Friday 7th June 2024

Dear Families

I have to start by talking about the excellent Country Dancing Show we delivered to all our parents on the last day before half-term. It was our best one ever. You can really see how the children have progressed over the last few years since we introduced (or reintroduced) this. Thank you to all the parents who came to watch.

It has been great to see the children back to school so positive and looking smart in their school uniform. They all settled back into their classrooms, ready the learn. We have had an extremely eventful first week back - even more so than usual!

On Tuesday, our KS1 children enjoyed a fantastic traditional Indian dance workshop. All of the children (and staff!) participated and thoroughly enjoyed it. This was an exciting launch into their new geography topic on India.

On Wednesday, we were blessed with a visit from Richard O'Neill, renowned story-teller and author who is of GRT heritage. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed his workshops. Some children were immediately inspired to start writing their own books. One child, Summer-Rose, started hers at home on Wednesday night, and has already written 2 excellent short stories in what will be a compilation of short stories. I took photographs of them and shared them with Richard O'Neill, who was very impressed! I cannot wait to read all of them! Richard was also very impressed by our children and how inclusive and welcoming our school is.

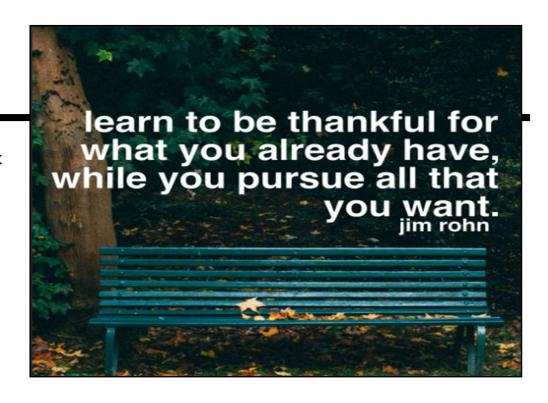
This week, just to ensure there was enough excitement, we had a visit from Ofsted. I would like to thank all of our parents who completed the parent questionnaire, so the inspector could also consider your voice. Our children were of course at their usual absolute brilliance, as we would expect. We will share the report with you once it is published before the end of this term.

On Saturday 15th June from 1pm, the annual Winnersh Fete will be taking place at the Bearwood Recreation Ground across the road from the school. Some of our Year Six children will be opening the fete as usual with their Maypole dancing. Our PTA will also be running the ever-popular bottle tombola stall. Do please remember to make a donation for the stall. Please also do come and support at the fete.

Best wishes

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<u>Value for the term –</u>
<u>Thankfulness</u>





Class Photo Orders / Cash purchase

Photo orders should be handed in to the office no later than **Friday 21**st **June**.

We will not be able to accept orders to the office after this date.

Thank you

Office Notices

Growth Mindset Awards

Rabbit - Whole Class

Otter - Dawson

Beaver - Shuban

Red Kite - Mollie

Fox – Olly

Dormouse - Tanishi

Red Squirrel - Summer

Hedgehog - Milo

Pine Marten - Thomas

Sports Star Awards

Rabbit - Lilah

Otter - Sienna, Thomas, Lucien +

Shravan

Beaver - Liam

Red Kite - Callum

Fox - Lottie

Dormouse - Cayden

Red Squirrel – Keira

Hedgehog - Whole Class

Pine Marten - Muhammad



This week's winners of TTRS 'Battle of the Bands'

LKS2 Winners - Dormouse 1074 points

UKS2 Winners – Red Squirrel 508 points



Scientist of the week!

KS1 - Vincent

LKS2 - Advik

UKS2 - Adeela



Performer of the week!

Our performers of the week are KS1. They performed some fantastic moves in their Traditional Indian Dance Workshop on Tuesday.



Superstars!



A huge well done to Mollie in Year 3, whose football team won the Under 8's Berkshire County Girls League.

Well done Molly! What a fantastic trophy!

Salena in Year 1 made a cress garden as part of her science topic this term and got a headteacher award sticker for her achievement!

Well done Salena!



