



Eynsham Community Primary School Newsletter - Friday 13th December

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very exciting fortnight at Eynsham. We had the wonderful Key Stage One performance, where the children did an excellent production of 'Lights, Camel and Action!' Well done to all the children who were so confident and shone on stage. A big thank you to all the KS1 teachers and teaching assistants who helped the children put on such a brilliant show.

We were also treated to a wonderful Christmas sing-along from Ducklings, Kingfishers and Robins. I was extremely impressed with how all the children performed, especially as some of the children were only 3 years old! It was lovely to see so many people at the performances and also at our open afternoon. I hope you enjoyed looking at your child's work and seeing how hard they have worked this term.

A massive thank you goes to Mrs Merry and the PTA for another successful Christmas Fair. The school is so lucky to have such a brilliant team who put on wonderful events for our community.

In this fortnight's newsletter, you can see pictures about recent events that have taken place and also a report from our Head Girl and Head Boy about pupil leadership.

Next week, we will be having our Christmas School dinner on Wednesday 18th December and we will be finishing on Friday 20th December at 1:15pm.

Yours sincerely

Ginny Bayliss

Executive Headteacher

Year 6 trip to Woodlands

Year 6 had a fantastic time away on their residential to Woodlands in Wales. The weather was kind to us, cold but dry! The children experienced a range of day activities including: caving, climbing, high ropes course, canoeing and mountain walking. In the evenings, we had a wonderful night-time walk to see the stars on top of a hill and spent two evenings orienteering around the grounds. Everyone took part with enthusiasm and

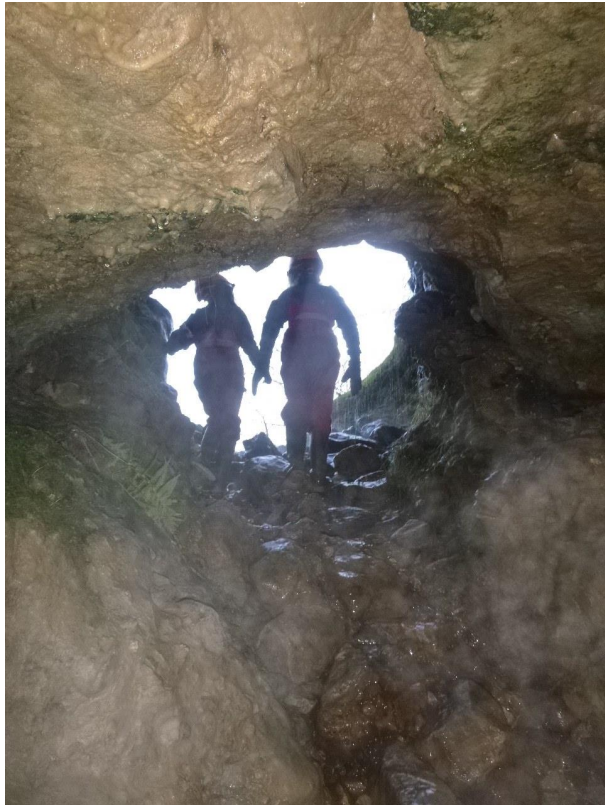
determination and it was lovely to see the children support each other and work together as a team.

The children were a credit to the school and a pleasure to take away, gaining independence and learning new life skills. We hope they will take away many happy memories of the trip. Well done Year 6!









Year 3 News

[Trip to the Natural History and Pitt Rivers Museum](#)

Last week, the Year 3 students embarked on an exciting educational adventure, visiting the **Natural History and Pitt Rivers Museums in Oxford** as part of our Stone Age to Iron Age topic.

