



Eynsham Community Primary School
Newsletter - Friday 29th November

Welcome

Dear parents/carers,

It seems incredible that we now only have three weeks left until the Christmas holidays and it is safe to say that preparations for Christmas have begun! KS1 are now fully into their rehearsals for their performance which will take place on Tuesday 10th December. Details of performances have been sent via ParentMail and you should have received a letter with what costume your child needs. Please speak to the class teacher if you are unsure. A big thank goes to Mrs Ledden Fletcher and our Art Ambassadors who have designed and decorated a Christmas tree that is now on display at St Leonards Church as part of their Christmas Tree Festival. You can visit the church and look at our tree over the course of this weekend. Please see below some photos of the wonderful tree.

Mrs Merry and our wonderful PTA are busy preparing for our annual Christmas Fair, which will take place on Friday 6th December. On Monday, children are invited to wear non - school uniform in exchange for an item for the tombola. Later this evening we will see Year 6 return from their week of adventures at Woodlands. We will do a full report about their trip in the next newsletter. A big thank you to Mr Wyatt, Mrs Bowler, and Miss Billington for taking the children away and giving them such a memorable time. I am sure everyone is going to sleep well this weekend!

I appreciate that this time of year is extremely busy with lots of events going on. Listed below are the events taking place over the next three weeks.

- *Monday 2nd December: Non-School Uniform Day (Bring an item for the tombola)*
 - *Wednesday 4th December: Year 3 trip to the Natural History Museum.*
- *Wednesday 4th December: Open morning for prospective Foundation Stage parents (9am)*
- *Wednesday 4th December: Phonics information evening, Foundation stage parents (5pm)*
- *Thursday 5th December: Blue House treat day (non uniform and afternoon visit to the park)*

- *Friday 6th December: Christmas Fair (3:30pm-5:30pm)*
 - *Monday 9th December: Year 5 Bikeability level 1*
 - *Tuesday 10th December: KS1 Christmas Performance (1pm and 6pm)*
 - *Tuesday 10th December: Year 5 Bikeability level 1*
 - *Wednesday 11th December: FS and Ducklings Christmas singing (2pm)*
 - *Wednesday 11th December: Parents' open afternoon with mince pies and mulled wine (2:45pm)*
 - *Thursday 12th December: Christmas Jumper Day*
 - *Thursday 12th December: iRock concert (children attending iRock lessons only)*
 - *Monday 16th December: EYFS Stay and Play (2pm-3pm)*
 - *Wednesday 18th December: School Christmas dinner and Christmas accessories*
 - *Friday 20th December: End of term (1:15pm finish)*
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Have a lovely weekend,

Ginny Bayliss

Executive Headteacher

Year 5 trip to Didcot Railway Centre

This week Year 5 had their trip to Didcot Railway Centre for their World War II topic. The children dressed as evacuees, complete with rationed packed lunches—some even brave enough to include Spam!

The day was packed with immersive activities, including a visit to a bomb shelter, where we got to experience how people would have felt during air raids.

We also learned how railway systems adapted during the war and their crucial role in transporting evacuees and supplies. A highlight for many was the ride on the train, where the children experienced a dramatic re-enactment of what to do in case of a bombing.

It was a fantastic day filled with hands-on learning that brought their history lessons to life!









Road Safety Week



Last week was National Road Safety Week. The week started with children having an assembly about the importance of keeping themselves safe when out on public roads. Classes from years 1-4 then held a lesson to think about how to stay safe when crossing the road.

In year 1, we looked at the Green Cross code and then applied this to our own road on the school playground. We then considered how we could make the road safer.

Year 2 - Year 2 ventured outside of school to be shown how to stay safe when crossing the road on their way to and from school each day.

Year 3 - Year 3 were given posters created by year 4 students and tested the posters out to see if they could be used to help educate people on crossing the road.

Year 5 will be looking at road safety over the next few weeks as they begin their Bikeability programme.

Wednesday 20th November 2024

Road Safety Week

Learning Objective:
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- I know the Stop, Look, Listen, Think sequence and safer places to cross the road.
- I know my responsibilities as a pedestrian, a cyclist, a passenger in a car or on public transport.

How To Cross The Road SAFELY

Here are some tips for crossing the road SAFELY!

