



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the half way point of the academic year and so much has happened to continue to move the school forward in providing the best possible education for your children. There is still much more to do and we are excited by the opportunities still to come in the rest of this academic year.

This week in assembly we have been thinking about goals and dreams – we have linked this to **Article 29** of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child, which states: **Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.**

We are continuing to embed the Rights Respecting Schools approach and all our assemblies are linked the articles. We are going for our Silver Award and the assessor will visit us in May to see if we are ready for this. Thank you to Mrs Isaac who is co-ordinating this; we would love to have some parents involved in this, so please let Mrs Isaac know if you can help in any way.

Our football team played a local schools tournament on Tuesday afternoon. They did amazingly well and came second; all the reports stated it was a close run final with team only losing 1-nil. We are really proud of them – well done Theo, Tom W, Calan, Alexander, Henry E, Alex M, Harry, George and Tom M! A really big thank you to Sam Brown, Nicola Fowler and Paul Eden for supporting the children at the tournament.

Yesterday afternoon, I visited the Red Kites Rocks and Soils museum in their classroom. It was fantastic to hear the children talk about their work with such knowledge and enthusiasm, they clearly had a really great learning experience and the pride in their learning was lovely to see.

Last night a group of year 5 pupils took part in a Maths Challenge at Woolmer Hill School. They really enjoyed the experience competing against other year 5 pupils from the local area. Some of the maths was really challenging, especially to logic part. They came 6th overall and we are very proud of them, thank you Tom W, George, Josephine and Maya.



Today the year 6 team organised and ran the KS2 Child Genius Quiz; this was completely their own work and came from a request for pupils in our first pupil voice meeting. The teachers nominated children from their classes with their own specialised subject which was then researched by the year 6 team. The final, this morning, consisted of a specialised subject round and a general knowledge round. It was a close fought competition and the winner of the very first Child Genius trophy was Neve Marston. Well done Neve and to the runners up: Peter Wright, Joanna Bell, Tom Whitehead, Tom

Ward, Josephine Harrison, Freddie Nagle and Samuel Cousins.

Thank you for those who supported the pancake racing today – in a bit of a change this year we made it an inter-house competition and we are very pleased to say that Henley House won! Thank you to Judith Turner and her team from Fernhurst village for all their support in this event.

Have a lovely half term break.

Mrs Richardson on behalf of the SLT

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



SQUIRRELS

Emma Whitehead

DEER

Rafferty Porter

OWLS

Nyla Bentley

RED KITES

Ethan Morrin

ROBINS

Molly Atkinson

FOXES

Fred Munt

BADGERS

Maisie Powell

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Erin Duncan-McLaren

HEADBOY & HEADGIRL AWARD

Lois Rogers

FOREST SCHOOL ROBINS

Thea Pay

FOREST SCHOOL RED KITES

Isabel Bradley

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DIARY DATES

FEB

Fri 9	3.10pm Half term starts
Sat 10	4.20pm FOFS Film Night
Mon 19	Second half of term starts
Tues 20	Red Kites to Little Big Sing
Fri 23	Gillian Keegan MP Visit
Fri 23	Deer to Birdworld
Fri 23	10am Open Forum with Gillian Keegan
Feb 27	8.45am School Nurse Drop in session

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Thur 1	Red Kites to RHS Wisley
Fri 2	World Book Day—Marvellous Magic
Mon 5	Start of Book Week
Mon 5	Owls “Easter” Cake Sale
Tues 6	Parents’ Evening
Thurs 8	Parents’ Evening
Fri 9	Badgers to “Voices Around the World”
Fri 9	Book Fair arrives
Tues 13	Class photographs
Wed 14	“Voice in a Million” at Wembley
Fri 16	Book Fair leaves
Sat 17	Open Morning at the Village Hall
Wed 21	3.30pm Squirrels Helpers Tea Party
Thurs 29	2.15pm Whole School Easter Egg Hunt
Thurs 29	3.10pm End of term

FOFS NEWS

Well done to Red Kites for a very ‘hearty’ cake sale that raised £105.50— an amazing total! Thank you to everyone that baked, supplied, help and bought!

