



Newsletter #17

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This week...

We want to congratulate Rosie from Year 6 this week as she has successfully qualified for the 2022 Oxfordshire and North Buckinghamshire County Championship for swimming! Rosie is representing Didcot Barramundi Swimming Club and will be competing in relays with her teammates on 15th January and in individual races on Saturday 5th February and Saturday 13th February. Well done Rosie, this is a fantastic achievement!



Peer Mentors

Thanks to our new group of Peer Mentors in Year 5 for their input in the first meeting of the term yesterday. They came up with some great ideas including creating leaflets about friendship and podcasts/videos about dealing with problems.

Assembly

The Peer Mentor work links with assembly this week. The focus was problem solving and positive thinking. We covered some historical situations in which people found a solution for an arising problem, including the lady who invented the first effective windscreen wipers! This is also all about addressing any challenge in learning with a positive attitude.

Kitchen

This week the industrial dishwasher in the main kitchen stopped working correctly. Until a replacement part arrives, the lack of the dishwasher will affect the lunch provision. This is because the dishwasher has to clean all the kitchen resources and implements as well as the trays and cutlery daily. We hope that this problem will be solved by Monday and normal lunches will resume on Monday.

Covid update

We remain very stretched by the isolation expectations incurred by staff. So far this has not impacted us to the extent we need to close any part of the school but thank you for your continued understanding as we jigsaw staff each day to cope with the ever changing shortfall. I'm sure you'll be aware that these absences are not usually asymptomatic and include staff being affected with different levels of poorliness also.

Coming up this term...

Parents' Evenings	This will take place during the week commencing Monday 14th February. Teachers will begin to make arrangements for the Zoom meetings nearer the time.

19th January	Reception Vision Screening (NHS School Vision Screening team)
25th January	Year 1 Storytelling Workshop from The Oxford Storytelling Museum (in school)
31st January	Foundation and Year 6 Weighing and Measuring Day (School Nursing Team)
17th February	Year 2 Lego Workshop (in school)
18th February	Year 3 and 4 Drama Workshop (in school)
	Last Day of Half Term - normal finish times




Term 3 Clubs

Please contact the school office to check for any spaces: office.2609@ladygrove-park.sch.uk

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 6 Netball Mrs Clarkson & Mrs Davies	Year 6 Art & Crafts Mrs Coleman	Year 5 Girls in STEM Lunchtime Mrs Li-Koo	Year 5 Mindfulness Lunchtime Mrs Barringer
Year 6 Computing Dr Shorrock		Year 2 Film Miss Cackett & Miss Manthorpe	
Year 2 Arts & Crafts Miss Cackett & Miss Manthorpe			

