



Dear parents and carers,

This week has been a week of reflecting on perseverance, facing challenges, and pushing ourselves!

On Tuesday, we were really fortunate to have the athlete Nerys Pearce visit the school to talk to the children about her experiences and challenges. She also led the children through the fitness circuit that they have been sponsored to complete. It was great to see the children working so hard together to raise money for PE and playtime equipment and hearing the questions they asked to understand how Nerys joins in with different sports despite her disability. All sponsorship forms and money collected needs to be returned to the school office by Tuesday 5th December. Thank you to everyone who has contributed or helped raise the funds.

We have also finished the week with Isabel C representing the school at the North Oxfordshire Schools Cross-Country competition, having qualified in the Bicester area competition. She competed with an amazing finish in 27th place, against other girls from all over North Oxfordshire in freezing cold conditions.

As part of our new relationships and behaviour policy, we have also introduced the thrive approach to the school which focuses on emotional development as a class and for individuals. This week, Mrs Walters has completed her training as licensed practitioner. And will be starting to work with individual children and small groups. For more information on Thrive please see the attached leaflet. We will also be holding a parent forum on Wednesday 13th at 2:30 in the Percy Collett room if anyone would like to find out more. Parents will be contacted individually if their child will be taking part in these sessions.

Next week, as we have now entered December, we will start to see signs of Christmas around school. The Ethos team will be leading the classes in creating some tree decorations for our school tree and the Christmas Post Box will be available in the library for any children who want to send cards to their classmates or friends around the school.

Wishing you all a cozy start to December,

Nadia Gosling



**Headteacher Award  
for Respect  
Florence & Oliver H**



**Well Done!**

## Our Stars of the Week

Kai

Geordie

Oliver H

Teddy

William H

Emily C

Grace

Chloe

## Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 5&6 with:

**97% attendance**

**Whole school attendance**

**92%**

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

## Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.45am  
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.

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 **Midday Friday** 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. Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be charged for the later session.

## Diary dates

**13th December at 2:30 Parent Forum in the Percy Collett room**

15th December- Reception – Year 6 Pan-to trip

18th December 2pm Christmas Service featuring the FSU Nativity in Church.

19th December Christmas Service featuring the FSU Nativity in Church.

20th December—Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

**23rd January 2024 & 8th May 2024 Rags2Riches**



## Eco council news

On Wednesday morning we shared our three topics for this year during assembly.

The topics are Global Citizenship, Waste and Marine. We will be making our Action Plan over the next couple of weeks in readiness to begin the activities next term. In the meantime please continue to send in your milk bottle tops and empty tablet blister packs for our on-going recycling projects.



## FSU

In FSU this week, we enjoyed the visit from Nerys Pearce. We have also started practicing our Nativity play! Our theme this week has been Winter. In their independent learning activities the children have been busy exploring and rehearsing their ideas with friends indoors and outside, (even in the rain!) Popular this week have been , bridge building, winter animals in shaving foam snow, marble run, the mud kitchen and letter formation fun. Next week we will be learning about the Jewish festival of Hanukah.



## Year 1 & 2

We have had a very exciting week in year 1 and 2. All of us enjoyed our athlete visit where the children completed: spotty dogs, mountain climbers, push ups and star jumps. They have all been busy practicing their running stitch to make our flags in DT and are really looking forward to international day on Monday. Letters were handed out on Wednesday about this so a gentle reminder that it is a non-uniform day for year 1 and 2.



## Year 3 & 4

This week in maths, year 3 and 4 have been focusing on the 4 and 8 times tables. We've enjoyed playing many games to try to help us remember our tables, including the 'Loop Game', 'Fizz Buzz' and 'Times Tables Shoot Out'. Perhaps your child can explain how to play each game and you can have a go at home? We also really enjoyed our visit from the inspirational athlete Nerys Pearce, and we have had lots of discussions since her assembly about overcoming difficulties and pushing ourselves to be the best version of ourselves.



## Year 5 & 6

We finally got to bake our gingerbread houses this week! After much anticipation, we spent the morning mixing, rolling and measuring our pieces. We discovered that we needed to adapt the recipe slightly, and everyone showed great resilience and teamwork to get the pieces cut out. Decoration will commence Friday afternoon- tune in next week to find out if there are any soggy bottoms! Will anyone get a Hollywood handshake?



## Safeguarding

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

# Forest School

