



Dear Parents and Carers,

20th September 2019

SNOWY OWL ASSEMBLY: This morning Mrs Bailey's class put on the very first assembly of this academic year – and it was excellent! They told us about what they have been studying in maths and topic, but the showstopper was their performance of the Greek Myth, 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. The musical retelling of this tale was set to the music from the popular film, 'Grease'. The children performed brilliantly - Mrs Bailey has some very theatrical students. Well done everyone! My thanks go to Mrs Bailey and Mrs Chaundy for all their hard work with the class.

FSU (FOUNDATION STAGE UNIT) NEWS: The children are continuing to settle in both Reception and Nursery and there is an air of calm in all classes. The Reception children have been listening for sounds in stories. They have enjoyed acting and sounding out 'We're going on a Bear Hunt', 'Farmer Duck' and 'Walking through the Jungle'. It has been great fun watching their interpretations. They have been investigating all the areas of the Foundation Stage and helping the teacher to make 'good choices' when playing in each room. There have been some very naughty teachers this week, making 'bad choices' and the children were keen to correct their mistakes.

The Nursery children have been learning about circles and using them to draw faces. There has been lots of singing and they have been keen to be recognised as being a Go for it Gorilla, Creative Chameleon, Concentrating Crocodile or Persevering Parrot

Next week we are looking forward to our first parent book share in Reception from 9-9:30am. We hope lots of you can join us. We are also intending to take the children to the local Tesco to buy ingredients for bread making. If you are able to help us with walking to the shop, please see the Foundation noticeboard for dates and times and speak to your child's class teacher. Ms Rainer FS Co-ordinator

INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING GALA: On Thursday morning 47 children walked down to the leisure centre for the inaugural Inter-House swimming gala. The children had been split into 4 teams based on their houses and a further 2 teams of mixed participants made up the 6 teams. With many children not having competed in races before there were many nervous children around but following a brief warm up the children were ready to have FUN! Severn started the competition well with team captain Lauren N and Jimmy M leading the way. Derwent also began well with Isaac H grabbing himself 2 early victories. Isla W continued to keep Thames in contention with some fine swimming and Avon, after a slow start, were soon counting up their victories thanks to Elissa C and Victoria P. Bonus points were also handed out to a number of children who stepped in and swam extra races for their team, Jessica S and Oliver C must have slept well on Thursday night. It was also great to see so many children cheering all teams along to the finish.

As the competition headed into the final few relay races Severn, Avon and Derwent were all still in contention. Unfortunately for Severn, even a fabulous boys medley relay win couldn't claw enough points back and they were assured of 3rd place. With 2 races to go both Derwent and Avon were level on points. Abi, Sophy, Victoria and Elissa swam to victory for Avon in the penultimate race but Isaac, Sam, Will and Otis responded with a Derwent win in the final race leaving both teams tied 1st.

With such great talent on show I am really looking forward to seeing how we compete against other schools in January. A huge congratulations to everyone for making the gala a wonderful event and a big thank you goes to Steph, Gill, Mrs Chaundy and Mrs Powell for all of their help. Mr Roberts PE Coordinator

WOODLANDS: On Monday the Y6 children are off to Wales for the week. They will be involved in an array of outdoor pursuits and I know they will have a fantastic time. I would like to thank the team accompanying them: Miss Golden, Mrs Powell, Mrs Chaundy, Mrs Smith and Mrs Tugwell. Not only will they be leaving their own families for the week, they will also be participating in all of the activities which can be daunting. I will be driving down to Woodlands on Wednesday to check everybody is fine and to have supper with them all. I hope they all have a great time.

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was 96.79%

- Yellow Wagtail – 88.04%
- Red Kite – 96.32%
- Bluebird – 97.78%
- Kingfisher – 97.70%
- Puffin – 99.52%
- Swan – 97.01%
- Flamingo – 98.36%
- Lion – 98.77%
- Giraffe – 100.00%
- Eagle – 95.96%
- Penguin 98.89%
- Snowy Owl 97.49%
- Leopard 97.06%
- Elephant 97.45%
- Dolphin 89.84%

The best class this week was Giraffe class with 100.00%. Well done!

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON: On Wednesday 2nd October 2.30pm – 4pm we will be supporting the Macmillan Cancer Charity by hosting a coffee afternoon. This is a cause very close to my heart and it would be wonderful if we could raise a substantial amount of money to help them to carry out their much-needed work. The event will run from 2.30pm to allow you to enjoy coffee, cake and a chat before picking up your child/ren. If you would like to help on the day then please let me know. Please send in cake donations, bought or home-made, to the school office on the morning of the 2nd October. I thank you in advance for your support.

PENGUIN CLASS ASSEMBLY: Next Friday Mrs Heason's class will be putting on their class assembly. Please make every effort to attend if your child is in this class. Refreshments will be served at the end.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- After School Clubs started
- The International Week planning team met with a Google representative to discuss their input into the week
- I attended the Bicester Head teachers' meeting yesterday
- Cycling Proficiency lessons took place

Have a good weekend



Mrs L Daulton
Headteacher