

This week...

On Monday, **Year 1** had a wonderful Space Day with Chris Pearson. We built a human Solar System, learnt all about meteorites and even held one along with a piece of Mars and a piece of the Moon! We then designed our own exoplanet and gave it a name. Thank you to our amazing visitor and for making it a memorable day.



Year 1 also had a great time at a drama workshop this week (a free session from "Perform", a local Drama club group- please see details sent home). They used movement and expression to act out different parts of the 'knights' theme. The children behaved beautifully and followed the instructions very well. There were squeals of excitement when they were nearly caught eating the cake!



Foundation Stage had fun joining in with the drama workshop with a focus on magic and wizards. We had to use our imaginations to think of ideas to add to the story, and our bodies to move in many different ways.



Year 5 have been lucky enough to participate in two workshops over the last week. The first was online last Thursday with STFC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (RAL) called Protecting the Planet. Scientists explained some of the research they undertake at their facility, then concentrated more on their role with developing green, renewable energies, and in particular the use of wind power. We found out more about these gigantic windmills, how they work and what needs to be considered about their use.

Today, Alison Burbage from Aureus Secondary School has delivered a workshop exploring the music of Saint-Saens, asking children to consider 'program music' (music which tells a story) and helping them compose their own animal inspired piece.

On Wednesday, **Year 6** visited the Natural History Museum in Oxford to learn about their science topic Evolution and Adaptation. The children had a 'hands on' workshop: Evolve, Adapt, Survive with an expert from the Museum. The session was accompanied by time in the museum to find particular animals, and spot the characteristics of those animals, and see how they had adapted to their environment. The children looked at the changes of species over billions of years and the reasons why some traits survive, and others are only in the fossil record. Following their visit, the children received a visit from Mr Hopper, who gave a presentation on fossils and held a question and answer session. A big thanks to Mr Hopper for spending his time, and his knowledge with us.



PSHE

In PSHE this term we are learning about the similarities and differences between people and how these make us unique and special. Topics covered in all year groups include our homes, families and friendships. KS2 children will also discuss gender stereotypes, bullying (including online), racism, disabilities, and how to be supportive of each other. All this aligns with our assembly timetable through the year as well as the focus on pupil led responsibilities.

Dates for the term ahead...

Christmas Lunches



Final chance to order your child's Christmas lunch! Please complete this form by the end of the day on Friday 18th November - <https://forms.gle/84Lv2wJsHUEdtpQz8>. Late orders cannot be catered for as a food order must be placed by Monday 21st November. **Please note on the days that your child is not having a Christmas meal, you MUST provide a packed lunch as the kitchen is unable to cater for a paid meal.**



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| Tuesday 22nd November | Year 5 Woodstock Museum Trip - <i>please make payment on ParentPay</i> |
| Saturday 26th November | PALS Christmas Market, 2-4pm |
| Friday 9th December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Jumper Day - Children can come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers! Suggested donation of £2 will be shared between PALS and Save the Children. PALS Committee Members will be on each gate to take cash or card payments on your way into school. The Roving Bookshop in school (see below) |
| Monday 12th December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foundation Stage Sing Song to Parents and Carers - 9am FS Christmas Lunch - ALL OTHER YEAR GROUPS REQUIRE PACKED LUNCH |
| Tuesday 13th December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 Christmas Sing Song to Parents and Carers - 9am Years 1 & 2 Christmas Lunch - ALL OTHER YEAR GROUPS REQUIRE PACKED LUNCH |
| Wednesday 14th December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 3 & 4 Christmas Lunch - ALL OTHER YEAR GROUPS REQUIRE PACKED LUNCH |

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| Thursday 15th December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 Christmas Production to Parents and Carers - 9am and 2pm. Tickets required - keep an eye out in next week's newsletter for more info. Years 5 & 6 Christmas Lunch - ALL OTHER YEAR GROUPS REQUIRE PACKED LUNCH |
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Notices