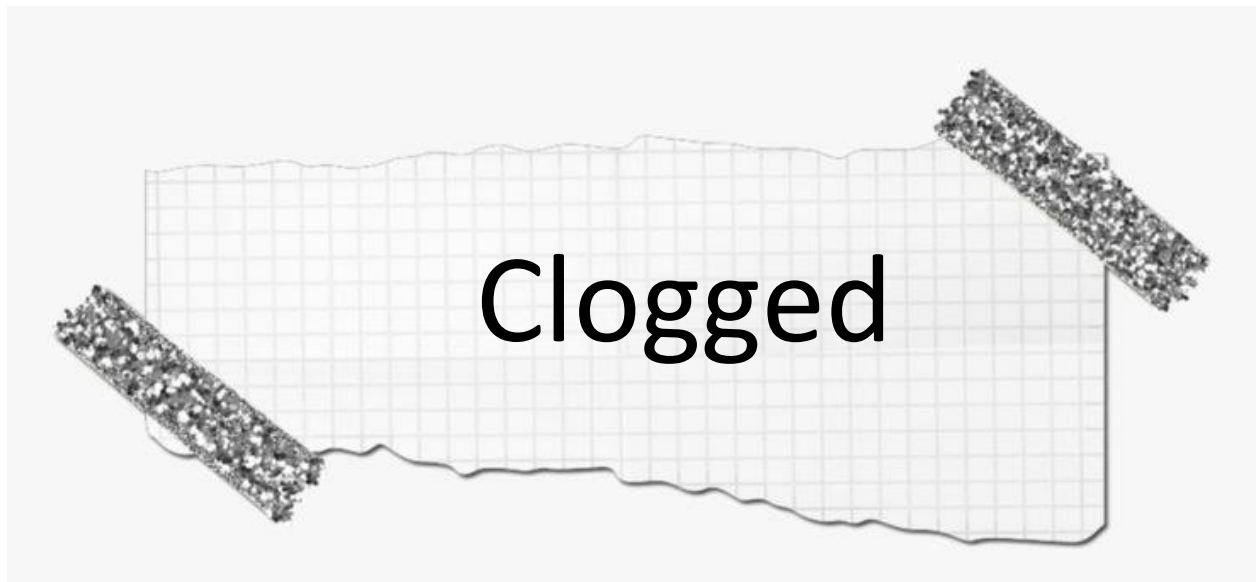
Notices



Word of the Week!	See this week's 'word of the week' at the end of this newsletter
School Eye Tests for Reception children - Wednesday 19th January	School Eye Tests for Reception children are next Wednesday. This is carried out by the NHS School Vision Screening team. Any children needing referrals will receive a letter from the Vision Screening team. If you do not wish your child to take part in this, please return the slip indicating this (letter was emailed today and is also on the school website under 'letters', 'trips' tab).

Special Educational Needs and Disability	<p>This document has some useful information for suitable activities for SEN children including autism friendly relaxed opening of Oxford University Museum of Natural History and Pitt Rivers, autism friendly cinema screenings, football group for children with cerebral palsy and lots more!</p>
Year 5 & 6 Kilvrough Payments	<p>A reminder that the next Kilvrough payments are due by 31st January via ParentPay: Y5 Kilvrough 2023 £45 Y6 Kilvrough 2022 £345</p>
Oxfordshire Road Safety Team Survey	 <p>Oxfordshire County Council's Road Safety Team are constantly looking to improve the safety of child pedestrians and so are reviewing the advice and guidance we provide to parents and carers.</p> <p>To help us achieve this, we are evaluating the effectiveness of the Footsteps (Child Pedestrian safety advice for parents / carers) programme and would like parents and carers to help by completing an online questionnaire.</p> <p>If you would like to keep your child safer on our roads, please visit http://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/walking-children where you can download a copy of the Footsteps leaflet to provide you with guidance to support your child in becoming a safer and, eventually, an independent pedestrian.</p> <p>Once you have downloaded the Footsteps guide, the link to the survey can be found further down the page, please click on the link to complete the short questionnaire which will then help us to keep all children safer.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service Road Safety Team Oxfordshire County Council</p>
Zebra Crossing on Tyne Avenue	<p>It has been brought to our attention that a number of parents are congregating outside the school gates on Tyne Avenue by the zebra crossing, making it difficult for drivers to see if there is anyone waiting to cross. Please could we politely ask for parents to move away from the crossing so as not to obstruct the crossing.</p>
<p>School Start/Finish Times We are currently keeping these timings but we still intend to create new standardised timings when possible this year. As ever, we will communicate any changes as much in advance as possible, to allow you to make adjustments at home.</p> <p>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</p>	

