

## The latest...

### Didcot Railway Centre- Year 3

Last week, Year 3 visited the Didcot Railway Centre to learn more about World War Two and the evacuations that occurred. We learnt how fire brigades put out fires, rode an old steam train and even climbed out of a WW2 air raid shelter! The day was packed full of information and experiences, which has in turn inspired the children to learn more about the war.



### Dinosaurs, dinosaurs, dinosaurs! - Year 1

That is all year 1 talked about this week! We have discussed and shared facts about dinosaurs, then written about what we have learnt, ready for our dinosaur posters. These will be on display in the courtyard at the end of term. The very kind Mr Hopper (Geologist) shared his knowledge and the time with us on Thursday via Zoom. Mr Hopper told us what a Geologist does and how looking closely at rocks can give us clues about the past. We even had the opportunity to look and handle real fossils. The children were in awe of what they saw and heard. Thank you to Mr Hopper for making this experience so amazing! Next week, we are off to the Natural History Museum. We love our dinosaur topic!

### Forest School- Year 2

On Monday, year 2 spent some of their afternoon in the beautiful sunshine in Forest School. Their task was to collect their own twigs, leaves and long grass to make their own Viking longships. The children worked in groups of 2 and 3 to collect their materials from the Forest School area and were really creative and focused on their missions and worked proactively to build their longships. The excitement built towards testing their longships in a tub of water to see whether they floated, held together and whether they used the correct type and size of twig for their mast and sail.



The children had lots of fun and were full of smiles. We can report a lot of successes from the afternoon and all the children were able to test their longships in the water. Well done Year 2!

## SATs and other fun - Year 6

Following a 2 year gap, the government restarted the SATs; tests in Maths and English which are undertaken by Year 6s at the same time across the country. The children all did extremely well, especially considering that they had no expectations of what it is like to do formal national tests; they were in Year 3 the last time a Year 6 undertook them! One of our traditions at Ladygrove Park is to write to our local food establishments to see if they would like to donate something for after-SATs celebrations. There was a fantastic response this year so we would like to say a very big thank you to Subway, Domino's, Kaspas and McDonalds for their very generous donations. The children thoroughly enjoyed their lunch! We would also like to thank our kitchen staff for extending their work and providing all Year 6s with a hearty breakfast each morning this week, setting them up for the day ahead!

## New Staff and Governor

Next week we welcome Marco Hernandez as the new teacher of Class 6. He is a very experienced teacher from London and Reading schools who has moved to the local area with his family. He joins us mid term now that he has completed his time supporting the pupils of his previous school through the recent tests. The children have already met him and we are excited for him to work with them.

Congratulations to Imran Lokhon (with a child in Year 3) who will be our newest school governor. He was the only applicant so there needs be no election. We are very happy to have him and his expertise and experience on the board of governors.

## Coming up this term...

Tuesday 17th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 1 Natural History Trip (Class 5)</li></ul>
Wednesday 18th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 1 Natural History Trip (Class 4)</li><li>• EYFS Farm Visit (in school)</li></ul>
NEW- Fri 20th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NEW DATE- Small book and bookmark sale after school by Year 5 girls</li></ul>
Monday 23rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SBS and DGS Transition Meeting 9 - 10am (in school) The DGS and SBS Transition Meeting for Year 6 parents, carers and pupils will be on <b>Monday 23rd May from 9-10am</b> in school. Children will need to come to class as normal to be registered. Parents/Carers please come to the main reception where you will be taken to the hall.</li></ul>
Wednesday 25th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PALS Meeting - 7pm Ladygrove pub. A catch up on Summer Fete planning, working out what's left to do! Come along if you'd like to help out!</li></ul>
Thursday 26th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 6 Kilvrough Parent Info Meeting (after school)</li></ul>
Friday 27th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Queen's Jubilee Celebration</li><li>• NEW DATE- After school market stall of nature themed products by Year 5s Forest School B group</li></ul>
Thursday 9th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PALS Non-uniform day</li></ul>
Saturday 18th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summer Fete</li></ul>
20th-24th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 6 at Kilvrough</li></ul>

27th-1st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get Active Week for whole school</li> </ul>
Wednesday 29th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Day (as part of Get Active Week)</li> <li>• FS and KS1 in the morning.</li> <li>• KS2 in the afternoon.</li> </ul>
4th-8th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 4 at Hill End</li> </ul>
NEW DATE- 13th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NEW DATE- Celebrating Cultural Diversity Day- children can choose if they would like to come to school wearing clothes that represent their particular background/culture. More information in the main newsletter nearer the time.</li> </ul>
Last Week of Year- day TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 Leavers Party (BBQ and Water Fight included)</li> </ul>
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## Notices