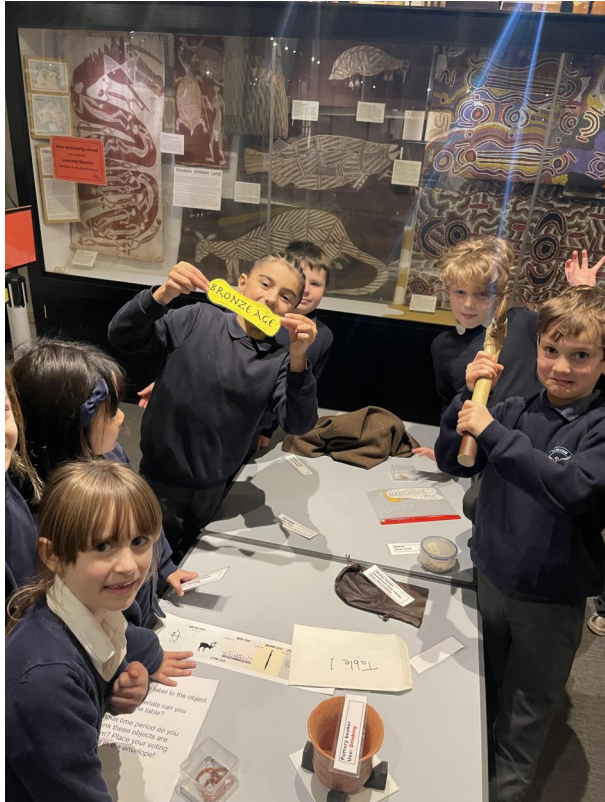
Our day began with a self-guided exploration of the Natural History Museum, where the children eagerly went on a discovery trail to find different parts of history. As they ventured through the exhibits, they uncovered a fascinating range of historical treasures, from ancient fossils and bones to intriguing rocks, all of which tied into the concepts we've also been studying in our science lessons. Their natural curiosity shone through as they asked thoughtful questions, showing an impressive eagerness to learn and engage with the material.

After lunch, we made our way to the Pitt Rivers Museum, where we were immersed in a captivating talk about the evolution of tools and materials through the ages. From the Mesolithic to Neolithic periods, and through the Bronze and Iron Ages, the children gained valuable insights into how early humans adapted their tools to meet the challenges of their time. They had the opportunity to handle a variety of fascinating artefacts, including animal skins, spearheads, and cooking pots, carefully considering and debating which era each object belonged to, based on their knowledge.

To round off the day, we ventured to the top floor of the museum, where we delved deeper into the history of weapons and farming tools crafted from materials such as bone, bronze and iron. Our gallery hunt included looking for a bronze axe head, slingshots, a leaf shaped arrowhead, a bronze sword, a bird trap, a metal spearhead and an Iron sword. The children's enthusiasm and engagement were truly inspiring.

It was a wonderful and enriching day out, with the children demonstrating exemplary behaviour and being fantastic representatives of our school









Design and Technology update

This week, Year 3 completed their DT unit on "Eating Seasonally" by making a Seasonal Tart. The children were tasked with designing a tart using three seasonal vegetables. Throughout the unit, they learned how to peel and chop vegetables safely using a vegetable knife. They also explored why fruits and vegetables are grown around the world, the concept of air miles, what "seasonal" means, and which fruits and vegetables are grown in the UK during each season. After tasting a variety of vegetables that are in season in the UK during November and December, the children used their preferences to design their seasonal tart, aiming to create a dish worthy of the Four Seasons restaurant. They thoroughly enjoyed both the process of making their tarts and tasting the results.











Ducklings Update

After looking at our book of the week, *The Jolly Christmas Postman*, we decided to send Father Christmas some pictures we had drawn of him to decorate his workshop.

We discussed putting all the pictures into an envelope, but how would the postman know where to send them? We looked back at our story and saw that there was writing on the front of the envelopes, called the address. We also saw that there was a stamp on them, too, which paid for the post to be sent.

