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# Newsletter



From the Head Teacher



## Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Plan 2018-2021

The Children's Trust has published its plan for Oxfordshire 2018-2021. The second of its four main aims is for children to **Be Happy and Healthy**:

- Be confident that services are available to promote good health and prevent ill health
- Learn the importance of healthy, secure relationships and having a support network
- Access services to improve overall well-being
- Access easy ways to get active



As a school we promote dental hygiene and free eye tests, flu vaccinations, and Reception and Year 6 are weighed and measured to make parents aware of the health risks of obesity. Our assemblies and PSHE curriculum promote respect and healthy relationships and our Anti-Bullying work keeps children safe. We are providing mentor support and counselling for children to improve their well-being. We have invested in the trim trails, additional sports clubs and Walking Once a Week to school to encourage children to be active.

## Parents Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended parents meetings at school this week. It's too early to say if we met our target of over 96% attendance but I know of several parents who visited us for the first time and enjoyed it! Verbal feedback was really positive and thank you too to everyone who completed a parent questionnaire.

## Learning Journey

This term's Learning Journey is attached and there is some great learning taking place! The whole school is having fun with fractions in Maths and Year 1 are learning about fireworks, fire safety and practising writing stories, poetry and letters. Year 2 are having a blast learning about Guy Fawkes and the Great Fire of London whilst Year 3 have experienced their very own natural disaster. Year 4 tackle the Vicious Vikings and the wonderful story of Beowulf, Year 5 go deep into the Rainforest and Year 6 are doing some amazing ICT alongside learning about the Mayans from Central America.

## Great Service

Congratulations to three of our team who each received their 25 year service award from Oxfordshire County Council at County Hall on Wednesday. Well done to Sally Philpott, Rosanne Elson and Morag Mallarky for giving so much to so many children in Oxfordshire and we are delighted that you are ours! (And obviously, looking so young, they began their careers incredibly early).

Best wishes,  
*Neil Blackwell*



## Macmillan

Every year our staff throw themselves into supporting the Macmillan coffee morning. This year they surpassed themselves and baked a huge array of wonderful cakes, raising £318.33 for Cancer Relief. Well done!



## St Leonard's Day

St Leonard's Day was on Tuesday! There is lots of activity this weekend at Church and, as well as providing lots of poppies for Remembrance Day our Brownies have also written poems, which will be on display. The week after, on Saturday 17 November between 2-4pm, Church has its Christmas Bazaar and craft fair coming up. Well worth a visit especially to find a few stocking fillers!



## Community Learning Kitchen—request for help

Those of you who have children in Reception will have seen that we now have a new kitchen area, which is a huge improvement on what went before.

Cooking is one of the favourite activities for this age of children and we have applied for a £4000 grant from the Aviva Community Fund in order to complete our learning kitchen. The equipment will be more child friendly allowing them to develop their cooking skills from a young age, teaching our children valuable life skills which will help them in the years to come.

Please help us get our children & families cooking delicious, wholesome, healthy balanced food by going on the website and registering your votes for us.

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/4-1599>



## Community Fridge

We were delighted to attend the opening of the Merton Street Mosque's Community Fridge this Tuesday. The fridge is a way of reducing food waste by making unwanted, but still in date, food available to others and it is clearly visible from Merton Street. The Mosque has also started tuition classes for KS1 and KS2. There are still a few spaces available so why not contact Yasmin on 07878 312073 or [haleema.suleman@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:haleema.suleman@yahoo.co.uk) to book a place.



## Wriggle Dance

We were very fortunate to have a visit from Wriggle Dance Theatre company this week to work with Reception. Physical movement is so important for our children and they used their bodies to explore their environment and to learn new things.



## Bikeability

Following parental requests we are pleased to announce that we have arranged Bikeability training for Year 6 for the summer term, after SATs. Children will need access to a bicycle and to a suitably fitted helmet. Cycling is a really important skill and we hope that as many children as possible are able to take part. Once you can do it, it's a bit like riding a bike!



## Dates for your diary ...

<b>W/c 12 November</b>	<b>Year 5 and 6 Stackpole residential</b>
<b>W/c 12 November</b>	<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>
<b>Friday 16 November</b>	<b>Open Day for prospective parents from 9.00am</b>
<b>Friday 16 November</b>	<b>Children In Need</b>
<b>W/c 19 November</b>	<b>Year 5 Parents Meetings</b>
<b>Thursday 6 December</b>	<b>Christmas Disco</b>
<b>Friday 14 December</b>	<b>Nursery and Reception Nativity 9.30 and 2.00</b>



## Junior Citizen

The Year 6 team would like to thank the committee of the 'Hook Norton Festival of Fine Ales' for their generous donation to Year 6, that was collected by Mrs Nottingham on Friday evening, at their annual donations evening.

The money will pay for our children to take part in the Junior Citizen training course, which will take place in Oxford in January; staff and children will travel by train to Oxford and will learn about how to stay safe in different situations.



## ... Continued

**Tuesday 18 December**    **Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance AM**

**Tuesday 18 December**    **Year 6 Carol service St Leonard's Church PM**