We have Film Night on Saturday at the Village Hall. Doors open at 4.20pm and tickets will be available to buy on the door. We are showing Despicable Me 3, so come along for some laughs, food, drink and a fun sociable evening for the kids and adults!

Next Meeting: Friday 2 March, 7.30pm at the Red Lion Pub

WORKING PARTY ON TRAVEL

Following the recent travel survey (the results of which are attached to this newsletter), we are putting together a working party consisting of staff, parents and community volunteers to work together on creating the school’s travel plan and in particular the Walking Bus. We cannot do this without your help, it needs to have input from all aspects of the school. If you are able to commit some time to assisting with this please let Fiona Atkinson know as soon as possible.

FOREST SCHOOL HELPERS

Deer and Foxes classes are going to Forest School over the second half of this term, starting on Tuesday 20 February, and we need some volunteers to accompany them. They will be going on a Tuesday, Foxes in the morning and Deer in the afternoon. If you can help please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Article 31 *Leisure, play and culture*

REMINDERS & NOTICES

- Red Kites Little Big Sing—please return reply slips as soon as possible so that we can plan transport accordingly.
- Deer to Birdworld—please return your reply slips (or give consent online via Scopay) no later than Monday 19 February.
- Football Kit—if you have football kit from Tuesday’s tournament, please return it to the school office.
- If anyone doesn’t yet have a Scopay account, then please let the office know and we can send you an online access letter so that you can set up an account. It is a really convenient way of paying online for trips and clubs as well as Breakfast Club and Oscars.
- If you are paying for clubs or trips by cash then it would be really helpful if you could put the money in an envelope with the name of the pupil and details of what the money is for written on the front. If you pay by cheque then please write the same information on the back of the cheque. This will really help the office staff.

SUGGESTIONS & IDEAS BOX

Off the back of your suggestions, we now have a suggestion box in the main reception area where you can pop your thoughts, ideas and suggestions. These can be anonymous or named and we promise to read them all and give them all our time and thought. Unfortunately, however, we cannot guarantee we will be able to action them all. Obviously, if you have something you would prefer to suggest or put forward in person, we would love to hear from you so do book in some time to meet one of us.

Article 13 *Respect the views of a child*

Rights Respecting school- what is it all about?

Some of you have been with the school long enough to recall the early days when we launched our desire to become a Rights Respecting school and some of you may well have been part of the working party’ and last year the school was accredited with their Recognition of Commitment from UNICEF acknowledging our desire to become a Rights Respecting school.

Since those early days the school has continued to push for its Level one award (now called SILVER) and ensure that the ethos of Rights Respecting is embedded in the school vision.

‘The Award scheme is an effective way of inspiring and supporting schools who want to provide children, young people and the wider school community with a rights-respecting guide to living’

So what does it look like? Well, all of the classes have a Class Charter which the children collaborate on at the beginning of the year and this is link to the Rights of the Child and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Articles (1 to 45). Our assemblies are linked to the Articles or themes related to the Rights of the Child, we plan all of our learning opportunities to support the Rights of the Child, our vision and policies are linked to the Articles, as staff we use language to promote children’s’ rights and encourage them to do the same and our Pupil Voice meetings support Article 12- *Every child has the right to say what they think in all matters affecting them.*

How can you become involved? We would appreciate any support with our journey towards achieving the Silver award and beyond. On a Monday morning between 8.55am and 9.15am we would like to someone to support the Deputy Head Boy and Girl identifying how our display link to the Rights of the Child. We would also like support from someone to design our Lunchtime and Playtime carter so they are more visual and child friendly- so if you would be willing to help with any of these projects please pop along and see Mrs Isaac for a chat.

Article 42 *Knowledge of Rights*

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