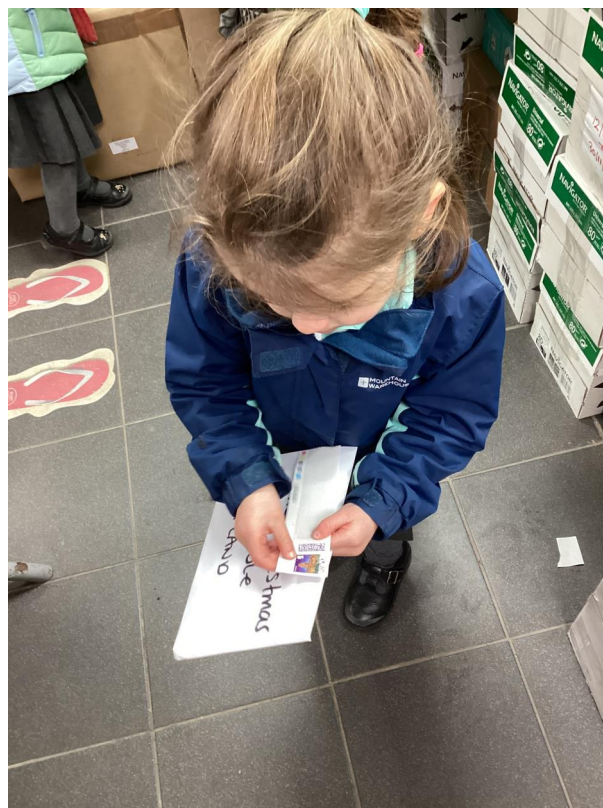
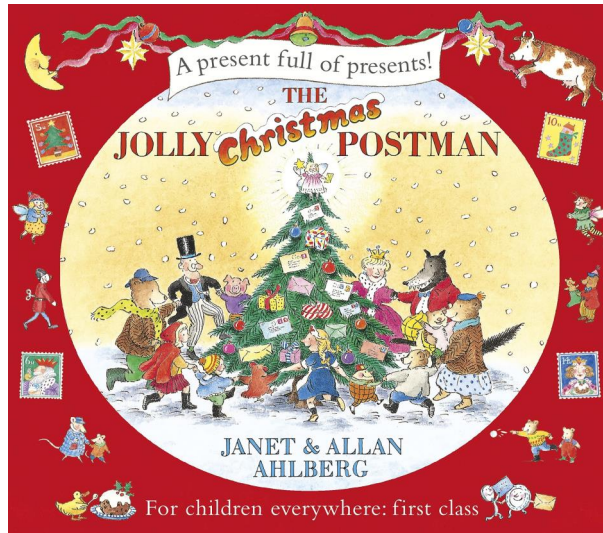
We discussed where we would get the stamp from and decided to take a walk to the post office in the village.

When we got to the post office we showed the cashier our letter, he weighed it and gave us a stamp. He explained where it had to go on the letter and that it then needed to go into the post box outside.

We hope our letter arrives safely and that Father Christmas might have time to reply.

The children were absolutely brilliant walking through the village to the post office, they held their partner's hand all the way and followed all the instructions. We talked about how to cross the roads safely, stopping, looking, listening and not running.

Well done ducklings.









KS1 Performance- Lights, Camel, ACTION!

This week all of KS1 were absolute Disco Stars in our nativity Lights, Camel, Action. The children told the nativity story through dance and really embraced some Strictly Come Dancing sparkle. From 'Funky Camels' to Tango-ing Innkeepers, the children performed and made all of the KS1 teachers very proud. We hope that everyone who came and watched enjoyed it as much as the children.





EYFS Christmas Sing



Donkeys, stables, stars, kings and even a baby!

What a fantastic festive singing afternoon Foundation and Ducklings had on Wednesday afternoon. All the children had their best singing voices and actions for the parents to enjoy. All the staff were so proud of all the children, especially as there were so many parents and family members there to watch! We hope you enjoyed the lovely festivities, especially the yummy mince pies and mulled wine afterwards.

Christmas Fair



With another successful Christmas Fair under our belts, the PTA would like to thank everyone in the school community for their help and support in coming along and making it such a great event.

The evening passed in a flurry of games, Tombola, face painting, glitter tattoos, visits to Santa, delicious hot dogs and hot chocolate. It was great to see so many families gathered together at the end of the evening for the raffle grand finale.

We'd like to thank all the volunteers who helped on the day and all the school staff for their help on the stalls.

Special thanks to Lucy Merry for yet again making the fair such a fantastic event. Her creative flair, organisation and planning skills and her ability to bring people together meant that the evening ran smoothly and was lots of fun.

We made the grand total of £2775 which will be put towards our ongoing fundraising projects.