STOP - Always STOP before crossing the road.

LOOKS - Before crossing remember to LOOK LEFT AND RIGHT.

LISTEN - LISTEN before crossing the road because you might not be able to see them but you can HEAR them.

THINK - THINK before crossing the road. Maybe look for a zebra crossing.

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HOW TO CROSS A ROAD

S STOP - Don't run towards a road - wait for an adult.

L LOOK - Look left and right twice before crossing - Keep looking as you cross.

L LISTEN - You might not be able to see a car so always listen first.

T THINK - Always think because there will always be a zebra crossing or traffic lights nearby.

STAY SAFE!!





Safeguarding

If you have concerns about a child's welfare or you need some parenting advice, please follow this link:

<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/how-we-can-help/worried-about-a-child/>

Football Update




Last Thursday a group of year 5 and 6 children ventured to Oxford City to participate in the National League Trophy competition. Despite the cold weather, the boys put in some brilliant performances to advance from the group stage and into the knockout rounds with a record of 1 loss, 2 draws, and 3 wins.

In the round of 16, the boys won 2-1 and advanced straight to the last 8 thanks to goals from Jack J and Sammy B.


In the last 8, the boys came up against a very competitive school and were unfortunate to see their competition end despite a fantastic performance. The boys should be immensely proud of how they played on the day as they really did Eynsham proud. Apologise for no pictures, it was very cold!

Foundation stage news


This week in foundation we have been looking at the story Stick Man. As part of this, we have had a go at writing about what we could remember from the story. The children have all used their phonics to sound out the words to help them with their writing.



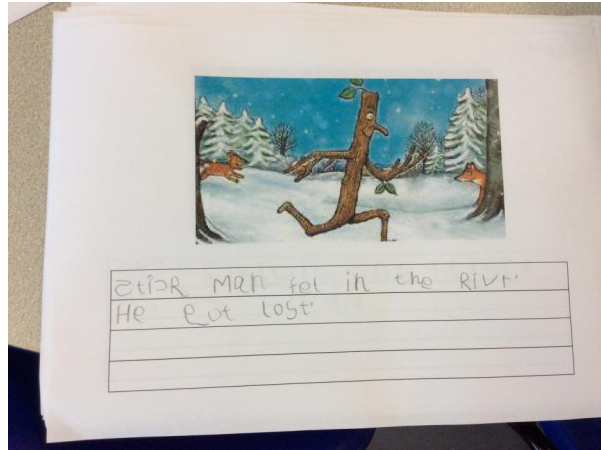
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Year 3 news

This week in year 3, we were practising our chopping skills in DT in order to prepare for making our seasonal Christmas tarts! In class, we have been thinking about where our food comes from and which fruits and vegetables are currently in season. Here are some photos of the children in action!









PTA fundraising



We are delighted to report that the total funds raised by the children's fun run and the Oxford Half marathon run by parents and staff, is a whopping **£5112.50!**

A huge thank you to everyone who donated.

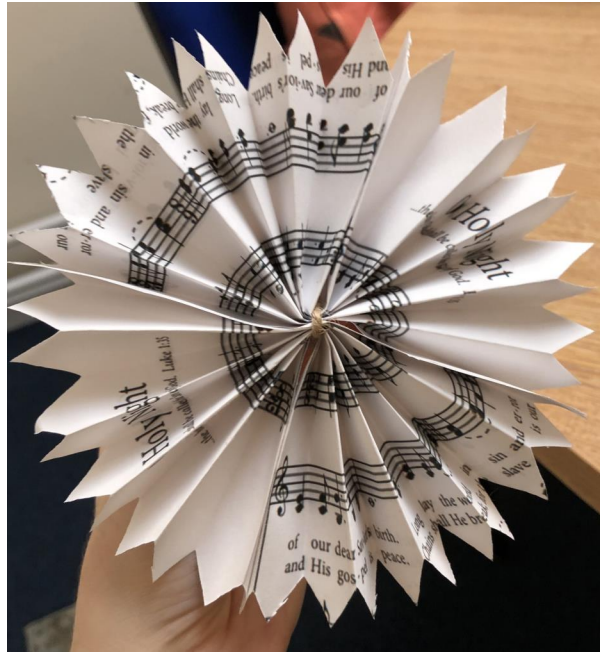
Christmas tree festival

As a school we are partaking in the Christmas tree festival at St Leonard's church this year. Our tree has been decorated by the Art Ambassadors and Creative Club members. The theme was the Christmas carol O Holy Night so we made stars out of the music sheets.

