



KIND MOTIVATED SUCCESSFUL

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Dear Parents and Carers

**PUFFIN CLASS ASSEMBLY:-** Miss Roche's class put on a lovely assembly this morning. They told us all about their studies of plants and the topic of England. We also watched a film of their activities during Art Week. My thanks go to Miss Roche, Mrs Devaney and Mrs Lincoln for all their hard work with the class.

**FSU NEWS:-** Reception this week, have travelled to the island of Trinidad and Tobago through the story 'Coming to England', which tells the story of Floella Benjamin. She came to live in England with her parents and siblings as part of the Windrush Generation and we were shocked that other children were unkind to her because of her skin colour! We have started writing letters to her to ask a question about her life, for example 'Why did you come to England?' and 'How did you feel when you arrived?'. We have also been practising for our assembly next week, which we hope parents will be able to attend.

This week in Ducklings we have been learning about farm animals. We have talked about where milk comes from, and for our physical development we whisked up milk to make Angel Delight. We have been rolling dice to move our horses in a race and have been working on taking the right rosette at the end. The afternoon children enjoyed having their turn at toasting marshmallows over the fire during Monday's Woodland session. Ms Rainer FSU Leader



**DORCHESTER ABBEY:-** On Wednesday, 30 Year 5 and 6 children from our choir travelled to Dorchester Abbey to participate in the Festival of Voices Concert with five other schools from Oxfordshire.

Finley, Year 5, said: *'Dorchester Abbey was amazing, the choir sounded like professionals. I loved the big ending of "This Train". The harmony from the back of the choir was amazing too. The garden [where we ate our lunch] was lovely as well and the labels let me understand what the plants were.'* The children worked really hard to learn a lot of songs in a short space of time. Thank you to the parents for their support with this and attending the concert. It was fantastic to see the children's smiles as they sang and the sound they produced was lovely. Ms Scott

**CODE CLUB:-** Last term, children in Code Club took part in the AstroPi Mission Zero project. Their task was to write code in Python (a new programming language for us) for the astronauts on the International Space Station. They created pictures of flowers or animals to remind the astronauts of home and the background colour could change to the colour an astronaut was wearing. This was challenging for all of us. However, the key skills of perseverance and determination won through and today the children were awarded their certificates in assembly. The certificates show exactly where the International Space Station was when their code was run on it! Well done to all of them. Ms Scott

**ASSESSMENT RESULTS:-** Progress data is shared with parents during parents' evenings and in the end of year report. Teachers do not give out data at any other time.

**WRITING MODERATION:-** This morning, the Y6 writing was externally moderated by the county. I am delighted to report that the moderator agreed with the judgements that the teachers had made and was most impressed by our robust assessment and tracking systems that are in place. I would like to thank Mr Cox, Mrs Powell and Mr Knights for achieving such an excellent report for the school. Well done team!

**SPORTS NEWS:-** Yesterday, 40 children took part in Quad Kids at The Bicester School. We will have the results for you in next week's Newsletter. Well done to everyone that took part! My thanks go to Mr Robers, Mrs Herring and Mrs Tugwell for looking after the children and ensuring they had a fantastic afternoon.

**MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP:-** There was good attendance at the Parental Mental Health Workshop that was held in school on Thursday evening. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive with parents reporting that they now feel better equipped to deal with their child's anxieties. I would like to thank Miss Golden for facilitating this event for the school.

**ATTENDANCE:-** The attendance for the school this week was 91.91%. The class that achieved the highest attendance this week was **Eagle Class** with attendance of 98.52%. Well done to **Eagle Class**.

Bluebird	87.00%	Lion	88.67%
Dolphin	96.33%	Penguin	92.07%
Eagle	98.52%	Puffin	91.03%
Elephant	97.24%	Red Kites	94.50%
Flamingo	87.67%	Snowy Owl	90.34%
Giraffe	92.33%	Swan	93.33%
Kingfisher	91.33%	Yellow Wagtail	92.50%
Leopard	86.00%		

**POP IN:-** Please pop in for a coffee and a chat in the ICT suite (at the front of the school) open from 2:30pm.

#### **IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:-**

- The Y1 phonics screening was started
- Pastor Mark led an entertaining assembly on Monday about role models
- The staff had Art training, working with clay, on Monday
- Miss Ryczowski and Miss Golden attended SEN briefings on Monday and Thursday
- Mr Cox attended a Mastery in Maths course on Tuesday
- An energy assessment of the school was carried out on Tuesday
- Jane Elvidge, SEN adviser, met with Miss Golden and Miss Ryczowski on Thursday
- Mrs Merrett attended a Promoting Resilience course this morning

**COMEDY NIGHT:-** Tickets are still available for the Lone Wolf Comedy night on Friday June 30th. There will be no bar but you can bring your own drinks and nibbles. Please note this event is only for adults. You can book your tickets on Parentpay, they are £15.20 each.

**PE LESSONS:-** A polite reminder that long hair should be tied back and earrings removed when children have PE lessons in school. Thank you.

**NURSERY BOOKSHARES:-** Parents of the Duckling children are invited to come in and share a book with their child on Monday at 2.30pm or Tuesday at 9am. Please come along if you can, as the children love you being there.

**NURSERY TRIP:-** The Ducklings are off to Hogshaw Farm on Wednesday. I hope the sun shines and that they have a brilliant day out.

**RECEPTION ASSEMBLY:-** On Wednesday at 9am, the Reception 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.

**SWAN CLASS ASSEMBLY:-** On Friday, Miss Chevis' 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.

Have a lovely weekend.

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