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| Word of the Week Times Table of the Week | Please see below for this week's Word of the Week and Times Table of the Week! |
| Sickness and Absence | <p>A reminder to notify the office every day of your child's absence. Please either email office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk or call to leave a message on 01235 519235 by 9am. Clearly state your child's full name, class and the specific reason for absence (including the symptoms of the illness).</p> <p>Please note that if your child is ill for 3 days or more, ensure to consult your GP and to inform the school of the outcome.</p> <p>For further information, please see our Attendance Policy on our website.</p> |
| The Roving Bookshop  | <p>On Friday 9th December, The Roving Bookshop will arrive at school in the morning and shop assistants will transform The Hall into a bookshop for the day.</p> <p>The shop sells over 3000 high-quality and critically acclaimed books from a whole host of publishers, ensuring we are providing our children with the best titles out there. Each class will have a 15 minute slot at the bookshop to browse and buy a book of their choice. Envelopes for cash and more information will go home soon and, if you wish your child to buy a book at the bookshop, must be returned by Friday 9th December. Any money that comes in before the 9th December will be kept safe until the bookshop arrives on Friday.</p> <p>Prices of books range from approximately £3-£10 and familiar adults will be on hand to help your child choose an appropriate book.</p> <p>The bookshop will be open before (8.30am) and after (until 4pm) school for parents and carers to browse and buy; a perfect chance to buy Christmas presents for loved ones. You can enter via the car park hall doors. Parents/carers are welcome to pay with cash, cheque or card.</p> <p>As with the previous book fair, the bookshop runs on a commission basis; the more money our families spend, the more money the school has to spend to buy high-calibre resources for our children to use. We appreciate all your support with this!</p> |
| Road Safety | <p>If your child cycles to school, please ensure that you talk to them about road safety, making sure that they themselves are safe and being considerate of other road users. Click here for useful Cycle Safety Advice</p> |
| EDT Team - Book Donations  | <p>Our Year 6 from our Eco Development Team are running a stall at our upcoming Christmas Market and are looking for donations of books to sell.</p> <p>If you have any unwanted books for children or adults, please bring them to the school office.</p> |

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| PALS | Christmas Market, Saturday 26th November, 2-4pm There are only a couple of spaces left to visit Santa at the Christmas Market, if you want to book on please email ladygrovepals@gmail.com |
| Witherslack Group webinar - Autism & Boys | Autism & Boys Date: Tuesday 6th December Time : 10am - 11am (including Q&A) https://www.witherslackgroup.co.uk/resources/autism-and-boys/ Join us for a live webinar presented by Anne-Marie Harrison from Ideas Afresh Education as she gives us practical advice and support for parents and carers, exploring some of the common beliefs about boys and autism , dispelling myths, discovering facts and looking at ideas and strategies that can support autistic boys better understanding the world. |
| School Admissions Reminder | Admissions to Primary School (Academic Year 23/24): If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 (inclusive), you need to apply for a primary school place for September 2023. You will be able to apply on-line from 1st November 2022. Please visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions for further information. NB The deadline line date for online applications is 15th January 2023. Please remember the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place by the deadline of 15 January 2023 • If your child is attending nursery classes within a primary school, you must still apply for a place in the main school • You can list three different schools in order of preference. We strongly advise you to use all three preferences • We advise you to enter your catchment (or designated) school as one of your preferences • Attending your catchment school does not entitle you to free home to school transport if it is not your closest school and / under 2 miles away • If your application is late, you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools. Click on this link for easy access to OCC website https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place |
| Didcot Town Council Events Didcot Town Council and the Mayor of Didcot are hosting a few events to raise money for the Mayor of Didcot's two charities; Wynter's Wish (for bereaved families) and Home Start South Oxon (support for young families). The Family Fun Day is on <u>Saturday 17th December 2022</u> where there will be craft making for the children (not suitable for under 3s), which they can take home with them, followed by a visit with Santa all for £8. For a small additional fee there will be food, drinks and glitter tattoos along with craft stalls where you might be able to buy a last minute gift. Please also see the flyers below for our Christmas card competition and Festive Fun Run which are also being run to help raise money for the Mayor's charities. For more information click here. | |

Word of the Week

for Key Stage 1



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Meaning

A bit wet.



