

This week...



Farms2Ewe!

Our EYFS children had an amazing day on Wednesday, we had a visit from [Farms2ewe](http://www.farms2ewe.co.uk) who brought a selection of animals for us to experience and learn about. The children had an opportunity to feed, groom, touch and hold the animals. We remembered some of the facts that we learnt when we had the chicks a few weeks ago and also learnt new information today. Thank you for the parents supporting this with your contributions, the children were telling us how much they loved it!

Poetry Workshops

Year 3 was visited by Simon Mole, an acclaimed children's poet on Wednesday. He held a Poetry workshop for all of the children in the hall. Their challenge was to find words to describe a bike; their bike or a dream bike. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed this experience and it was fantastic to see their imaginations come alive. Some children were even brave enough to stand up and read their poems aloud.



*My Bike is amazing.
My bike is outstanding.
It has flames on the front and the back.
And it boings and bounces on the track.
It's red and blue.
And when you start it it goes with a zoom!
It's so fast I can only go round 19 times a hill,
Before I feel really ill.
It's so quick.
The seat is red, blue and pink leopard print.
OH NO HELP!
I can't stop
I go hurtling through the air.
But I try again and again and finally I do it!
I LOVE my bike!*

I Love my bike, by Emily K

*My bike is super sick, my bike is fantastically fast.
I ride it here, I ride it there, I ride it everywhere!
It has rocket-boosters and a basket for my dog and it is incredibly long.
It's light blue with clouds in the frame.
It has 30 lights on the frame, it can beat a train.
When I go down a hill I shout, "hurry".
My bike is called Furious Fred,
The wheels go vroom and the rockets go boom!
It has a drone hidden in the back and you can shout when you want it to come out.
I love my bike.
Furious Fred, by Evie.*

Year 5 also enjoyed time with Simon, who not only entertained them with his own examples, often spontaneous - reacting to the children's work, but expertly led them through building their own 'Ode' about a favourite subject, from Pac Man to Ghosts to Smurfs, and everything in between! Through games and short activities, they layered up their ideas and details until putting together and performing their final version.

"I liked his enthusiastic energy which helped me focus harder on my work and make my poem really good."

Emilia

"The planning really helped me with the final project because I was listing all my ideas and not trying to do it all in one." **Kyle**

The staff and children were absolutely buzzing during the sessions, and totally engaged with the activities. Everyone thought it was brilliant!

Natural History Museum Trip

This week, Year 1 travelled by coach to Oxford to visit the Natural History Museum. The children were so excited to be on a coach and thought that in itself was an adventure! The Dinosaur workshop was brilliant! We were able to touch dinosaur bones, teeth, skin and poo! We even listened to a dinosaur roar! After lunch, we explored the whole museum. The children demonstrated such enthusiasm and passion about what they could see and wanted to know more! We definitely have some budding geologists and palaeontologists out there! Thank you to all our lovely parent helpers for joining us. **Year One Team**

Assembly this week concluded our 3 week look at all aspects of safety- wrapping up with information about the emergency services and what to do if you need to contact them.

Well done to the current **cycling proficiency group** who took their written test this week and thank you again to all the parent volunteers for ensuring such a high quality of training for them. Also, congratulations to all the **swimmers** of Year 4 who continue to be responsible and diligent, practising their skills on their weekly swimming trips.

Coming up this term...

Jubilee celebrations - Friday 27th May

On the last day of term, Friday 27 May, we will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Each class will participate in a variety of activities throughout the afternoon to celebrate this event. We would like to encourage all children to wear something red in addition to their blue & white school uniform for the day. We will be having a whole-school picnic at lunchtime and those children who usually have a hot school dinner will be provided with a brunch bag.



Diversity Day

The Diversity Ambassadors are preparing for Diversity Day on Wednesday 13th July. This will be a day when children can come to school wearing clothes that represent their particular background/culture, or just normal non-school uniform, if they prefer. This will be an exciting time to celebrate and learn about the huge range of diversity at our school. However, it needs to be handled carefully, please don't bring anything valuable or sentimental as we wouldn't want to be responsible for any accidental damage caused during, for example, playtime or forest school.

Upcoming Sales

Lilian and Rosie will be leading their group in a book and bookmark sale after school today, outside Year 5. Their profits will go to a Hedgehog sanctuary in Wallingford!

Next week, after school on Friday 27th May, the 'Forest School B' group of Year 5s are running a market stall of homemade products such as poms poms and small art works. Their profits will be going towards materials to update the Forest School Area to the left of the field, currently called Forest School B.

Tuesday 17th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 Natural History Trip (Class 5)
Wednesday 18th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 Natural History Trip (Class 4) EYFS Farm Visit (in school)
Friday 20th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small book and bookmark sale after school by Year 5 girls
Monday 23rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Monday 23rd May from 9-10am 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.
Wednesday 25th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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!
Thursday 26th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Kilvrough Parent Info Meeting (after school) Year 3 World War II VE Day Celebration Morning (see notice below)
Friday 27th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queen's Jubilee Celebration - see above After school market stall of nature themed products by Year 5s Forest School B group
Thursday 9th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PALS Non-uniform day
Thursday 16th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Production 6.15pm
Friday 17th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Production 1.30pm
Saturday 18th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Fete
20th-24th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 at Kilvrough
27th-1st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get Active Week for whole school
Wednesday 29th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Day (as part of Get Active Week) FS and KS1 in the morning. KS2 in the afternoon.
4th-8th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 at Hill End
Wednesday 13th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Monday 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am (further details to follow)