<b>Word of the week!</b>	See this week's 'word of the week' at the end of this newsletter
<b>Didcot Town Council - Jubilee Fun Day!</b>	<p>Didcot Town Council are hosting a Jubilee Fun Day on Thursday 2nd June in the garden of Didcot Civic Hall.</p> <p>There will be ukulele players and people doing tutorials of fitness classes and welcome any children that would like to sing/dance/ play instruments!</p>

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# **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

**FREE ENTRY - SMALL FEE FOR SOME ACTIVITIES**



- OUTSIDE BAR • BUBBLE MACHINE • STALLS
- KIDS CRAFTS TABLE • KIDS ACTIVITIES
- MUSIC • PERFORMANCES • BOUNCY CASTLE
- SANDPIT • FOOD VAN • ICE CREAM
- CAKES AND SCONES • AND MORE!

**THURSDAY 2ND JUNE 2022**  
**11AM - 7PM**  
**DIDCOT CIVIC HALL**

# Word of the Week

## for Key Stage 1

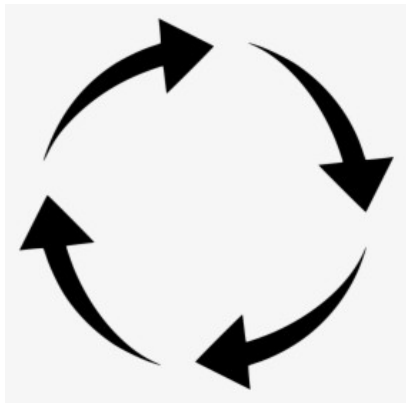
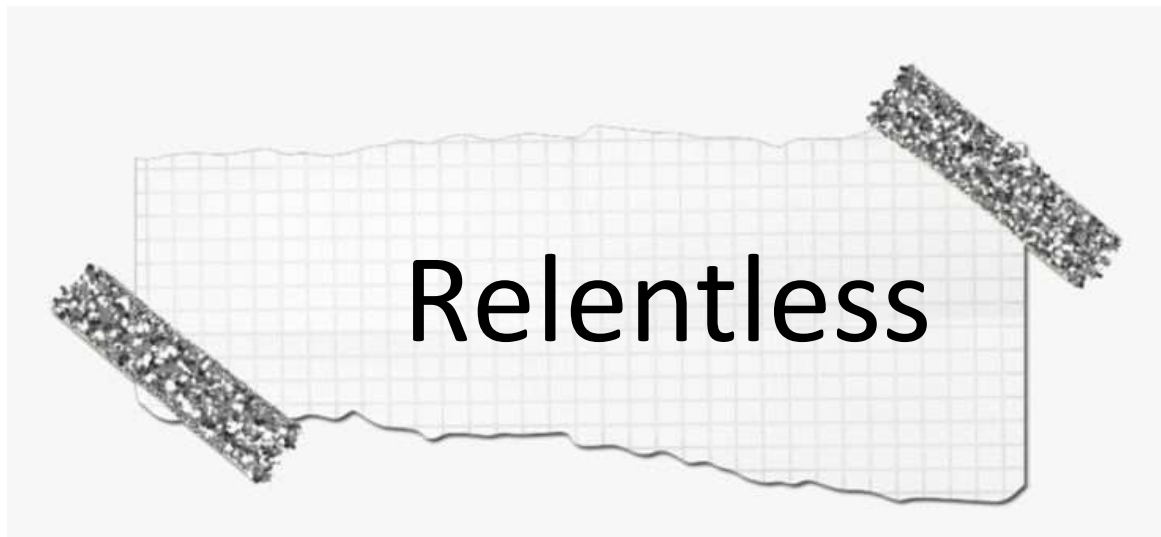




 Meaning	 Challenge
Not being able to get away.	How does the word <b>captive</b> make you feel? Why?