We'd like to thank the following companies and local businesses for their generous donations for the raffle prizes;

Coop, Tesco, Talmages, Corner House, Lyall & Co, Jessie's Art Shed, The curiosity Box, Heart of Eynsham Barbers, Eynsham Hare Studio, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Millets Farm, Chipping Norton Theatre, Blenheim Palace, Hook Norton Brewery, Bampton Garden Centre, Witney Pony Partners, Oxford Cruises, Snakes & Ladders, Laser Kombat, Parkers Estate Agents, Freeland Garden Centre, Salem Beauty, Little Ox Brewery, Bunkers Hill Nursery, Ready Steady Spice, Rainbow House, Eynsham Cellars, Humand Talent Solutions, Amanda Winstone, Nova Printing, Happy Joyful.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

The PTA







Message from the Governors

The Governors were delighted to be welcomed to our most recent meeting by the Head Girl and Head Boy, who both eloquently articulated how the School Council is organised and the impact that it has on making changes in school. We were incredibly impressed by the dedication and commitment the School Council representatives have, and most importantly how much they care and feel their voices are heard and considered in School life. We look forward to hearing their plans for playground provision and improvements.

Regular items for discussion at our meetings are the School Development Plan (SDP) and the School's Evaluation Form (SEF). We were encouraged to hear how much progress has been made towards the School's priorities, particularly Priority 3 which focuses on the Early Year's provision. Governors have visited the Early Years area and were really impressed to see how the indoor and outdoor provision has been enhanced and has created new learning opportunities for children. It was also noted how a deep dive in Early Years showed consistent teaching of Rocket Phonics and how Rocket Phonics First Steps is being taught in Ducklings. External Advisors also noted behaviour in Early Years as Outstanding with all children engaged in purposeful learning.

We were pleased to hear how well received the recent 'Meet the Sendco' Coffee Mornings have been and would encourage anyone that was unable to attend either of the mornings to get in touch with Miss Davies if you are looking for support or interested in what and how the School can offer support. Equally, it was encouraging to hear about the Lunchtime Working Party led by Mr Williams which is working on providing a greater range of structured games at lunchtimes so that children can develop their understanding of appropriate play.

Finally, the Governors would like to wish the whole of our school community a very merry Christmas.

Pupil Leadership Report

This year we are working on developing pupil leadership across the school. As part of this, the governors invited the Head Girl and Head Boy to the governors meeting which was held on Thursday 5th December. Millie (Head Girl) and Kitson (Head Boy) provided the following report to governors which gave them an overview of how pupil leadership has been developing this term.

The school has always had an active School Council who over the last few years have been involved in many projects. This has included, changing the school uniform, looking at issues around bullying, and designing the well-being garden. This term, the school council have met with Mr Williams and Miss Tingle and are supporting the school by looking at how to make lunchtimes even more fun and exciting. We have sought the voices of students across the school and helped inform the Senior Leadership Team about activities the children would like to do at lunchtimes. This has included having the parachute out, opening the marsh, having classrooms open for quieter activities such as board games, jigsaws and colouring. We will continue to talk to our classes about this. We are also going to be involved with looking at how the playground can be developed to help create more all year-round space to play on.

Just over a year ago, the school brought in the Art Ambassadors who supported the school with getting the Arts Mark. The Art Ambassadors are still involved with leading on exciting art projects. Recently, they judged the Black History art competition, with the work now on display in the meeting room. They also designed our Christmas tree entry for Eynsham's Christmas Tree Festival. At the beginning of this term, Mr Williams explained to us that the school wanted more pupils to have responsibility in school and take on leadership roles. This has involved Year 6 children being appointed as play leaders. This has been very successful and every lunchtime there is a game being led and run by Year 6 children for younger pupils to join in with.

There are also now Year 6 leaders in the dining hall, who ensure that children are showing the 3Rs (Ready, Respectful and Responsible) whilst eating their lunch. They are also giving an extra hand with tidying up and helping the younger ones with their meals. There are lunchtime monitors who have the responsibility of ensuring all equipment is tidied away and that children are lining up respectfully at the end of lunch.

This half term, Mrs Edwards has talked a lot in assemblies about ways to keep ourselves safe. She has created the roles of Safeguarding Heroes and there are now ten children across the school who have the responsibility of helping children feel safe. This may involve helping children to deal with friendship issues on the playground and they will be leading assemblies about ways children can keep themselves safe. Mr Williams is planning on working with the

House Captains on Eynsham's Got Talent and Eco-warriors will be appointed in the Spring term. We will update the Governors and parents/carers about these developments in the Spring term.

