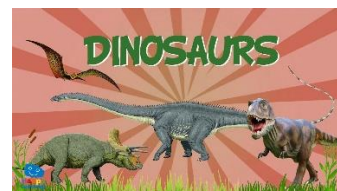


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Over the last two weeks, **Year 1** have been busy storytelling and writing dinosaur facts to create a collaborative informational poster. Class 4 have been getting into the mood with dinosaur dance. There were some very cunning velociraptors in school that day! Watch out for Class 5's dinosaur stomp! The children were moved and inspired by the BBC Philharmonic song in celebration of Deaf Awareness Week (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p09g18yz>), sharing sign language that they knew from home or from past sing songs.



Finally, our Yellow Zone has never been so busy, there was so much excitement for Break the Rules Day! Thank you to everyone that contributed to making this day a success and a lot of fun for the children. *Year 1 Team*

Foundation Stage children have been delighted this week with our visitors. Both Classes 1/2 and 3 received 10 eggs on Tuesday.

We placed the eggs in an incubator and we thrilled to watch them hatch.



Class 2 have been lucky to have 7 hatch so far and Class 3 have had 6 hatch.

We have been looking at the Life Cycle of the Chicken, enthused to write about them and love to give them a stroke and cuddle!

Foundation Stage Team

Year 3 are published poets! Some of the children took part in the 'Peculiar Pets' competition organised by the Young Writers organisation, and our poems have been included in a poetry book.

We are all very proud of the children, and are just waiting for the books to be delivered.

Well done to all the children who took part!

Year 3 Team



Today it has been **PALS Break the Rules Day**..... The children came in very excited about Break the Rules day today. There were a number of extreme make overs with bright hair dye and a few children renamed 'Mr Markham' or 'You can go out to play'. Everyone approached it in a responsible and good natured way and had a lot of fun. All monies raised will go through to school funds for extra resources in and out of class and our thanks go to PALS for organising.



Parent Meetings have been happening via zoom this week after school and some will continue into next week. Please email the school office if you think you have not had an email from your child's class teacher inviting you to a meeting via zoom so this can be arranged.

Cycle training started up again yesterday led by our fantastic team of cycle trainers, Karen, Rebecca, Emily and Kerry. It's been a while since this has been able to happen and we are grateful to our volunteers for being so committed and willing to give up their valuable time to offer cycle training to our older children.

COMING UP.....

Year 6: If your child has been offered a secondary place at St Birinus or Didcot Girls School, an email has been sent today (via ParentPay) with information about zoom transition meetings that are happening this month. Please ensure you check your ParentPay email.

Next Wednesday (12th May) is **Year 2 Viking Activity and Dress Up Day**. People believe Vikings to be terrifying, vicious warriors who carelessly invaded Britain destroying anything (and anyone) who stood in their way. However, there is a very different side to Viking life which Year 2 have been finding out about and next Wednesday their activity day is a fantastic opportunity to learn even more about Viking life through fun, hands on activities. **Don't forget to come to school dressed as a Viking!**

On 19 May 2021, the charity, National Numeracy, is aiming to help children and adults feel more confident about numbers, which is more important than ever this year. Our school is a proud Champion of National Numeracy Day. Struggling with numbers can make people more vulnerable to debt, unemployment, poor health and fraud – all of which are exacerbated by the Covid-19 crisis. Improving our number confidence can help open new opportunities at work, help us to better manage our finances and help give our children a great start to their own learning. In addition to activities that we will do in school on that day, we would love our school community to become involved in this campaign: you can improve your number confidence and skills (for free!) in 10 minutes flat. Use this personalised link to join our school's campaign:

https://www.nnchallenge.org.uk/?utm_source=1973

Weighing and Measuring: Next Friday (14th May) the school nursing team are in school to carry out the national weighing and measuring programme for children in Year 6 and Reception. Further information has been emailed on 23rd April and 4th May via ParentPay. If you do not wish your child to take part in this, please contact the nursing team direct (details in their letter).



The IF Science and Idea Festival have announced their annual science poetry competition. Some classes may work toward this within the school day, but every child is welcome to enter privately. If there is a poem from home and school, they will just have to choose their favourite to enter, as you can only enter once!

Young poets can draw inspiration from anything from atoms to Attenborough, test-tubes to trains, rivers to rockets in any poetry style. How about a limerick, a haiku, a rhyme or even a rap! Science is full of surprises and they will love to be surprised by a poem with an unusual shape or structure.

Children can write their poem at home or school. Entries should be submitted by Friday 11 June. For more information and entry forms, visit: <https://if-oxford.com/poetry-competition/>.

The winning poems will be chosen by a panel of judges representing Oxford Brookes University, the Oxfordshire Science Learning Partnership and IF Oxford.

NOTICES

Today is the last day with school ending Friday after lunchtime. As of next week, please continue with the staggered start times and finish times. Your co-operation with this is much appreciated.

Reception 9am drop off 2.50pm pick up	Years 1, 3 & 5 8.40am drop off 3pm pick up	Year 2, 4 & 6 8.50am drop off 3.10pm pick up
After School Club finishes at 5.15pm		

Andrew Markham and the school team



PALS:

Who can grow the tallest Sunflower?

PALS sunflower growing competition starts March 31st. Order your sunflower growing packs here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLHcUJH2J4edBYPcJp8sxuo4rJxoFdZr709D2iGNta5gm-EQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Winner gets a £10 Waterstones voucher.



Full Circle Sports will be running their Sports & Activity Camp at Wallingford Sports Park (OX10 9RB) during May Half Term and for 5 weeks in the Summer Holidays.



Children age 4 to 13 years will take part in a variety of sports, activities, forest school and crafts to keep them busy and active in the holidays!

The Camps are Ofsted Registered and all Coaches are qualified and insured. There are multiday and sibling discounts and Childcare Vouchers are accepted. All Camps are fully COVID Secure.

Early booking recommended as places have sold out for the last few camps. For more information and to book email sam@fullcirclesports.co.uk



Girlguiding in Didcot

Come and join the fun!

Rainbows - age 5-7

Brownies - age 7-10

Guides - age 10-14

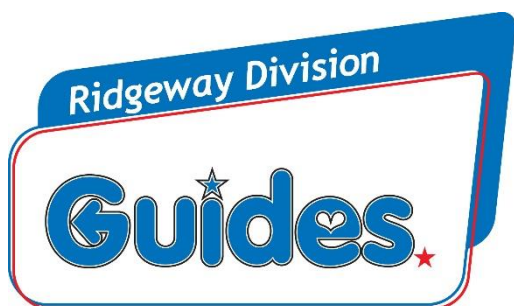
Rangers - age 14-18

We have units with spaces available for all ages

- . We are for all girls.
- . We give girls their own space.
- . We give girls a voice.
- . We change as the lives of girls change.

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