



Dear Parents,

This week we have turned our focus to the this term's school value—kindness. In Monday's assembly we used the Julia Donaldson's book 'Room on the Broom' to help us think about kindness and we thought about how kindness is shown through selfless choices which we don't expect anything in return for. Would the animals have helped the witch if they didn't want a ride on her broomstick?

On Thursday, we had class assemblies lead by the Kindness Ambassadors (Fletcher, Chloe, Lilly and Izzy) who were also supported by some members of the Ethos team in sharing two of their kindness projects. Firstly they introduced the kindness displays for each class to share 'kindness shout outs' for anyone they spot showing kindness. Secondly, all the classes spent some time drawing pictures for us to send to The JR hospital to bring a little cheer to the patients. It was lovely to hear some children suggesting other places we could send pictures to.



Thank you to the parents that attended the Vision parent forum on Tuesday. It was a great opportunity for Mrs Clarke and I to share the work we have done over the last year with the staff, children and governors to review the vision 'Aspire and Grow Together' and review its meaning for everyone at Charlton-on-Otmoor Primary.

We have now finalised the total amount raised for playtime and PE equipment following our Athlete visit in November and we have a fantastic £881.85! Thank you to all of you for the donations. Our sports leaders have visited all the classes to get ideas from all the children and have started to pick out equipment!

Wishing you all a warm weekend,

Nadia Gosling



**Headteacher Award**

**Jaxon B, Eliza**

**Well Done!**



### **!Missing Wellies!**

A pair of wellies identical to those in the picture have not made it back to their owner. They were a size 12.

Please take a minute to double check that they haven't ended up in the wrong Forest School kit. Should you find them, please drop them off at the school office

## Our Stars of the Week

Annabel

Harriet

Fletcher

Alby

Kyle

Mia

Harry M

Niamh

Sophia

## Class Attendance Winner

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

**98% attendance**

**Whole school attendance**

**93%**

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.

## ECO COUNCIL

As part of our Eco projects this year we are hosting a Welly Swap.

If you have any wellies or waterproofs that no longer fit but with lots of life still left in them please bring them to school between **29th Jan— 2nd Feb**. The swap will take place the week after!

## Recorder Lessons

If your child is interested in playing the recorder, please click on the link below for more information, and to apply

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service/music-lessons/learning-instrument>

## Diary dates

- **11th Jan—8th Feb Yr 5/6 Swimming every Thursday**
- **23rd January 2024 Rags2Riches**
- **29th Jan– 2nd Feb Welly Swap items drop off**
- **7th February Parent's Evening Reception to Year 6 3:30— 6:00**
- **8th February Parent's Evening Reception to Year 6 4:00 —6:30**
- **12th—16th February Half Term Week**



## FSU

This week in FSU we have been using our core text- **Handa's Surprise** to inspire our learning. The children have tried to guess the animal from the oral clues given and tasted lots of different fruit- some familiar e.g. strawberries, banana and grapes and some not so e.g. papaya, pomegranate and mango. We were really impressed how willing they were to try something different! We are still looking for some more adult volunteers willing to come and read a story to FSU-please let us know if you are interested.



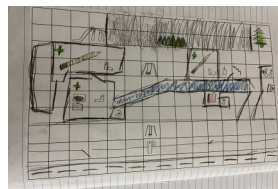
## Year 1 & 2

The year 1 and 2 children have continued with their money skills and started to look at features of a diary for our writing next week. We looked at the life of Florence Nightingale in History and symmetry in patterns in Art. The children had a lovely class assembly delivered by the Kindness team. They designed a poster to send to hospitals and hospices to spread happiness.



## Year 3 & 4

In Year 3 and 4 this week we have made a start to our Geography topic of Map Skills by drawing a detailed map of our school, using a key and symbols of our own invention. It was a challenge to get the scale right and squeeze everything in, but the children worked really hard and paid attention to the small details. We have also started our new art project by finding out more about the life of Antoni Gaudi and studying his style of work. We loved our icy cold Forest School session!



## Year 5 & 6

In art this week, we have started a study on David Hockney. The children researched his life and studied some of his paintings, commenting on what they liked and having a go at copying some of the work. They also looked closely at the different patterns and marks he uses to create his work and did some of their own. I can't wait to see the children produce their own pieces of David Hockney style work this term!



## Safeguarding

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

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