By Millie and Kitson



1 - Millie and Kitson with the Governors



2 - The school council



3 - Safeguarding Superheroes

Safeguarding

THE DIGITAL DILEMMA: Keeping Your Kids Safe Online

Thames Valley Police Cyber Protect are running a **free** webinar to help parents and carers understand some of the risks young people face online, and how they can best protect themselves and their family from falling victim to cyber criminal behaviours!

Covering social media, gaming and emails, this webinar will give you tips and tricks to help you protect them in today's online world.

The webinar is running three times over the next few weeks, and tickets are available here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/police-south-east-cyber-77121396093>

Reserve your space today



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LEVEL UP  **YOUR ONLINE SECURITY**

Eynsham Food Bank



If you find yourself or your family struggling this winter, please reach out to the Eynsham Food Bank.

Contact details for self referral are below.

07450 328530

<https://eynsham.org.uk/org.aspx?n=Eynsham-Food-Bank>

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 have 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 had the highest attendance this term.

Year Group	Class	Attendance
Foundation	Kingfishers	92.20%
Foundation	Robins	92.90%
Year 1	Puffins	94.12%
Year 1	Penguins	96.68%
Year 2	Flamingos	97.24%
Year 2	Toucans	96.74%
Year 3	Hummingbirds	95.41%
Year 3	Nightingales	95.31%
Year 4	Jackdaws	96.01%
Year 4	Woodpeckers	95.18%
Year 5	Hawks	95.62%
Year 5	Red Kites	95.81%
Year 6	Eagles	93.74%
Year 6	Kestrels	95.49%

Awards



Headteacher Award:

Year 6 - Freya, Nia, Eddie B, Kitson

Year 5- Eli, Freddie, Danny, Ella, Muhammed Abdullah, Weronika

Year 4- Woodpecker Class, Lily A, Lucas, Kacy

Year 3- George, Junior, Miri, Zach

Year 2- Bradley, Robyn, Toucans and Flamingos Class

Year 1- Jack C, Zelda, Marnie, Jakey

Reading Award:

Year 6- Julia, Ellis

Year 5- James E

Year 4- Amelie C,

Year 3- Peter, George

Year 2- Orin

Year 1- Xander, Angel

Writing Award:

Year 5- Antony, William

Year 4- Isaac, Susanna, Jase, Phoebe

Year 3- Ethan

Year 2- Annabelle, Imogen

Year 1- Amelia, Casper, Dylan

Maths Award:

Year 6 - Christian, Fliss, Flo, Emma, Frankie, Seb, Dory

Year 5- Summer, Sherlock, Sonia, Luke, Charlotte

Year 4- Jaedon, Will, Nika, Eric

Year 3- Samuel, Ethan, To Sze Yu, Wilfred

Year 2- Ayah, Rosie, George

Year 1- Ned, Robyn

Superstar Sports Award:

Year 6- Owen, Erin

Well Done Award:

Year 3- George, Xian, To Sze Yu

Silver Award:

Year 6 - Holly

Year 5- Luca, Sherick, Adam, Joe, Priscilia, Luke, William, Iness, Zach, Archie, Isla, Eli, Mason, Khrystyna

Year 3- Mark, Artie, Elisabeth, Eva, Furqan, Roman

Year 1- Macey, Jack C

Gold Award:

Year 6- Dory, Jack, Nina P-R, Isaac, Frankie, Immy, Emma

Year 5- Polly, Delilah, Sherlock, Freddie, Cece, Jasmine, Ella, Sophie. Rayan

Year 4- India, Jacob, Lucas, Annika, Isaac, Amelie, Arthur, Susanna

Year 3- Harry, Elisabeth, Bleu, Mark, Artie, Isabella, Lola, Miri, Owen, Scarlett, Jude

Year 2- Casper, Iris, Nathan, Orin, Edie, Robyn, Lara, Afonso, Willliow, Eva, Taylor, Finley, Percy, Jonathan, Florence, Ayah, Tashvi, Abel, Dylan, Tom, Poppy

Year 1- Emmeline, Isla, Nicky

Platinum Award:

Year 6- Fliss, Erin, Lexi, Kitson, Teagan

Year 4- Michael, Kacy

Year 3- To Sze, Heidi, Samuel, George

Year 2- Afonso

Year 1- Shuli, Alex R

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