

ACADEMY NEWS

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A busy time for year 5/6

Since the last newsletter year 5 and 6 pupils have been involved in two exciting sporting events. As usual all the children involved represented our school magnificently!

The first was the Y5 BISI badminton festival at Waddesdon, one boys and one girls team, each consisting of 6 players participated in the fast and frenetic action. It was the first time I'd been to this particular event and it was, I have to say tremendously exciting stuff. Unfortunately we have developed a bit of a habit of starting slowly at sports events recently and this was evident once again as both teams lost their opening two games. Once we got into our rhythm however we became unstoppable and were victorious in all the remaining games; the boys particularly en-

joyed their fine win over Long Crendon! We finished 3rd out of 8 schools which was a pleasing result. Well done to all the pupils who took part.

On Wednesday of this week, we entered a team of year 5 and 6 pupils in the Oxford United Community football tournament. It was a wet and windy day— but one which the children enjoyed tremendously. We were up against many other schools—lots of them much bigger 'City' schools from Oxford—and I have to say that we acquitted ourselves brilliantly, only losing 2 out of 9 games and playing with a teamwork and confidence that was very pleasing to see. Once again well done one and all.



A thank you.

A big thank you to all of those parents that helped provide transport (and support) to both of the events mentioned above, and indeed any others this year so far. We simply couldn't do these things without you. We really appreciate you quite literally 'going the extra mile' to help us provide enriched activities of this nature to our pupils.

Welcome Mrs Barlow

I'm delighted to write that Mrs Tanya Barlow who has been volunteering at Brill school for several years (most recently in year R) has formally joined our staff team—initially for one day a week, but we are hopeful this role will grow in the future: Welcome Tanya.



Notices

Class Drop-in Sessions

Following Parent Council feedback we will be re-instating our Class Drop-in sessions starting next Monday, 1st February @ 3.00 pm—an opportunity for you to come in to your child's class and see their books.

International Week

We would like to invite parents in to school on Friday 12th February at 2.30pm. We hope you will be able to share with the children what they have been learning about and to see their completed passports after they have “visited” all the other countries around the school.

Do you have any spare tights?

Year 1 and 2 would be very grateful for any tights or long socks that your child may have grown out of. They come in very hand as spares when someone falls over and gets all wet and soggy.

Charity Fundraising

A couple of our pupils are involved in charity fundraising outside school, and would be very grateful of any support that you can give them. Please see the details and links to their donation sites below -

Beau in Yr R is having her hair cut...and not the usual trim, she's having 15 inches cut off! Quite a chop! She is raising money for two charities, 'Little Angels' and 'Puzzle Centre', the second being a venue close to her heart as her twin brother Oscar attends. Please see attached.

<https://www.justgiving.com/Vicky-Widdowson1/>

The Richards family are taking part in a Swimathon in Thame on Sunday 28th Feb to raise money for Thame Rotary club and Thomley Activity Centre.

They are doing this as a family challenge to raise as much as they possibly can for these two charities.

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/rachaelrichards1>

Windmill Pre School

We would like to remind parents that the Pre School grounds are not available for use by children other than during normal Pre School sessions and only by Pre school pupils.

The Pre School have noticed that children have been coming into the gardens of both classes over the weekends as gates have been left open. As their gardens have a lot of outside equipment in them for Pre school children to use they would appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

How you think when you lose determines how long it will be until you win.

Gilbert Keith Chesterton

Term Dates

Please find attached term dates for 2016/17 academic year.

Two week diary

w/c 1st Feb

Monday	3.00-4.15pm High 5 Club Yrs 5&6 3.00-4.00 pm Class Drop-in
Tuesday	3.00-4.00 pm Yr5&6 Dance Club
Wednesday	3.00-4.00pm Computer Xplorers KS2
Thursday	3.00-4.15 pm Arts Award Club Yr4 3.00-4.15pm Rugby Tots Yr5&6 5.00-7.00 pm Harry Potter Book Night
Friday	3.00-4.45pm Friday Club

w/c 8th Feb

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