If families attend the festival they can vote for our tree to win the competition!

The festival is open Friday 29th November 5-8pm, Saturday 30th 10am - 12.30pm and Sunday 1st December 5 - 8pm (when the village lights will be turned on). There will be a café open on Saturday morning offering hot drinks, festive snacks and an activity for children. The announcement of the people's vote will be revealed at the Sunday services, 10.30am and 4pm Christingle service.





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 Flamingos class who has the highest attendance so far this term.

| Year Group | Class | Attendance |
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| Foundation | Kingfishers | 92.29% |
| Foundation | Robins | 93.00% |
| Year 1 | Puffins | 90.89% |
| Year 1 | Penguins | 96.81% |
| Year 2 | Flamingos | 97.57% |
| Year 2 | Toucans | 97.32% |
| Year 3 | Hummingbirds | 95.36% |
| Year 3 | Nightingales | 95.87% |
| Year 4 | Jackdaws | 96.22% |
| Year 4 | Woodpeckers | 95.11% |
| Year 5 | Hawks | 96.41% |
| Year 5 | Red Kites | 96.78% |
| Year 6 | Eagles | 97.29% |
| Year 6 | Kestrels | 95.03% |

Reception application deadline

The application process is now open for you to request your child's school place. All applications need to be received by Oxfordshire County Council before 15 January, 2025

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications/make-application#:~:text=You%20should%20apply%20for%20infant,the%202025%2F26%20academic%20year>

Awards



Headteacher Award:

Year 6 - Joshua, Christian

Year 5- Adam, Sherlock, Tshiamo, Sophie

Year 4- India, Ethan, Jude, Michael

Year 3- Lowen, Isabella, Hummingbirds Class, Nightingales Class

Year 2- Annabelle, James

Year 1- Alexander, Anna, Sam

Reading Award:

Year 6 - Flo, Lily

Year 4- Jude, Amelie, Timea

Year 3- Rosa, Samuel,

Year 2- Florence, Lyra, Sapphire

Year 1- Betsy, Macey

Writing Award:

Year 6 - Erin

Year 4- Leo, Luke, Holly, Leo, Rachel

Year 3- Samuel

Year 2- Eleanor, Casper

Year 1- Toby, Elsie

Maths Award:

Year 6 - Daisy

Year 5- Ella, Felix, Alice, Amber

Year 4- Jacob, Myla, Arthur, Isaac, Jase, Betsy, Maya

Year 3- Furqan

Year 2- Louie

Year 1- Xander, Angel

Superstar Sports Award:

Year 6- Kitson, Jack

Year 5 - Reggie, Mason

Year 4- Alex

Year 2- Abel, Nathan

Bronze Award:

Year 5- Muhammed- Abdullah, Zac, Eli, Tshiamo, Jesse, Khrystyna

Silver Award:

Year 6- Seb

Year 5- Archie, Luca, Aranya, Bradley, Cece, James, Adam, Sam, Beau, Antony

Year 4- Lorianne, Hazel, Katia, Jase, Leo, Kylie, Jude, Luke, Nika, Holly, Eleanor

Year 3- Ethan, Peter, Lowen, James, Libby, Emma, Junior, Leo, Hope, Eleanor

Year 2- Leah, Drew, Bradley, Annabelle, Louie, Lansa

Year 1- Amelia, Zen, George, Angelina, Darcey, Dylan, Elsie, Donald

Gold Award:

Year 6- Phoebe, A'isha, Fliss, Lexi, Ruby, Julia, Aggie

Year 5- Maggie

Year 4- Emi, Eric, Rachel, Kacy, Rachel, Ethan, Leo, Lucia, Maya, Stefan

Year 3- Rosa, Georgie, Nancy, Xian, George, Elias, Zach, Nancy, George, Harvey, Amy, Isabelle, Sam

Year 2- James, Henry

Year 1- Shuli, Alexander, Zelda, Casper

Platinum Award:

Year 6- Millie, Lilly

Year 3- Alexa

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