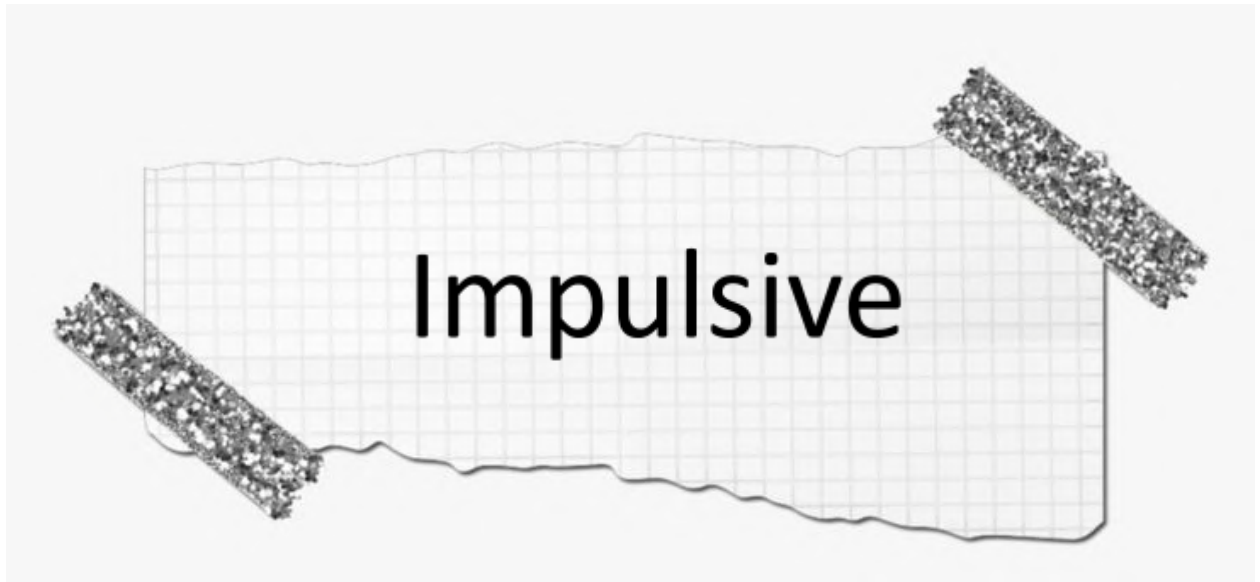
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Challenge

Imagine your clothes are **damp**. How do they feel?

Word of the Week

for Key Stage 2



|  Meaning |  Challenge |
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| Do something quickly without thinking it through. | Talk to others at home about a time you have been impulsive . |

KS1

If you know one of these facts, what other facts can you work out?

$$2 \times 6 = 12$$

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| 12 | | | | | |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |



$$12 \div 2 = ?$$

How many ways can you represent each fact?

$$6 \times 2 = 12$$

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| 12 | |
| 6 | 6 |

$$12 \div 6 = ?$$

KS2

If you know one of these facts, what other facts can you work out?

$$4 \times 6 = 24$$

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| 24 | | | | | |
| 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |



$$24 \div 4 = ?$$

How many ways can you represent each fact?

$$6 \times 4 = 24$$

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| 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |

$$24 \div 6 = ?$$



PALS CHRISTMAS MARKET

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2-4PM | ADULTS £1 | CHILDREN FREE ★

**ARTISAN CRAFT STALLS SELLING VINTAGE AND HANDMADE
GIFTS, CHOCOLATES, FLOWERS AND MORE**

Plus Prize Raffle, Santa's Grotto, Refreshments

★ **LADYGROVE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL COURTYARD, ENTRANCE VIA TYNE AVENUE**

Is your child **3** or **4** years old?

Primary school place – you must apply now

If your child was born on or between **1 September 2018** and **31 August 2019**, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Deadline for applications is **15 January 2023**.

Apply online at

**[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/
primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)**

– it's quick, easy and secure.

You can get free access to the internet at many of our libraries and children's centres – ask for details at your local facility.



For help and information:

Web: **www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions**

Email: **admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk**

Tel: **0345 241 2487**



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DIDCOT TOWN COUNCIL'S

FESTIVE 5K FUN RUN

Saturday 17th December
Ladygrove Park at 9am

Didcot Town Council have teamed up with parkrun to organise a charity 5k Festive Fun Run.

Everyone that signs up with us will receive a medal, certificate and Santa suit. You can still freely take part in parkrun without signing up to our charity run.

Ticket price and details of how to enter TBC

Event sponsored by
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As part of this year's
fundraising for the Mayor's
chosen charities; Home Start
Southern Oxfordshire and
Wynter's Wish.





Didcot Town Council's

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Help us design the Mayors Christmas Card

- You can draw, paint and create anyway you like!
- The winning image will be the front image of the Mayor of Didcot's Christmas Card.
- Send your entry to: **events@didcot.gov.uk** or drop off to Didcot Civic Hall on Britwell Road
- All entries must be sent by Monday 5th December
- All entries will be displayed at the Didcot Civic Hall Christmas Activities Day on Saturday 17th December.
- Open to all ages

Didcot Town Council's **Festive Fun Day**

Saturday 17th December 2022

11am to 5pm

Meet Father Christmas!

Join our craft room where children over the age of 3 can complete a Christmas craft then meet Father Christmas.

The price is £8 per child for 1 hour of the craft room and meeting Father Christmas.

Children must be accompanied by an adult, siblings under 3 are welcome to join but will not be able to take part in the crafts.

If you would like to take part or have any queries please email

events@didcot.gov.uk - the link to book is on our website and Facebook.



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