



Dear Parents,

This week has been Story Telling Week which we marked with story telling workshops that were kindly funded by the PTA. Each class heard and acted out stories from around the world. In collective worship, we also shared some stories which linked with our value of Kindness. One of the stories was about bucket fillers, people that say or do kind things for other people. We then spoke about how we should try hard to be bucket fillers and make sure we aren't bucket dippers, taking from others buckets as that won't help fill ours.



As we have entered February, our focus on the value of kindness has now turned to being kind to ourselves. Over the course of the month, we will practice some mindfulness and short meditation tasks to help us find some moments of calm within our busy days and help us face our daily challenges. We did some mindfulness with FSU on Thursday and the children carried on with one of the activities during their choosing time, 'breathing in waves of peace' by watching teddies move up and down as they breathed in and out. Rev Lisa also joined us for collective worship on Thursday and shared the story of Tina the Tree, based in Australia, which is linked to Parable 1:2-3 and explores the importance of self-care and well-being.

I am delighted to have Mrs Fraemohs officially joining me in the Cancer Research Skipping Challenge which we kicked off with our first 100 skips during playtime on Wednesday. The children have been great at supporting us and joining in with some skipping. Thursday, some of the girls in Year 6 carried on skipping at lunch time reaching over 1000 skips each! We have now created a Charlton-on-Otmoor Primary team. If anyone would like to join here is the link

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/charlton-on-otmoor-primary/join>.

Or to donate to the team please follow this link:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/charlton-on-otmoor-primary>

In last week's newsletter, I mentioned how we would love to have more links with parents and the wider community. Please follow this link <https://forms.office.com/e/Frrcebyd4x> to complete a brief questionnaire about how you might be able to get involved with the school and the PTA more.

Wishing you all a sunny weekend ahead of our last week this term!

Nadia Gosling

PTA News

Through the fantastic fundraising efforts of the PTA, this month they have been able to pay for some much needed items for the school.

£350 for our Kapow subscription that covers PSHE, French and wellbeing.

£60 for CGP SATs revision books for our year 6 children.

A big thank you to you all for your continued support.

Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Reception with:

98.87% attendance

Whole school attendance

95.81%

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:45. It makes such a difference!



Nut Free

This is a reminder that we are a nut free school.

Please ensure that children are not bringing in snacks containing nuts.

Head Teacher Value Award -Kindness



Mackenzie— for stepping in to help another child when they needed a helping hand.

Estelle—for her kindness, encouragement and support with our 100 skips challenge.

Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.30am-8.45am

Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.45am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm or 3.15pm-5.30pm.

CAST mobile no: 07395182892

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, Drop & Play or CAST, please book a place using the app. All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only.

If you could [please try to get your clubs booked by Sunday for the week ahead](#), so that snacks can be arranged. As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required.

School Dates

8th & 9th February—Parents Evening

8th February—Year 6 Visiting Junior Citizens

Friday 10th February —End of Term Non-uniform day and PTA cake sale after school

Monday 20th February—Return to School

Year 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons:

9th February—please remember to send your child in with pyjama's for this session.

Early Years

On Monday we had a visitor from the Story Museum in Oxford. She told us two stories. One about a boy from Ukraine who lost his mitten and lots of animals snuggled up in it to keep warm! The other was set in Australia where a frog drank up all the water from a river, well and water hole. A wise Wombat helped the animals sort out what had happened and taught them all to share the water. Thank you to the PTA who paid for this visit.

Year 1 & 2

This week in science we were investigating parts of a plant. We then had lots of different resources and had to create our own 3D model of plants with labels attached. It was a good chance to be creative whilst also showing what the different parts looked like. Some children challenged themselves by including the anther in their models.



Year 3 & 4

This week year 3 and 4 have been busy completing their spring time assessments. They have all worked really hard and should be proud of the effort they are making.

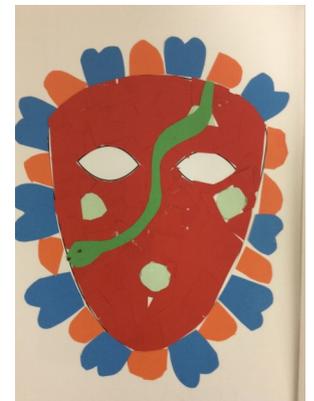
Year 5 & 6

Year 5/6 created wonderful Maya masks this week in Art using collage. See their creations below!

Celebrations this week



Class	Value	Reason
Early Years	Kindness	Martha—for showing patience and kindness to younger children
Year 1 & 2	Resilience	Daisy B—for making a fantastic plant model and problem solving
Year 3 & 4	Resilience	Florence—for continuing to show a passion for writing and story telling.
Year 5 & 6	Resilience	Grace—for showing amazing resilience and courage in her swimming.



Safeguarding

Please contact Miss Giles, Mrs Clarke or Mrs Gosling should you have any safeguarding concerns.