

This week...

Christmas is well underway. The fever has gripped us a little earlier than in previous years, probably due to the excitement of being able to fully engage with the season once again. Nevertheless, the children continue to be very well focused on their learning as witnessed by the external group of observers, headteachers from other schools in our partnership who came to observe the school practices and test our systems. They were very impressed and complementary about the children's work being so ably supported by the staff.

Thank you!

We are super excited to share with you that we made £2350 on Saturday at the PALS Christmas Market! It was a great event, very well attended by over 250 adults, over 60 children visited Santa, everyone enjoying the stalls, our Christmas Marketplace and an amazing selection of refreshments! A very big thank you to PALS for organising the event; the group began to arrive at 8.30am and some members didn't leave until after 5pm. Our appreciation for all the time they spent to create those 2 special hours and thank you to all the parents and carer helpers and to everyone that attended.

Well done to our Eco Development Team who created a very professional looking stall of their own at the Christmas Market. They sold second hand books. They had a slow start due to the prices being a little high. As soon as they employed a half price sale things began to move. They finally made £88.86 which goes together with their previously raised funds. All of this will be spent on Eco and Forest School resources for the good of the school. For example in a recent school council meeting the children of Class 7 wanted watering cans so they could help with gardening. The EDT will be discussing this.



This week our **Early Years Foundation Stage** children have been posting their letters to Father Christmas. The children spent some time looking at the toy catalogues and choosing items to ask for. The children were very proud of the writing they did. The children were very sensible on the walk and represented the school incredibly well and each class earned themselves a class reward!

Year 3 and Year 6 showed some excellent collaboration, during our Geography walk to practise fieldwork skills. The children teamed-up to look at human and physical features of Geography in the local area. Year 6 children were able to help support Year 3 children in their learning, using their prior knowledge, whilst Year 3 children shared their enthusiasm with their peers. We were very proud of every child's responsible and kind behaviour and it was lovely to see so many smiling faces, together on the hills.



Assembly

This week's assembly was about Active Listening. We talked about the way your brain works when listening. We explained that you spend about 60% of your time listening but only 25% of what you hear is retained. We understood that listening is key to being able to learn and that active listening was about understanding what someone else was saying. This is important in discussion especially when you are trying to support someone.

Pupil Responsibility Groups

Linked to the assembly theme is the introduction of the Peer Mentors this week. They are the Year 5 children: Oliver, Edith, Pippa, Rosie, Finley, Fintan, Josh, Heidi, Penny and Zaha. They will be working on ways to raise the profile of friendship and the best social behaviours. In the past this has involved instructional videos being made for the school but this year we hope to get more engaged with the younger children and role modelling.

Over the next few weeks KS1 are embarking on their KS1 School Council role. Every member of the classes will have a say in development of the school and spokespeople from each class will discuss these with me to then feedback our decisions and actions to the classes.

Dates for the term ahead...

Christmas Lunches

We are very much looking forward to the return of our Christmas lunches, week commencing 12th December. They are always such a lovely experience; children with both hot and packed lunches will sit together in the hall, the tables are decorated, PALS have purchased crackers for each child and there will be festive music playing. Some cheeky elves might also make an appearance!


A reminder that if you have not pre-ordered a Christmas lunch for your child, they will need to come to school with a packed lunch. This includes Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 children. If you cannot provide a packed lunch for your child on the 4 days of Christmas lunch week, please contact the school office as soon as possible.



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| 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 - tickets are not required however, there will be a collection box if anyone would like to contribute. Proceeds will go towards play equipment. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 |
| Thursday 15th December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 Christmas Production to Parents and Carers - 9am and 2pm - tickets required (£2 per ticket) and can be purchased from the school office. Years 5 & 6 Christmas Lunch - ALL OTHER YEAR GROUPS REQUIRE PACKED LUNCH |