Word of the Week

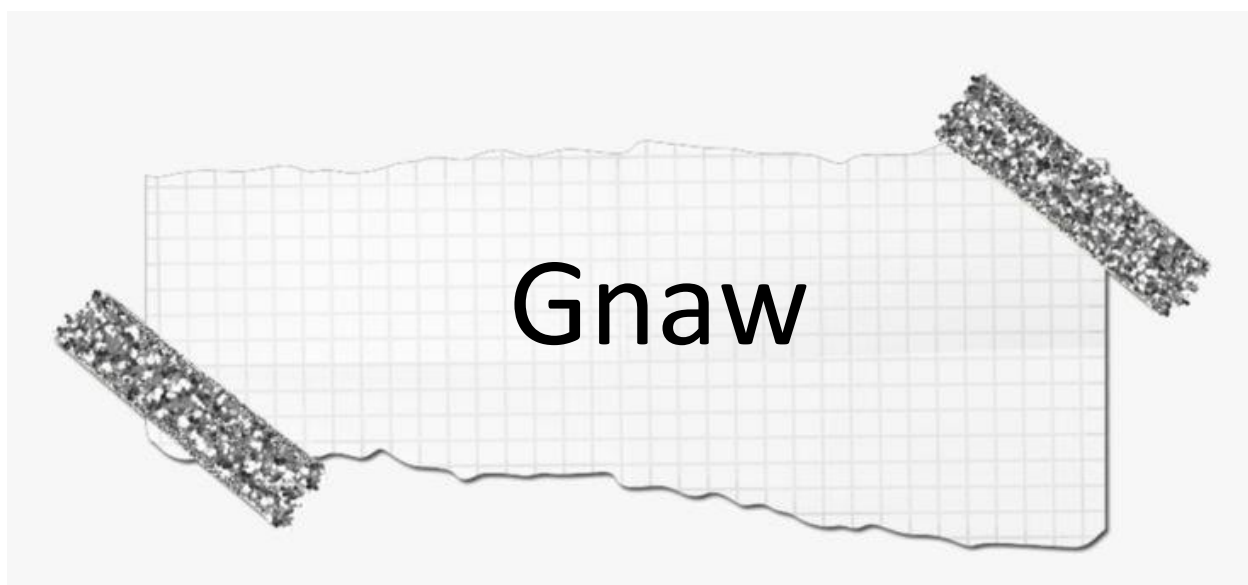
for Key Stage 1





 Meaning	 Challenge
When something is blocked up.	This one is disgusting! What do you think happens when drains get clogged ?

Word of the Week

for Key Stage 2



 Meaning	 Challenge
Keep biting at something.	Think of three animals which gnaw . What do they gnaw on?

Have your say on proposals for children with special educational needs and disabilities in Oxfordshire

You are being invited to contribute to two consultations on plans to develop a more inclusive approach to supporting children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Oxfordshire.

Two interlinked consultations will run together between Monday 10 January and Thursday 10 March 2022:

- The council and its partners are seeking views on a draft [Local Area SEND Strategy](#) to develop high-quality services across education, health, and social care to support children and young people and their families.
- Oxfordshire County Council's [proposals for system reform for SEND](#) include making more high-quality SEND education available closer to home, reducing reliance on out-of-county provision, and improving educational outcomes for children through closer partnerships between the council and schools.

The council would like to hear your views. There is one feedback survey in which you can respond to one or both consultations. You can find this survey and the key documents at: letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/SEND-2022

The council and its partners are seeking views on:

- Improving outcomes for children with SEND.
- Developing a 'continuum' (a broad range) of provision to meet the requirements of children and young people with SEND.
- Ensuring good physical and mental health and wellbeing.
- Improving post-16 education, learning, employment and training to prepare young people for adulthood.
- Supporting an education system where parents and carers have confidence that their children's needs will be understood and met in their local school.
- Offering a range of specialist learning provisions for some young people who have a high level of need.
- Making every effort to use effectively and efficiently all the resources available to young people.

Have your say by:

- Visiting letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/SEND-2022
- Attending an online roadshow. There will be five events between 31 January and 16 February. At these, senior leaders will explain the proposals and answer any questions that you may have. Visit letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/SEND-2022 for dates and times, and to book your place.

Have your say

on proposals for
education of children
with special educational
needs and disabilities
(SEND) in Oxfordshire



Find out more, comment on the proposals, and/or book your place on one of our SEND online roadshows by visiting the website:

letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/SEND-2022

SEND online roadshows

- **Monday 31 January,**
5.00pm – 6.30pm
- **Thursday 3 February,**
8.30am – 10.00am
- **Saturday 5 February,**
9.00am – 10.30am
- **Wednesday 9 February,**
2.30pm – 4.00pm
- **Wednesday 16 February,**
1.00pm – 2.30pm – event
for children and young
people

Consultation
runs between
Monday 10 January
and **Thursday**
10 March 2022

If you are unable to view details online, please contact us at
01865 792422 or email: **consultations@oxfordshire.gov.uk**



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