- Year 6 Leavers Party (BBQ and Water Fight included)

Notices



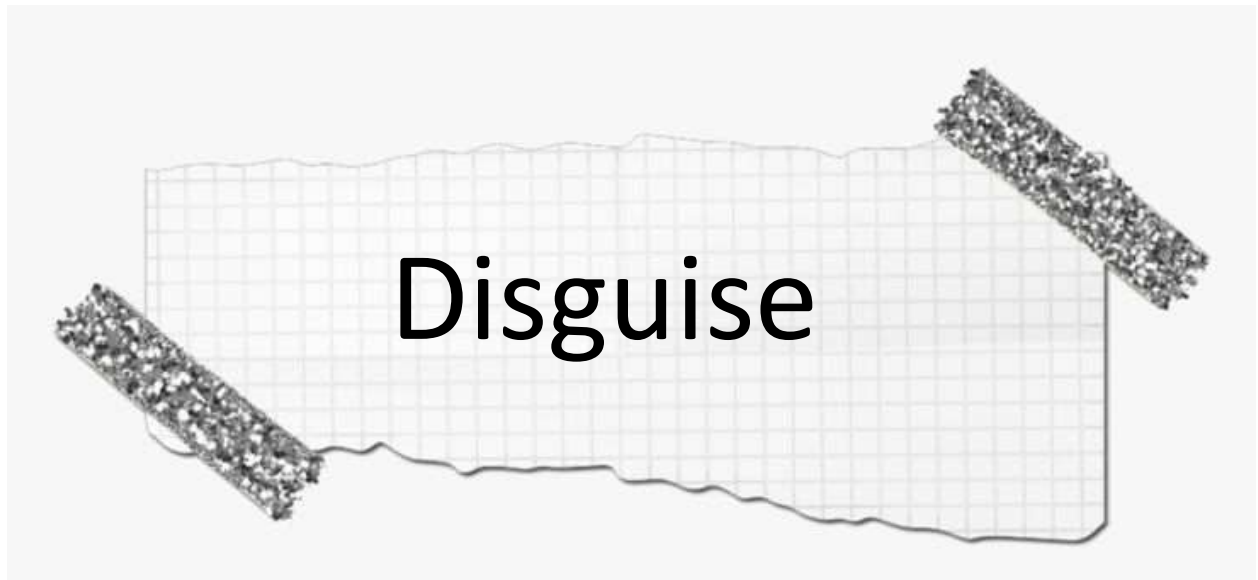
This week Rosie told us about Ellie and Evelyn playing in Ladygrove park and they noticed some litter which could have been dangerous (cocktail sticks). They stopped playing and spent their time clearing it up instead. Alex also helped. We are celebrating them for doing a good deed (safely) for their community, rather than just going to play with their friends.



Word of the week!	See this week's 'word of the week' at the end of this newsletter
Class Photos	We have started to receive back the Class photos this week and have been giving them out as they come in. Please note that some orders are still going through and we still have deliveries due so if your child has not yet received theirs, it may still be on the way!
Year 6 DGS & SBS Transition Meeting - Monday 23rd May	Reminder to parents – the DGS & SBS transition meeting will be held this coming Monday (23rd May) at 9am. Letters were emailed via ParentPay on 6th May with further information.
Year 3 VE Day Celebration	<p>We have decided to have a World War 2 morning on the last Thursday of term (26th May). Children can come to school wearing WW2 attire.</p> <p>We are conscious that this is a late decision, so please don't feel the need to buy anything! Homemade costumes are brilliant and many evacuees wore tops and shorts anyway. We will practise and perform some WW2 songs (and record and share these with parents), as well as hold our own High Tea.</p> <p>We will provide some cakes but it would be fantastic if the children could also bring in some cake to share with their class! If you do make a cake, please could you ensure that they contain no nuts and that there is a list of all the ingredients with the cake. We are aware of the children's allergies but this will help ensure we practise the best safety measures.</p>
Didcot Town Football Club Car Park Closure	Didcot Town Football Club have advised us that the car park will be closed next Thursday 26th and Friday 27th May.
Summer Fete	<p>Quirks animal roadshow will be visiting our school fete this year. Children can get up close to reptiles and other animals. Tickets will be £3.50 per child and can be pre-booked by clicking on this link - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd344fY25fkkX6mR7MST4IlcmeFIHyAakfH8dUA6qAsZyuRnw/viewform?usp=sf_link</p> <p>The popular plate smash stall will be back this year. We will be collecting donations of unwanted plates and bowls. Please leave your donations outside the school garage located in the car park.</p> <p>Raffle tickets will be going home today. We have some great prizes including a family ticket to the Harry Potter Studios and tickets to Truck festival plus many vouchers for local days out. Please return the stubs and money to school ahead of the fete on 18th June. Tickets are £1 each. If you require any additional books of</p>

	tickets, please come to the school office.
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Word of the Week

for Key Stage 1



 Meaning	 Challenge
You try and look different so people do not recognise you.	What disguise would you like?

Word of the Week

for Key Stage 2



Monstrous



Meaning

Being ugly and frightening like a monster.



Challenge

If you saw a **monstrous** face, what would it look like?