Notices

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| Word of the Week | Please see below for this week's Word of the Week. |
| Sickness and Absence | <p>Please notify the school 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>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> |
| Foundation Stage Christmas Sing Song - Monday 12th December | <p>9am in the school hall. Tickets are not required however, <u>there is a maximum of 2 adults per child</u> due to fire regulations. There will be a collection box if anyone would like to contribute. Proceeds will go towards play equipment.</p> <p>Please note that parents are asked not to take photos/video during the singing due to individual safeguarding protections in this year group. We will take a group photo and an audio recording to share with you on Google Classroom, and there will be the opportunity for you to take photos at the end of the sing song.</p> |
| Year 4 Swimming | <p>Reminders have gone home today to those that have not completed the Google Form or made payment.</p> <p>It is important that we know your child's swimming ability so that they are put in the correct groups. There is a Google Form in the letter which has been emailed again to parents who have not yet completed the form, or paid a contribution (thank you to those who have already done this. To date, only 50% have paid the contribution). Please be mindful that the school is paying for the swimming lessons. The contribution is towards the transport costs to and from Didcot Wave. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.</p> |
| The Roving Bookshop  | <p>A reminder that 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>Flyers and envelopes will be sent home today with your child. If you would like to send money for your child to spend, please hand this to the teacher in the envelope provided and ensure that your child's name and class is written on it.</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> |

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| | 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! |
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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:-

- 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.

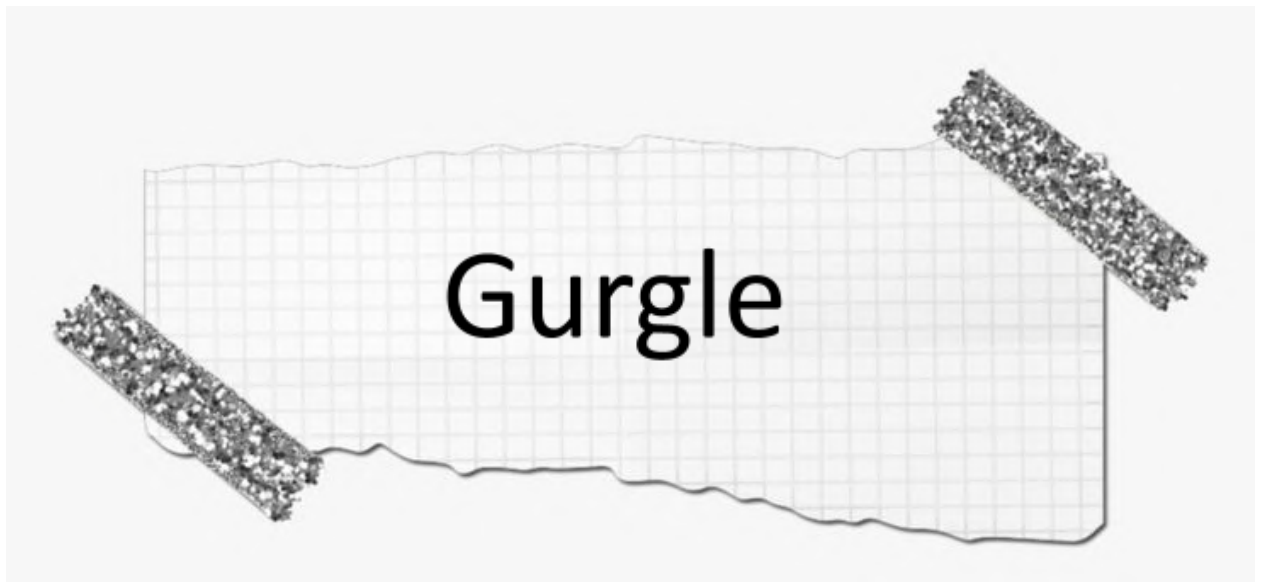
Click on this link for easy access to OCC website <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place>



Vacancies at St Johns Primary School, Wallingford

St John's Primary School in Wallingford has vacancies for an Administrator and Finance Manager. Do look on the website for more information if you are interested <https://stjohnswallingford.org.uk/our-school/staff-vacancies/>

Word of the Week

for Key Stage 1





|  Meaning |  Challenge |
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| A noise a baby makes when they are happy or a noise water makes. | Ask someone at home to pretend to gurgle like a baby. |

Word of the Week

for Key Stage 2



|  Meaning |  Challenge |
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| Very sad. Sometimes because you have lost something or someone has died. | If someone is feeling mournful , what might you say to them? |

KS1

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

TIMES TABLE OF THE WEEK!

How many ways can you represent each fact?

$$2 \times 7 = 14$$

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KS2

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

TIMES TABLE OF THE WEEK!

How many ways can you represent each fact?

$$3 \times 9 = 27$$

$$9 \times 3 = 27$$

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$$27 \div 9 = ?$$

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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