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The **school netball team** had an almighty clash with the teachers yesterday after school, in a **staff v pupils** netball match. Mrs Manthorpe, the umpire, began the match by giving the pupils a 3 goal advantage due to the staff not being netball ready (long nails and wearing jewellery!) The match was closely fought with many interceptions and some contact from the teachers. The children really held their own and scored some amazing long shots from the edge of the 'D'. At one point there appeared to be extra pupils on court but the teachers dared not question the umpire in fear of having goals deducted. On the final whistle the score was 11-8 to the teachers. Well done to all who played, experienced or not! The children showed some excellent strategic play and communicated well throughout. A big thank you to Miss Wilder and Callie Fisher who have given up their time after school to coach the netball team; your hard work really paid off.

Congratulations to the Year 6 for their **excellent SATS results**. For the children, this was a big step in their ongoing education. They dealt with it very well. Well done to the Year 6 teachers and every member of staff involved in their development at primary school- for supporting and driving their motivation to succeed. A large key to their success is their resilience, helped by the synergy between home and school. Keeping their learning ticking over at home helps with the inevitable 'ground rush' when revising everything they've learnt in primary school.

87 users have now downloaded our new school mobile app. If you haven't done this already please do so as it is a fantastic way for us to communicate instantly with you – especially for any last minute notices!

Year 5 children were excited to complete their first day at secondary school on Wednesday! They were welcomed to DGS and SBS as part of an experience day where Year 5 pupils from local primary schools could participate in secondary school style lessons. At the boys' school, they watched some amazing chemical reactions take place, played a new version of bench ball and enjoyed experiencing a new coding programme in IT. At the girls' school they worked on air resistance and gravity in a science lesson and designed different boxes for chocolates in maths. It was lovely to hear the children becoming excited about their future secondary school.

Year 5 had a great day of discovery at the Sutton Courtenay Environmental Education Centre yesterday (second group visiting today). Children discovered the range of life in a pond and explored their discoveries under a microscope. They spent the afternoon learning about plants and collecting their own specimens to look deeper into the makeup of plants and the process of pollination. It was a great day of learning made fun.

On Wednesday, **Year 3** thoroughly enjoyed an afternoon of activities based on this term's Kensuke's Kingdom topic. They whittled sticks to make fishing spears, painted cobbles, made fishing nets and learnt how to start a fire. In the spirit of the book, they even cooked fish on the fire. The smoky mackerel disappeared very quickly as an end-of-day treat! Thank you to our parent helper and to all the staff who helped us to be flexible with our plans and enabled the afternoon to go ahead.

Next Wednesday is also **Year 3's DT Monster Making Day** and parents are invited to **open classrooms at 2.50pm** to see what amazing monster heads the children will have made and also to see the children's books. They will also give an update on the turtles project.

It was a lovely turn out from **Year 2** adults for their final Open Classroom. They looked through all the amazing work they have done this year, played habitat bingo and shared books.

Year 1 enjoyed a sensory exploration of space within a huge space dome on Monday. They learnt some fascinating things about different constellations and their link to Greek legends in particular Orion's Belt. The children loved star gazing and were mesmerised by the different patterns in the sky! The children enjoyed the experience so much that they did not want to get out of the dome and hoped it would visit every week!

Foundation Stage and Year One were visited by **Nick Cope**, a local songwriter and performer. The children thoroughly enjoyed singing along to his funny songs, 'A Round of Applause for the Dinosaur' and 'Grow, Grow, Grow' Children were inspired in the week to make their own music and poems. Visit www.nickcope.co.uk to hear more of his amusing songs.

The educational and fun activities that take place in school often rely on **voluntary contributions** from parents. Trips and visits are planned enhance topic work and the curriculum. Increasingly, school is 'balancing' the books due to lack of contributions and if this trend continues we will find ourselves not being able to continue arranging trips/visitors. Please check your parentpay account in case you have forgotten to contribute to anything your child has taken part in. Thank you.

NOTICES ...

Driving around school: please take great care when driving around school. We all know that these are high pressure points with a lot of traffic movement but they can be managed if everyone takes their time and follows the rules of the road.

Year 5 Brass Instruments: Please can all brass instruments be brought into school on Monday 16th July as they are being collected by Oxfordshire County Music Service after their lesson on Tuesday.

School Reports have gone home today – teachers will be available to see parents after school on **Monday 16th July**.

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly is next Thursday 19th July at 9am. Year 6 parents are invited (*remember to bring tissues!*) and year 6 siblings will be able to attend if they want to. The leavers' party is then straight after school. A detailed letter about all events involving Year 6 pupils went home last week.

A big thank you to **Root 1** who have donated a honeysuckle and many herbs for our sensory garden. A special thank you to Andy and Alistair who hand picked the plants. The Year 6 children have been planting them (with a little help from Gardening club) and are over the moon that they were given such a kind gift.

Extended Services: From September 2018 our ASC will be £10.00 per session. Breakfast Club will be £4.60 per session

Year 5/6 Production – Evening tickets **SOLD OUT!** From Monday, extra **afternoon** tickets are available for parents who would like extra. Box office opens at 8.30am and tickets can be purchased from the office. **Tickets are £1 each**



Tuesday 17th July: Children will need to be dropped off at 5.30pm for the evening performance.

Children will go back to their classrooms after the performance and we ask parents to wait in the courtyard for their child to be handed over.

COMING UP... Dates w/b 16th July – clubs have finished

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 16 th July	Extra tickets available for YeHa! Celebration and Transition Mtg Yr 5 Brass Instruments	8.30am 9am-9.45am	School Office Class 1	Parents of children in Classes 2 & 3 are invited Please bring in your instruments for collection on Tuesday.
Tues 17 th July	MF Dance company Yr 5 Brass Lessons Yr 5 & 6 Production Last session for children in Class 1	morning afternoon 1.30pm & 6.15pm 3pm	Class 2 Burrow Hall Class 1	Children in Classes 2 & 3 Tickets required Have a great summer Class 1
Weds 18 th July	Yr 3 DT Moving Monsters Day Yr 2 visit Ladygrove Park	All Day afternoon	Yr 3 Park	Then at 2.50pm open classrooms
Thurs 19 th July	Year 4 swimming Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly Year 4 Cake Crumbly Yr 6 Leavers' Party	morning 9am 3.10pm 3.15pm-5.15pm	Harwell Hall Courtyard School	Parents invited Remember to bring cakes to sell
Fri 20 th July	School Finishes ASC finishes	1.15pm 4pm		

Andrew Markham and the school team

Calling all pupils who would like to play football for Didcot casuals under 10's whites! If there is any year 5 pupils (no older than 10 by the end of August 2019) would like to play football for Didcot casuals please contact via the website <https://www.didcotcasuals.co.uk>. Didcot casuals is open to all for the enjoyment of football, regardless of ability, and would welcome further players starting September 2018.

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