If you would like your child to star in our weekly newsletter.

Please send in a photo and a brief description to the school office of their achievements!

IMPORTANT dates to remember

- W/C 10th June Year 1 Phonics Screen Check
- W/C 10th June Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- Thurs 13th June GRT History Month assembly
- W/C 17th June Year 6 Residential
- Tues 18th June Reception Trip Bucklebury Farm
- Thurs 20th June Otter Class Assembly
- W/C 24th June Year 6 Secondary Transition Week
- Mon 24th June 5pm Reception 2024 Information Evening
- Tues 25th June Reception 2024 Starters Individual Meetings
- Thurs 27th June 9am Rabbit Class Assembly
- Fri 28th June 9am Prospective Parents' Tour
- Wed 3rd July New Classes
- Fri 5th July Sports Day
- Mon 8th July Reports Home
- Thurs 11th July 3.30-5pm Parents' Evening Drop-in
- Fri 12th July 9am Prospective Parents' Tour
- Fri 12th July Music Festival
- Tues 16th July 2pm Year 6 Production to Parents
- Wed 17th July 7pm Year 6 Production to Parents
- Thurs 18th July End of Class Parties
- Thurs 18th July 5pm to 6.30pm Year 6 BBQ
- Fri 19th July Attendance Medals Assembly
- Fri 19th July 1pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
- Fri 19th July 10-11.30am Reception 2024 Stay & Play Session
- Fri 19th July 2pm finish End of term



Items for sale

Some of our LKS2 girls still have items for sale on their arts and crafts stall. Please bring some cash if you wish to purchase any items to help the school raise money.



Weekly Updates!

For pictures and information on what each class has been doing this week or enrichment activities that have taken place please click on the year group below or visit the school gallery.

EYFS KS1 LKS2 UKS2 Gallery



School success starts with attendance

Weekly Attendance

RJ Koda –90.5%

RM Orsa -84.6%

Rabbit –98%

Otter -97.6%

Beaver -96.3%

Red Kite -97.3%

Dormouse -96.2%

Fox –99.6% Winners

Red Squirrel –96.3%

Hedgehog –93.7%

Pine Marten –97.5%



Please ensure you call or email <u>each day</u> your child is absent.

We spend a lot of time calling parents that have not called in to report an absence. Please ensure you report an absence before 9am.



Are you entitled?

Free school meals and extra funding for your child's education Across the UK more than 10 per cent of pupils who are eligible for free school meals do not register to get them.

We want to make sure 100 per cent of our pupils claim when they can in Wokingham Borough.

Importantly, it also means schools can get additional funding to support pupils.

To qualify, your child must be in school and you must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income based <u>Job Seekers Allowance</u>
- Income related **Employment and Support Allowance**
- NASS support
- Guarantee element of State Pension
- <u>Child Tax Credit</u>, provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit for the four weeks after employment ends
- <u>Universal Credit</u>, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

If this applies to you but your child isn't registered for free school meals, complete a form and return it to your child school.

<u>Download the form and apply for Free School Meals</u> on Wokingham Borough Council's website.

Waking up to Healthy Sleep

Online Course for parents who have a child or young person aged 3 -18 who live in the Wokingham Borough

*Please note parents with a child or young person who does not have a disability may attend this course if capacity allows

Is your child experiencing sleep problems?

We can support you to improve their sleep routine.

Dates: Wednesday 19th & 26th June & 3rd July 24

Time: 6.30 - 8pm

This will be delivered via Microsoft Teams so please download the app prior to the first session.

To book or for more information, please contact us via:

Email - First@wokingham.gov.uk

Our training is delivered by practitioners trained by The Sleep
Charity & Southampton University Hospital Sleep Disorder
Service

This is an interactive course and attendees are required to participate and attend all 3 sessions which include:

Understanding sleep cycles
Causes of sleep issues
Establishing appropriate routines
Identifying and managing sleep problems
Positive bedtimes





Summer School '2

Summer school places now available!

The Bulmershe School, Woodley Mon 29th - 2nd Aug 2024

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