
- Kingston BagPuize – Space
- Oxford – SEN Parent Peer Support, Neurodiverse, Parent Power/Sentipede, Jigsaw, Rosehill SEND Group, SEN Squirrels, SEN Parent Support Group
- Wallingford – Warrior Parents to Children on the Spectrum (Facebook)
- Witney – DITTO, Chat and Cuppa, Space.



AUTISM OXFORD

Autism oxford are offering a number of support services to families on the waiting list for assessment or receiving support from CAMHS. please visit there website. <https://autismoxford.com/>



OCTOBER IS ADHD AWARENESS MONTH

GET YOUR ADHD SUPPORT PACK

[HTTPS://WWW.WITHERSLACKGRO.CO.UK/RESOURCES/UNDERSTANDING-ADHD-SUPPORT-PACK/](https://www.witerslackgro.co.uk/resources/understanding-adhd-support-pack/)

USEFUL LINKS AND COURSES

UNDERSTANDING AUTISM – FREE LEVEL 2 QUALIFICATION
[HTTPS://FREECOURSESINENGLAND.CO.UK/](https://freecoursesinengland.co.uk/)

FREE AUTISM MAGAZINE
[HTTPS://WWW.AUTISMPARENTINGMAGAZINE.COM/](https://www.autismparentingmagazine.com/)



LIVING WELL WITH NEURODIVERGENCE
<https://onhs.autismoxford.com/>

- Do you live in Oxfordshire?
- Do you have a young person receiving support from CAMHS?
- Do you have a young person waiting for an assessment with the NDC service?

If yes to the above, then this is the service for you and your young person.

Services offered:

- Brief 11 Advice sessions with one of our team
- Workshops for parents and carers
- Just for Us peer group for young people
- Workshops for young people
- Parent/Carers Support Groups



SEND NEWSLETTER

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SENDIASS Oxfordshire offers informed and impartial support to parents/carers of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND), and children and young people with SEND

EARLY INTERVENTION HUB

THE EARLY INTERVENTION HUB (EIH) IS A NEW LEARNING SUPPORT FACILITY CREATED TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN KEY STAGE ONE WHO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT.



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS (MHST) ARE PART OF A GOVERNMENT GREEN PAPER AIMED AT TRANSFORMING AND EXPANDING CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT IN EDUCATION SETTINGS. MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS COMPLEMENT EXISTING EMOTIONAL AND WELLBEING SUPPORT IN SCHOOLS BY PROVIDING EXPERTISE AND RESOURCES TO DELIVER SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY NOT TYPICALLY MEET THE CAMHS THRESHOLDS BUT WOULD BENEFIT FROM ACCESSING EVIDENCE-BASED MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTIONS.

DLA

Disability Living Allowance information DLA does not need a diagnosis and goes on the extra needs and support your child requires. Once DLA is awarded you may be entitled to the following extra benefits and financial support.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Carers allowance
- Carers element universal credit
- Assistance with your water use through Water Sure – Thames water
- Travel support, blue badge, mobility vehicle or no vehicle tax
- Family Fund Grants
- Possible council tax reductions
- Eynsham Charity fund – possible support for sensory items or other things to make your child's life easier.

PARENTING PUZZLE

Parenting Puzzle Workshop

We are hosting a Family links Parenting puzzle workshop and are offering this to all our families, this is an amazing opportunity to take part in this workshop.

- Parental support
- Strategies to deal with behaviours
- Tried and tested program

Wednesday 6th, 13th 20th and 27th
November 2024
12:30pm - 2:30pm

TO FIND OUT MORE EMAIL office.2209@eynsham.oscn.sch.co.uk

Visit Website <https://www.centreforemotionalehealth.org.uk/>

Dates for your Diary

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:	Early Years Open Morning
Thursday 14th November:	National Diabetes Day- Non uniform blue clothing
Thursday 21st November:	SENDCo Coffee Morning, 9-10am
Wednesday 22 nd November:	Year 5 Didcot Railway Evacuee Experience
Monday 25 th – 29 th November:	Year 6 Woodlands Trip
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)

Awards

Headteacher Award:

Year 6 - Lily, Owen

Year 4- Amelie

Year 3- Albert, Peter

Year 2- Iris

Year 1- Julia, Robyn

Reading Award:

Year 4- Leo, Eleanor

Year 1- Sam, Pearl

Writing Award:

Year 6 - Isaac, Phoebe, Nia, Tilly, Kitson

Year 4- Arthur, Holly, Michael

Year 2- Lyra, Sapphire

Year 1- Sam, Pearl

Maths Award:

Year 6 - Erin

Year 4- Brandon

Year 3- Leo

Year 1- Nicky

Superstar Sports:

Year 1- Hunter

Bronze Award:

Year 6 - Daisy, A'isha, Eddie, Frankie, Daniela, Erin, Owen, Omar, Nia, Phoebe, Sammy, Hannah, Flo, Immy, Joshua, Ada, Emma, Nina, Tilly

Year 3- Ethan

Year 2- Leah

Year 1- Noah, Pearl, Troy, Sam, Angel, Nate, Jack, Mason, Hunter, Anna, Briella, Samuel

Silver Award:

Year 4- Oliver, Lily

Year 3- Bleu, Ollie, Mark, Amy, Isabella, Iris, Issy

Year 2- Lyra, Jonathan, Iris, George, Florence, Casper, Leo

Year 1- Jack, Nora, Robyn

Gold Award:

Year 3- To Sze Yu, Tino, Samuel

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