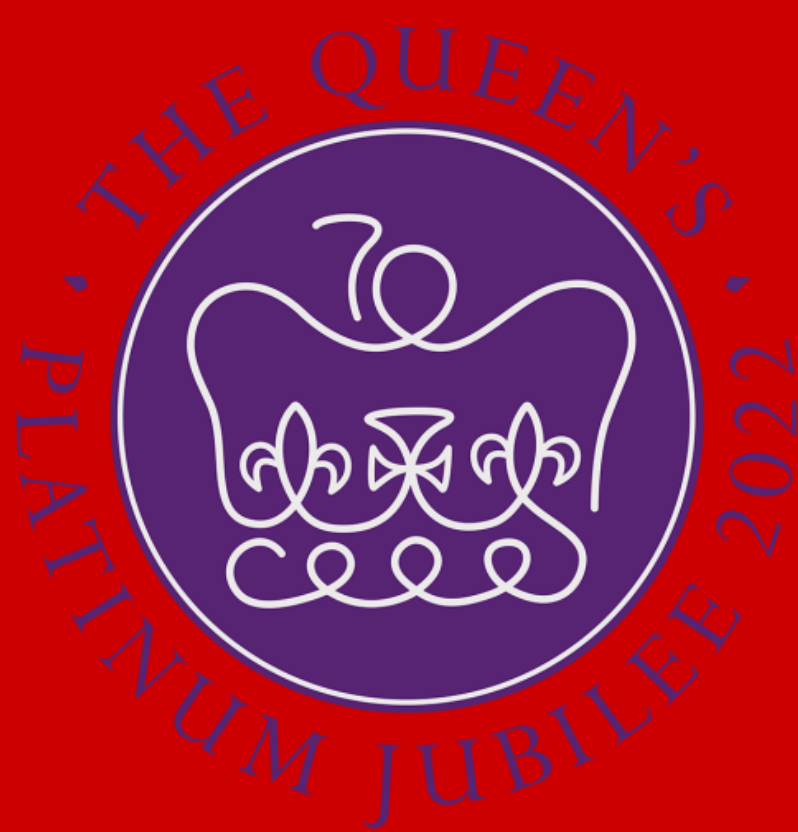
# Word of the Week

## for Key Stage 2



 Meaning	 Challenge
Something that never stops.	Slip <b>relentless</b> into conversation with a classmate or family member and see if they notice.

# Meet Our Marvellous Monarchs!

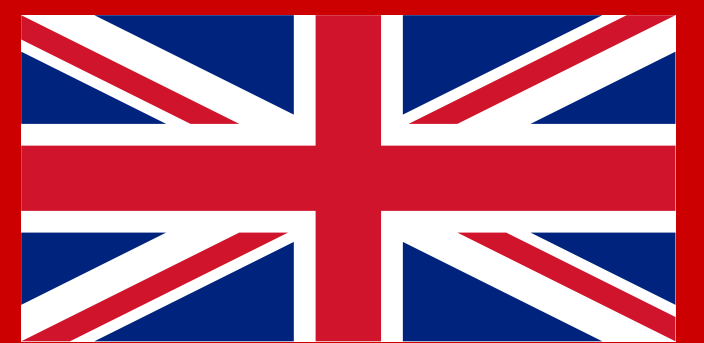


*Wednesday 1 June 10am - 3.30pm*

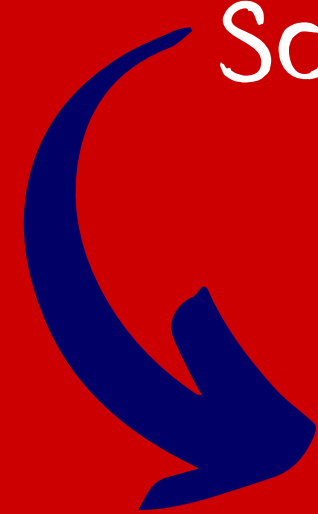
*Meet young Queen Victoria & Prince Albert - along  
with other famous Monarchs!*

-  *Chat to the Monarchs & ask them questions*
-  *Royal Souvenirs & Memorabilia*
-  *Marvellous Royal Crafts*
-  *Queen Elizabeth II Photo Booth*
-  *Corgis Gallery Trail*

*Tickets £4.50 each (age 3 & upwards)*



Scan to book



Tickets must be booked online via [www.ticketsource.co.uk/vale-downland-museum](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/vale-downland-museum)

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times

## **Vale & Downland Museum**

Church Street, Wantage, OX12 8BL

Monday - Saturday 9.30am - 3.45pm

[www.valeanddownlandmuseum.org.uk](http://www.valeanddownlandmuseum.org.uk)

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# MAY 2022 HALF TERM SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



**MON 30TH MAY - WED 1ST JUNE 2022**



## ELITE ACTIVITIES

- Bubble Football | Nerf Wars
- Golf | Water Wars
- Archery | Laser Tag
- Glow - In - Dark Dodgeball
- Arts & Crafts

*for the full list of activities please visit the camp locations page on our website. Age restrictions apply*

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